

# The Bulletin



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## *Upcoming Events:*

- March 27 Spring break begins*
- April 3 Classes resume*
- April 5 Pancake & sausage breakfast for all students*
- April 6 East Side Marios hot lunch*
- April 6 Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 2:15*
- April 7 Good Friday – School closed*
- April 10 Easter Monday – School closed*
- April 11 Professional Learning series – School closed*
- April 12 Grade 6 – Trip to Legislature & Airport*
- April 13 Booster Juice hot lunch*
- April 14 Book Tasting Event in Learning Commons*
- April 14 HS Badminton – City/County playoffs*
- April 18 Panago Pizza hot lunch*
- April 18 Science Fair – Gr 4-5-6*
- April 19 HS Badminton – Area playoffs*
- April 26 HS Badminton – Zone playoffs*
- April 26 April Bulletin*
- April 27 Subway hot lunch*

*\*\*of course, dates are subject to change*

*Thank you to the Bawlf Recreation Association for subsidizing  
the swimming lessons  
and to Tanya Welch for organizing them!*

## Administration Notes ~ *from Mr. Bartlett*

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Parent Teacher Interviews this week. We appreciate so many parents taking the time to connect with teachers. Parents are considered a child's first teacher before collaborating with classroom teachers. Given this, as children develop, regular parental involvement and engagement is fundamental to a child's lifelong learning and growth. In fact, extensive studies have shown that continuous parent commitment has a positive correlation to a child's academic performance and social skills.

A huge thank you to BEST and the Bawlf Recreation Board for their generous support of various activities and programs. We greatly appreciate it! Thank you to those parents that attended our March School Advisory Council meeting this week. We appreciate the chance to share some of the great things happening at Bawlf School and discuss some of the challenges facing our school. The group will be meeting again in late May/early June with the hopes of electing an executive to move back to a full School Council.

We've had many great in-class things going on - be sure to check out Twitter and Instagram for updates!

We have had several student new clubs start at Bawlf School for JH and HS students in the last few months. Students interested in music have formed a Band club to practice at lunch hour and afterschool. Students interested in chess have been meeting and playing chess in the library at lunch. Bawlf School is also operating a Queer Students Alliance (QSA) on Fridays at lunch. The group is student run and teacher supported with a focus on creating a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe space for sexual/gender minority students in our school. If you have any questions or would like more information about any of our clubs or student groups, please contact the school.

Many exciting activities have been happening outside of our school as well. Some of our students were able to attend an Oilers game. They enjoyed taking a coach bus to and from the game. Thank you to Mrs. Szott for organizing and to the staff and parents who supervised.

Our JH students enjoyed their choice of activities. From a day on the slopes skiing at Canyon Ski Resort or a dip in the pool and bowling in Camrose. Thank you to Mr. Chanasyk for organizing these activities and to the parents who helped to supervise.

And finally, our JH leadership students planned and led a Winter Activity Day for our K-6 students. Elementary students spent the afternoon participating in a variety of outdoor activities. The JH students did a great job and the elementary students had a lot of fun.

Another big thank you to all of our coaches, players and supporters of our basketball season. Congratulations to a great group of athletes! Both our Sr Boys and Girls had great seasons (Boys Silver at Zones & 6th at Provincials) & (Girls Gold at Zones & 4th at Provincials) and our Jr Girls finished with Gold at Regionals. Jr Boys finished just out of Regionals but all the Jr Boys had great seasons. Badminton for high school has started and junior high will start after the break. Thanks to Mr. Watson, Mr. Munro, Mrs. Rasmuson, Miss Marusak, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Munro and Tyler Nikiforuk for your coaching efforts and dedication! To the players, we are so proud of your efforts! To our supporters, thanks so much for driving, cheering and supporting!

We hope all our families and staff have a relaxing break and look forward to their return rejuvenated for the final push to the end of the school year.

### **Real Time Reporting: Parent Survey**

Real time reporting is the process of communicating important information regarding your child(ren)'s progress at school. Assessment information is accessed online or on your phone as opposed to a printed report card. Bawlf School has been piloting a No Report Cards this year and the Division is seeking feedback from parents. The survey is anonymous and will close April 30. The survey can be accessed [here](#).

