

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

<i>Sept 28</i>	<i>Papa Johns hot lunch</i>
<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>Cross Country Race @ New Norway</i>
<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>Orange Shirt Day</i>
<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Subway hot lunch</i>
<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>HS volleyball host New Norway</i>
<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Minislammers @ Daysland</i>
<i>Oct 4</i>	<i>JH volleyball @ CCHS</i>
<i>Oct 5</i>	<i>Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 11:47</i>
<i>Oct 5</i>	<i>Cross Country Race @ Hardisty</i>
<i>Oct 6</i>	<i>Secondary Academic Awards Night @ 7:00</i>
<i>Oct 9</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day – school closed</i>
<i>Oct 10</i>	<i>Minislammers host Forestburg</i>
<i>Oct 11</i>	<i>Cross Country HS Zones</i>
<i>Oct 11</i>	<i>JH volleyball @ Hay Lakes</i>
<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>Minislammers @ Viking</i>
<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>Booster Juice hot lunch</i>
<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>Cross Country Race @ Bashaw</i>
<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>HS volleyball @ Viking (girls only)</i>
<i>Oct 13 & 14</i>	<i>HS volleyball @ Morinville tournament</i>
<i>Oct 16</i>	<i>JH volleyball hosts Charlie Killam</i>
<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Mad Platter hot lunch</i>
<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>HS volleyball hosts Hay Lakes</i>
<i>Oct 18</i>	<i>JH volleyball hosts New Norway</i>
<i>Oct 19</i>	<i>Minislammers intersquad games</i>
<i>Oct 19</i>	<i>Lifetouch school pictures</i>
<i>Oct 20 & 21</i>	<i>HS volleyball home tournament</i>
<i>Oct 21</i>	<i>Cross Country Provincials</i>
<i>Oct 23-26</i>	<i>Scholastic Book Fair</i>
<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>HS volleyball @ Daysland</i>
<i>Oct 25</i>	<i>JH volleyball hosts OLMP</i>
<i>Oct 26</i>	<i>Panago hot lunch</i>
<i>Oct 26</i>	<i>Parent teacher interviews</i>
<i>Oct 26</i>	<i>Kodiaks Hockey Hooky</i>
<i>Oct 30</i>	<i>Minislammers host Sedgewick</i>
<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Chopped Leaf hot lunch</i>
<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>October Bulletin comes out</i>
<i>Nov 1</i>	<i>Professional Learning day – school closed</i>
<i>Nov 2</i>	<i>Staff Meeting – early dismissal @ 11:47</i>
<i>Nov 2</i>	<i>HS volleyball @ Bashaw</i>

of course, dates are subject to change



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Notes From Administration ~ from Ms. L'Heureux

Dear parents and community members,

Where did September go? Bawlf school has been in a whirlwind of activities including volleyball, cross-country running, school clubs, and exciting activities across all grades.

The administration team has been impressed with students, staff, and the families of Bawlf. Thank you for the warm welcome and outstanding engagement during these first few weeks. Working together as a team, we all have an opportunity to contribute to helping our students thrive in their education and overall growth.

We also wish to welcome new students to Bawlf School. Students have arrived from out of province as well as international students from Thailand, Spain, and Belgium. Student enrollment at Bawlf School has increased slightly from last year with 309 students.

We are also excited that new staff members have joined the school this year. I, (April L'Heureux), am the new Principal, Ms. Caroline Simonson is the Acting Assistant Principal, Mrs. Anna Price is the homeroom teacher for the grade one/two class, and Mrs. Mary Prescesky is teaching 6B.

In the first week of school, students enjoyed their annual **Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast**. Thank you to Battle River Implements for the use of their grill and to Canada Malting Ltd. for sponsoring and cooking for this event. Students enjoyed lots of food, lots of smiles, and lots of renewed friendships.

On September 18th, we had our first **School Council** meeting. Parents are coordinating many activities that will enrich our school community. We are appreciative of the energy, dedication, and support they bring to Bawlf School and our extracurricular programs.

On September 22 and 23rd we hosted a school volleyball tournament for the junior high **Wildcat** teams. Team building and sportsmanship are the hallmarks of our athletic programs. A lot of energy and time goes into making the athletics program so special. Thanks to the teacher coaches, the students for their incredible efforts, and the community for a great turnout.

Governor General Award winning author **Eric Walters** came to our school on Friday, September 22nd, and offered three sessions to our elementary and junior high classes. He has written over 130 books on topics ranging from African safaris to Space Camp at Huntsville, Alabama. Thanks to our LCF Janice Kroetsch for organizing and encouraging students to attend. It was a great afternoon.

