

# The Bulletin



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## *Upcoming Events:*

<i>June 1</i>	<i>Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 2:15</i>
<i>June 2</i>	<i>Grade 1 field trip to Miquelon Lake</i>
<i>June 2</i>	<i>Grade 8 field trip to Watershed Alliance</i>
<i>June 2</i>	<i>Visiting Forestburg Band Concert @ 2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>June 6</i>	<i>JH Track – Regionals in Camrose</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Grades 3 &amp; 4 field trip to Telus World of Science</i>
<i>June 8</i>	<i>Hot lunch for everyone – Burgers – by Bawlf Lions</i>
<i>June 8</i>	<i>JH/HS Athletic Awards @ 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>June 12</i>	<i>School bus registration opens at 8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>June 12</i>	<i>English 30 – Part A diploma exam</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Elementary Track Day</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Parent Advisory Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>June 15</i>	<i>Kindergarten Field trip to Camrose</i>
<i>June 15 &amp; 16</i>	<i>Grade 9 Ranch Camp</i>
<i>June 19</i>	<i>English 30 – Part B diploma exam</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Grade 6 &amp; 9 LA – Part B PAT</i>
<i>June 21</i>	<i>Last day of classes for JH/HS</i>
<i>June 22</i>	<i>Grade 6 Math Part A PAT/LA 7/Science 8/Biology 20</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Grade 6 Math Part B PAT/Math 7/LA 8/Chemistry 30 diploma exam</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>June Bulletin goes out</i>
<i>June 26</i>	<i>Grades 1-4 swimming at Forestburg Pool</i>
<i>June 26</i>	<i>Grade 6 Social PAT/Science 7/Social 8/Math 10/Math 20 exams</i>
<i>June 27</i>	<i>Grades 6 &amp; 9 Science PAT/Social 7/Math 8/Science 30 diploma exams</i>
<i>June 27</i>	<i>Last day for Students ~ Elementary Awards starting at 11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>June 28</i>	<i>Last operational day</i>

*\*all dates are subject to change*

## Administration Notes ~ from Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Chanasyk

Hello Wildcats,

It is hard to believe that we have arrived at the last month of the school year. Plans are being finalized for next year. The ECS Orientation was on Wednesday afternoon and incoming kindergarten students and their parents had the chance to tour the school and learn about some of the many supports available at Bawlf School. HS Orientation was held Wednesday evening with students and parents able to learn about high school and ask any questions they may have. Thank you to those parents that attended these events, any parents who were unable to attend but want information are asked to contact the school.

Congratulations to the Grade 12's who enjoyed a wonderful Farewell celebration on Friday. The gym was nicely decorated with a full audience present. Bawlf School enjoyed the chance to acknowledge this impressive bunch who looked fabulous and have the chance to celebrate their achievements. Thank you to Miss Young and Mrs Gjesdal for their hard work in organizing this wonderful evening.

Archery Club had a good couple of weeks in April and the beginning of May. A big thank you to Mrs. Holmberg for taking on the training and helping with the organizing of the club. Look for more information in the fall when the Archery Club will start back up again!

May has been a busy month at the school with several exciting things happening. Several students had the opportunity to extend their learning beyond the school and participate in various field trips. Thank you to all who have volunteered to supervise during these activities and to the many more that have supported fundraising efforts. These funds, and those provided by BEST, have allowed for field trip costs to remain reasonable to ensure all students have the opportunity to participate.

Students have also had the chance to participate in track and field meets. Wildcat athletes have represented themselves and our school well. Our Junior High Track team competed on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Divisional Track Meet with several strong performances and many students qualifying for Regionals. Good luck to our JH Wildcats as they compete in the BRSD Regional Track Meet on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our SH Track team that successfully competed in Camrose County Meet on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Area Meet on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and the Zone Track Meet on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Our HS athletes represented Bawlf well and had many strong performances. Congratulations to all our Wildcat athletes and thanks to our coaches, Mr. Munro and Mrs. Holm.

A big part of the year-end wrap-up process is getting staffing finalized for next year. Mrs. Chantal Johnson, who has been teaching Grade 1/2, will not be returning next year and we thank Mrs. Johnson for the fabulous work she has done at Bawlf School. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Mary Prescesky to work with Mrs. Shannon Barber in splitting the grade 6 class for part of the day. Mrs. Prescesky will be familiar to our students, as she has been a consistent substitute teacher for us this year and is a very experienced teacher.

Mr. Mark Chanasyk will be taking on a new role as Assistant Principal at Tofield School next year. Mrs. Apil L'Heureux will be our Assistant Principal. Mrs. L'Heureux brings a wealth of teaching expertise and has done great work in her current role as Assistant Principal at Ryley School to build up the school culture and community. Mrs. L'Heureux will also bring a great deal of enthusiasm and we are very fortunate to welcome her to the Wildcat team.

Although it is obvious to see the variety of activities going on at school for the month, the focus remains on student learning. Students will be writing provincial achievement and diploma exams along with final exams for Junior and Senior High students. We encourage all of our students to continue to work hard in their classes and to be sure to put the time into preparing for these upcoming exams. Extra help is always available for students when requested. Exams for grade 7-12 students will begin Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> (see exam schedule). Beginning on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, students in Grade 7-12 will follow their normal schedule, but classes will be focused on supporting students and their learning in preparation for exams. Students with signed permission forms will be allowed to leave after their exam is finished.

Best wishes,  
Bawlf Admin Team

🐾 **BRSD Transportation** - Due to exciting changes for the 23/24 school year, Transportation registration will open June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. More information to follow next week.

Registrations received prior to this date will be deleted.