## School News

🐾 **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*** **Reminder to parents to please complete the Student Verification forms** if you have not done so already. These were emailed out in the fall to all parents and numerous emails have been sent out. This is a requirement by Alberta Education to have these done to officially register your student for school. If you are having any issues logging into PowerSchool to do so, please do not hesitate to contact Carey Loesch ([cloesh@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:cloesh@brsd.ab.ca)).

🐾 **Reminder – POWERSCHOOL** – please always be checking your email for school emails from teachers and Admin. If you still need to sign up, here are the instructions. Remember, there will be no printed report cards this year so you need to sign in to PowerSchool to look at your child's marks, comments and attendance.

### PowerSchool Sign Up

1. Go to <https://brsd.powerschool.com/public/home.html>
2. Click on "Forgot Username or Password".
3. Your username will be Firstname.Lastname
4. An email will be sent to the email we have on file.
5. PowerSchool Mobile app is available for download (free), enter code: NTPH.

Please contact the school if you have any difficulties.

🐾 **WILDCAT SPIRITWEAR!** ~ Interested in Wildcat Spirit Wear? Check out our new online store at <https://bawlfschool.entripyshops.com/>.

Hoodies, pants, shorts, hats, water bottles, bags, so many choices and a lot of it is customizable! You can order whenever you'd like and it is mailed directly to your home address.

🐾 **2023/2024 Kindergarten Online Registration** is open! Please go to the school website and click on "Bawlf School Kindergarten Registration" link. This is for all children born in 2018.

🐾 **Travel Club** ~ by Mr. Munro ~ [Portugal and Spain 2024](#)

Our next international travel club trip has been approved, in principle, by our Board of trustees. We will be headed to **Portugal and Spain in April of 2024**. Those students that have taken part in past trips can attest to how rewarding and eye-opening these experiences are. Not only do the students experience new cultures and gain a more global perspective, but the trip also helps them appreciate the things that many of us may unknowingly take for granted each day. Taking part in these trips, students start to become more confident, independent and open minded. Info packages have been sent home with all students that were interested. Please contact Mr. Munro if you have any questions about this. [bmunro@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:bmunro@brsd.ab.ca)

🐾 **Class Farewell** ~ by Mrs. Gjesdal ~ Our Grade 12 class has been busy starting their preparations for their upcoming celebration! We are working on finding good tunes, picking the most eloquent students for speeches, getting invitations sent out, and prepping our creative juices for some decorating times. There is a lot of excitement in the air now that basketball is done and we turn our extra focus onto GRAD! Our ceremony is set for May 26th, and I am sure that day will come much quicker than anticipated. So wish us luck with our planning!

🐾 **Grade 3 Committee Groups** ~ by Mrs. Konrad ~ This month the Grade 3's have been learning about committees and working positively in groups. Students have created clubs, activities and a variety of events for other students to participate in. Grades K-6 can join in and participate in these groups. On Wednesdays at lunch and afternoon recess come play some soccer. If you need a friend to play with or want to meet new people join the Fun Club. The Fun Club will be outside every recess and have some fun activities to do. Another club students could join is called School Rules. This club is held Thursdays after school by the playground as well as Saturdays (more info TBA). School Rules will have games, art projects, reading, sports and other fun things to do. Another group has planned to help keep our school yard clean by picking up 15 pieces of garbage a week. No sign up for this one is necessary. The last club that can be joined is called "Teachers". This club is a teacher appreciation club that celebrates the teachers at the beginning and end of each month. Help make, hand out and simply appreciate our teachers. Let's be R.E.A.L. leaders, have fun and make a difference!

🐾 **Archery Club for Grade 7-12** will start on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>! Letters with information will be coming home today!

🐾 **Grade 5 & 6 Ranch Camp** ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ Thank you to Amber Latrielle and Crystal Kelland for organizing the bottle drive recently held by the Grade 5 & 6 classes to raise funds for Ranch Camp. Although the final amount is still unknown, we successfully filled the trailer. Thank you to all parents who collected bottles, donated money or hauled bottles directly to the bottle depot. We are still in need of male supervisors for Ranch Camp. We currently have many female supervisors and only one male supervisor. Please contact Mrs. Barber at [sbarber@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:sbarber@brsd.ab.ca) if you are interested and able to join us from May 24 - 26.