School communication/PowerSchool

Email is the primary method by which the school will communicate important information, so please check your email regularly for updates. As parents, it's important to ensure PowerSchool forms are completed so you can access current information about your child's most recent assessments and progress. Bawlf School does **live reporting**, which means once your child's work is reviewed by their teacher, they will receive feedback. Please call the office if you require assistance enrolling in PowerSchool (780) 373-3784.

Our student-athletes have been busy with cross country, golf, and volleyball. Thanks to the parents who continue to support these programs and teams. Also thank you to our Wildcat coaches: Mrs. MacDonald & Mrs. Prescesky - Cross Country, Mrs. Barber & Mrs. Matthew- Mini Slammers, Ms. Ortman- Jr. High girls, Mrs. Stifter- Jr High boys, Mrs. Gjesdal- Sr High girls, Mr. Munro- Sr. High boys

We are looking forward to a fantastic year filled with achievement and personal growth for everyone.

Yours in Education,

April L'Heureux

School News

Dear Bawlf School Parents,

We wanted to reach out to you and say thank you for all you do. As witnessed in our first parent council meeting, we are off to a great beginning. A large part of this success comes from your leadership and willingness to commit to supporting the school, the teachers, and Bawlf School's programming. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Admin team. Thank you for your interest in follow-up correspondence.

After our first meeting, we wanted to invite any parents with questions to book a brief daytime appointment (9:00 -3:00) with Mrs. L'Heureux. She will be available on Monday, October 2nd.

The parents are fundamental to our school community and we want to extend the opportunity for them to be involved in their child's learning.

Mrs. L'Heureux

🐾 Reminder ~ Every school day, the doors open at 8:20 a.m. Please don't arrive prior to that. There is no supervision for students before this time.



🐾 Reminder ~ Please email **both** our Administrative Assistants, as well as your homeroom teacher, if your child is going to be absent, late or if you have any questions. They both do not work every day so we don't want to miss any of these emails. You can also leave a voicemail on the main phone if you'd like.

🐾 Reminder ~ *by Mrs. Loesch* ~ **POWERSCHOOL** – Please be advised that the Re-Enrollment and Verification forms that the Division emailed about in August are due at the end of the month. If you are needing any assistance, please contact us at the office. The acceptable use of technology and FOIP agreements are connected to these forms. Thank you to those that have already completed their forms! Please always be checking your email for school emails from teachers and Admin.

🐾 Are you techy? ~ We are looking for students and/or parents who are interested in running our live feed system during our school events such as sporting events and school ceremonies. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering to run the live feed, please contact the school.

🐾 School fees ~ Fee statements will be emailed directly from our Rycor program in the next few days. Please check your junk email if you did not receive them, as apparently some went that way. Payments can be made online ~ it's easy to set up and use! Cheque or cash is still accepted as well at the school office.

🐾 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! See the poster attached!

🐾 Terry Fox Run – On Tuesday, September 19th, the school participated in the annual Terry Fox Run. Together staff and students raised \$2,362.75 for cancer research. Well done, everyone! Thank you to all community members and parents who helped by pledging a student.

🐾 **Scholastic Book Fair is coming!** ~ by Mrs. Kroetsch ~ We are so excited to welcome you to join our Scholastic Book Fair! Our Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled to begin on **Monday, October 23 and run until Thursday, October 26th**. Students will be able to visit the Book Fair during their regular library classes or during noon hour. Students will be able to make their wishlists to take home or make their purchases during this time. There will be a special “Parent Night” for parents on Thursday, October 26th from 3:30 - 8:00 pm. We are so excited to once again have parents join in the fun. Visit the following link to view videos of featured books that will be available at our Book Fair.

<http://scholastic.ca/bookfairs/resources/parents>

Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school library.



Thank you in advance for participating in our Scholastic Book Fair and supporting our library! We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Night on Thursday, October 26th., from 3:30 - 8:00 pm. Happy Reading!

🐾 **Author Visit** ~ by Mrs. Kroetsch ~ Thank you to everyone who joined in our author visit and presentation by Eric Walters. We are looking forward to enjoying some of his book in our library very shortly.

🐾 **Lifetouch School pictures** ~ These are scheduled for Thursday, October 19th, beginning right away in the morning. Every one will get their individual picture taken as well as class pictures will be taken. Lifetouch will not be giving free class pictures to students anymore – there will be a charge for them.