<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/transportation/registration>

🐾 **Junior & Senior High Students!** ~ Course selection sheets have been handed out to grade 9, 10, and 11 students for next year. We have asked that they are returned by tomorrow, Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any questions, please contact Mr. Chanasyk. Junior High option selection sheets should be coming out next week.

🐾 **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.

🐾 **Class Farewell** ~ by Ms. Young & Mrs. Gjesdal ~ Congratulations to the Class of 2023. The class looked stunning in their suits and dresses! We would like to thank everyone who contributed to a beautiful evening and to those who attended to give a fitting send off to a very deserving class.

🐾 **BRACE Student information** ~ by Mrs. Swanson ~ It is hard to believe we are entering our final month of the year! Students, you should be well on your way to completing your courses. Remember to return your textbooks for BRACE courses to your Learning Commons once you have finished with them! We have very much enjoyed having you as part of our programming this year. Please be aware that if you plan to take any courses with BRACE next year, go through your school office. They will provide you the Registration and parent Acknowledgement Form you will require to take a class through BRACE. These will be available for September, if not before. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school at 780-672-2205 or email your teachers.

🐾 **Grade 5 & 6 Ranch Camp** ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ The Grade 5 & 6 classes had a fantastic trip to Circle Square Ranch. The staff at the camp had many activities planned for us, including the favourites of horseback riding, canoeing and arrow tag. We would like to thank Cara Huseby, Crystal Kelland, Sabrina Meakins, Amber Latrielle, Matt Davies, Scott Dodsworth, Mrs. Matthews and Mr. Chanasyk for coming along and supervising. The grade 6 class is sad that their ranch camp trips have come to an end, but they are looking forward to the new adventures that junior high will bring. The Grade 5 class can't wait for next year to make new memories.

🐾 **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)

## Athletics

### 🐾 **High School Badminton** ~ by Mrs. Holm ~ Provincial Gold!!!

The high school badminton team travelled to Camrose on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to compete in the City/County tournament with most advancing on to the Areas tournament hosting in Camrose on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The badminton team consisted of:

#### **Girls Doubles**

Claire and Bailey  
Rachael and Shelby  
Grace and Amy  
Taryn and Madison  
Bryn and Edyn

#### **Mixed Doubles**

Megan and Colby

#### **Girls Singles**

Hayley  
Ayaka

#### **Boys Singles**

Ben  
Austin H  
Austin C  
Erik

The following athletes advance to Zones which were hosted in Red Deer on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Claire and Bailey who lost out in the round robin after a tiebreaker

Grace and Amy, as well as Hayley, who lost out after the round robin

Colby and Megan who placed fourth

Bryn and Edyn who placed fourth

Taryn and Madison who won the Zone competition which qualified them for Provincial in Lloydminster May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

A big shout out to Taryn and Madison who won Gold at the Tier II level. This is no small feat as they are competing against all sizes of schools from 1A to 4A!

Well done, girls!

🐾 **High School Track** ~ by Mrs. Holm ~ Our high school track team consisting of Colby Bendfeld, Brook Schacher, Megan Herder, Nathan Nikiforuk, Ben MacDonald, Madison Dyck, Jaidan Burnstad, Scott Barber, Erik Buchart, Edyn Van Brabant, Taryn Watson, Makena Huseby, Bryn Weinkauff, Owen Rasmuson, Griffin Van Petten and Shaye Flemming headed to Camrose on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> to compete in the City/County meet. Congratulations to Madison Dyck who received the Intermediate Girls aggregate award at this meet placing first in all of her events. Due to poor air quality we rescheduled our Area meet to Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by our zone meet Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Our zone results are as follows:

Brook Schacher - 3000M 5<sup>th</sup>

Colby Benfeld - 3000M 7<sup>th</sup>, 1500M 15<sup>th</sup>

Madison Dyck - Javelin 3<sup>rd</sup>, Discus 4<sup>th</sup>, Javelin 7<sup>th</sup>

Erik Buchart - Discus 6<sup>th</sup>

Ben MacDonald - 1500M 5<sup>th</sup>, 800M 7<sup>th</sup>

Scott Barber - 3000M 3<sup>rd</sup>

Taryn Watson - Javelin 6<sup>th</sup>

Bryn Weinkauff - Long Jump 5<sup>th</sup>

Makena Huseby - Shot Put 3<sup>rd</sup>, 200M 5<sup>th</sup>. Makena will also be attending Provincial with the CCHS Senior Girls 4x100 relay team.

Well done everyone.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Another school year is wrapping up and we've been busy. Recently, we held a Muffin Baking day at the school and provided students and staff with breakfast. Thank you to all the parents that helped out, to the High School Baking Club for donating baking supplies, to BEST for their donation to cover supplies, and also to the Sweeterie for baking up some amazing muffins for us! And thank you to all the volunteers that have helped make this past year extra wonderful; distributing hot lunch, preparing food, and providing supervision so staff could enjoy a lunch together. Coming up in June, we have a hamburger lunch on the 8th that will be cooked and donated by the Bawlf Lions Club and on the 13th, the annual Year End Picnic that is sponsored by Central Agencies in Camrose. Thank you so much. It's because of the volunteers and donations that we are able to provide these special events.

Join us for one last meeting this school year in the main commons area on Monday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. This will be our Establishment Meeting where we hope to once again form a School Council for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be holding nominations and voting on elective positions including Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Non-Officer Parent Representatives. We are looking for parents/guardians that would like to get involved, that are interested in providing a voice, participating in discussions, and advising on matters relating to our school. School Council meets with the principal, vice principal, staff representatives, and school board members every second month throughout the year. We focus on ways to work together, help enrich the school community, and enhance student learning. If you are interested or would like more information, please email [bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com). We would like to hear your ideas and have you become involved in whatever capacity you are able. We hope to see you there.

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