🐾 **Learning Commons – Book Tasting Event** ~ by Mrs. Kroetsch ~ The Grade 6 Class will be hosting a “Book Tasting” in the Learning Commons on Friday, April 14th for our Grades ECS, 1, ½ and 3 classes to attend. All Grade 6 parents are most welcome to come join in the fun. The **Book Stop Shop** will be open from 11:05 to 11:45 am and then again at 12:25 to 2:40 pm.

🐾 **BRSD International Program** ~ Students from across the world want to join us in Battle River School Division. Are you able to help welcome them? We are seeking caring families to host students in their home during the 2023-2024 school year. International Student placements can range from one month to the full school year in duration, so you can choose an option that works for your family. Right now, we have students who will be joining us from Germany, Belgium, Spain and other European countries, as well as from Asia and South America. Hosting an International Student can change their life for the better and will give your family the chance to learn more about other cultures and countries as well. Lifelong connections and friendships can be made. There is a \$700 per month stipend provided to help offset costs. To find out more about the International Student Homestay Program, please contact Gail Rombough by email at [homestay@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:homestay@brsd.ab.ca) or by phone at 780-781-0615. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

🐾 **Spring breakfast** ~ Thank you to Canada Malting (Bawlf) for sponsoring a pancake and sausage breakfast for all students and staff on Wednesday, April 5. When students arrive, they’ll be able to dish up and enjoy a hot breakfast. Thank you as well to Battle River Implements for the use of their grill.

## Athletics



🐾 **Junior High Girls Basketball** ~ by Mrs. MacDonald ~ Congratulations to the Junior High Girls Basketball Team on winning the Regional Championship! The team had a fantastic season, going undefeated in league and tournament play. The Wildcats placed first in their division and were the hosts of the Championship tournament on March 3 - 4. Their first game against Killam gave them a win, which sent them to the semi-finals against their rivals - OLMP. After getting into some foul trouble, the Wildcats pulled together as a team and came out victorious. They faced the ECCHS Trojans in the final. It was a back and forth game, but the Bawlf squad was mentally tough and played well to win the gold medal! Congratulations, girls! You should be proud of your accomplishment!

It took many hands to make the final tournament a success. Thank you to the following people:

- Mr. Munro for your part in organizing the tournament.
- Mr. Chanasyk for making sure the score clock and the live feed were working.
- Danielle Vriend and Pam Yurkoski for organizing the concession.
- The parents for donating to and working at the concession (and for being the best fans!).
- Katherina Yestrau and Chantelle Yestrau for keeping score all weekend!
- Katherina Yestrau and June Davies for creating the impressive banner that greeted all of the teams.

Thank you to Miss Marusak and Mrs. Lyons for coaching and sharing your love of basketball with the girls. The team learned so much from you! Thank you, Leah Rasmuson for helping me to fill in for Miss Marusak and Mrs. Lyons in the final week of the season. Leah and I enjoyed supporting the team as their ‘substitute coaches’. It was an honour to be a part of this group of Wildcats!

🐾 **High School Girls Basketball** ~ by Shaye Flemming ~ The High School girl's basketball team just finished another memorable season with some significant accomplishments. They were undefeated in the league and won four out of the five regular-season tournaments they competed in. One of these wins included a 4A tournament at Archbishop Macdonald High School in Edmonton. This win was quite a shock to many Edmontonians who were unaware of Bawlf's existence. The team then competed strongly at Zones, winning the title against the CACHS Knights. This victory kept their season alive, and they got to ride a coach bus alongside the boy's team to compete in the Village of Stirling for 1A provincials. The girls made many memories on and off the court, which resulted in a 4th place finish. The team is excited about next season and will miss the four departing Grade 12 athletes.

🐾 **High School Boys Basketball ~ by Mr. Munro** ~ Only one week after medalling at 1A Volleyball provincials, the Bawlf Wildcat players switched gears and took to the basketball court. Our boys had a great season winning the Lloyd Sather and Pastor Charlton tournaments plus were finalists at the Drumheller DVSS Sr Invitational. The Wildcats also placed 3rd of 16 teams at the Central Alberta Quint tournament and took 3rd at the Claresholm WCCHS Cobra Classic tournament. The Cats went undefeated in league play and took the silver medal at the Central Alberta Zone championships held in Bawlf. Because our Central zone had the #2 provincially ranked team (Consort) and the 5th ranked team (Bawlf), both teams would qualify for the 3 day Provincial Tournament hosted by Coaldale Christian School.

Our first match at provincials was against Taber Christian. We took the lead early and never gave it up, winning by 20pts. Our second game was against Olds Koinonia Christian, a team we lost to by 30pts seven weeks earlier. We came out strong, a see-saw battle ensued but unfortunately in the end, Olds made a few critical shots at the right time and we did not. The 12pt loss would send us to the consolation side against the Picture Butte Dragons. Our boys held the lead the entire game and although the Dragons tied the game in the 4th quarter, the Cats made some clutch shots and won by 5. The Consolation final would be a rematch against the #2 ranked Consort Cobras. The boys stuck to the game plan, were playing great, built a 6 point lead only to give it up and be down by 2 at the half. After a hard fought game and tremendous effort, we came up a bit short losing 77-67. Being in the top 6 teams out of 83 in the province is still a great achievement especially in 1A boys basketball.

I could not be prouder of these guys; how hard they worked at practice all season, how they fought to the end of each game, the great defense they played, and how they carried themselves as athletes on and off the court. They certainly have built some life-long friendships but also further developed many skills needed to be successful in life. Well done!

Thank you to all the parents for their support throughout the season but especially their work making the concession so successful for both the Quint tournament and the zone tournament.

A big thank also to our Provincial tournament donors listed below who paid for the coach bus:

Friends of Bawlf Public Library  
BEST  
Coal Creek Golf Resort  
Dodds Coal Mine  
Round Hill Elks  
Rosalind Elks  
Rosalind Rec  
Bawlf Lions



🐾 **Grade 5 & 6 Minidunkers** ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ The Grade 5 & 6 teams wrapped up their successful basketball season with their final tournament in Daysland on Thursday. The growth in both sportsmanship and skills was amazing over the season. We overwhelmed many teams when our crew of 38 players arrived! We are all looking forward to next year already!

## BEST

### Ham and Egger

Thank you to all who donated to our Ham and Egger lunch this month - Mrs. Kroetsch, Bernadette Bendfeld, Cheryl Henderson, Tara Miller, Corina Thue, Leah Thue, Bawlf School and Everly Larson. Also, thanks to those who helped prepare - Tanya Welch, Erin Mayou, Jen Crawford, Elissa Hellekson and Everly Larson. Our next ham and egger is May 18!

### Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser

BEST will be having a Little Caesars fundraiser. Forms will be going out April 3 and are due back April 17 with delivery being the week of May 8th. Orders can be placed through paper orders as well as online. As an incentive for students, the grade that raises the most in pizza sales will receive a class pizza party. The family that raises the most will receive a free Little Caesars pepperoni pizza kit.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY

Happy Spring Everyone! The Bawlf School Advisory would like to invite you to attend our next meeting which will be held on June 5 @ 7pm at the school. You can either join us in person or via Zoom. This meeting will be our yearly Annual General Meeting and we will be looking to fill our elective with Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions, in hopes of returning to a School Council status. If you would like more information, please email [bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com). Also, please follow us on facebook at Bawlf School Council and sign up on the Remind App (class code @bawlfs) to stay up to date with what's going on.

## Community Events

**Rosalind Spring Soccer:** information in attachments

**Bawlf Recreation Association Baseball registration:** information in attachments

**Website:** <https://bawlf.brsd.ab.ca>

**Twitter:** @BawlfSchool

**Instagram:** @onthebawlf

***DID YOU ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK YET?***

***Only a certain number are printed and after that, it's too late, so don't delay! Get your name on the list now ~ they are \$30 each!***

***ALL K-12 students are included.***