🐾 **Hero Wall Project** ~ by Ms. Young ~ As a school wide project for Remembrance Day, I would like to continue to build our Hero Wall to be put up in the school for the month of November. If you have any relatives that have served, or are currently serving in the military, and would like to have that person honoured, please send a picture, name and possibly rank if known, how they are related to the student, and the student’s name. Any other information you would like to share is also welcome.

Example: Lieutenant Colonel Steven Smith
Great Grandfather to Jane and John Smith
Served during WWII

Photos and information can be emailed to tyoung@brsd.ab.ca. Any hard copies of photos will be photocopied and returned to the student. If you have already contributed to the Hero Wall, your contributions have been saved and you do not need to resubmit anything. Any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

🐾 **JH/HS Academic Awards Night** ~ It is soon that time of year again to acknowledge our academic successes in Junior and Senior High. The celebration will be on Friday, October 6th at 7:00 in the gym. Those that are receiving awards have been given an invitation. Parents and family members are welcome to attend!



🐾 **After School Swim Program** ~ We are once again having the after school swim program at the Killam recreation center. Forms were sent out with students last Friday and are to be returned to the school by October 4th. Again, a special thank you to the Bawlf Recreation Board for supporting this program and making it possible for students. If there are any questions, please contact Tanya Welch at 780-678-7686.

🐾 **Travel Club** ~ by Mr. Munro ~ This is a “travel year” and it’s not too late to sign up. We are traveling to Portugal and Spain which will very likely be an incredible, maybe life changing, experience for you! These trips typically change a students’ perspective of the world. Check out the link below for more information or contact Mr. Munro at bmunro@brsd.ab.ca. Check out the attachment!

🐾 **High School Career Counsellor newsletter** ~ <https://www.smores.com/zmhrw>

BEST

The BEST Foundation AGM was held in June, and our members this year are Everly Larson, Corina Thue, Angela Meyer, Tanya Welch, Leah Thue, Tana Munro and Tara Wenstob.

We held our first meeting of the year on September 18th and have lots planned for this school year! We will be doing our Ham and Egger lunches, as well as a few other hot lunches, Fundscrip, Wipf's Greenhouse, and Little Caesar's fundraisers. Order forms for hot lunches will be sent home shortly.

Did you know that Fundscrip gift cards can be purchased year round?

Fundscrip is an excellent fundraising opportunity for our school. It is a Canada-wide program in which you pay for your everyday shopping (i.e. groceries, gas, gifts and household items) with gift cards bought from Fundscrip. When you purchase gift cards, which are spent like cash, a rebate goes back to our group automatically. There is no additional cost to you. When you order \$150 in gift cards, you pay \$150 and you get gift cards worth \$150! It's that simple. Over 100 retailers are offering rebates back to our group! It is quite simple to sign up for the Online program. You can sign up on the website www.fundscrip.com. I have included a Quick Start Guide in the attachments. Our Invitation code is UDJFXB. You can pay for your gift cards by EFT, Online Bill Payment Service, or Credit Card (donations reduced by 1.99%), and they can be shipped directly to you.

PARENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to everyone for successfully navigating the first month of school! The Bawlf School Council had their first meeting on Sept. 18 offered both in person and virtually - thank you to all that attended! Our next meeting will be Nov. 20 @ 7 pm with a virtual option again. This year started out strong with Hot Lunch beginning Sept. 28. If you would like to order for future dates, please head to www.healthyhunger.ca to register. This program cannot run without volunteers so if you would like to volunteer to help hand out lunch, please contact bawlfschoolsouncil@gmail.com. To keep up with our programs and opportunities to be involved, please follow us on facebook at Bawlf School Council and sign up on the Remind App (class code @bawlf).

Athletics



🐾 Minislammers Volleyball ~ by Mrs. Matthew ~ The Mini Slammer's 2023 season has just begun! Participating Grade 5 & 6 students will be practicing each Wednesday over the lunch break. Game schedule and permission forms will be sent home this week. Let's go Wildcats!

🐾 Cross Country Running ~ by Mrs. Prescesky ~ Students from grades 4-12 have been busy training and running in cross country, in the last two weeks they have toughed out the courses in Brownfield and Camrose. Grades 4-12 have three races left over the next three weeks and will be working hard in New Norway, Hardisty and Bashaw. High School students have one extra race (Zones) in October where the top 18 in each division will move on to Provincials in Trochu. Both races have had students who placed in the top ten and we are so proud of all the hard work all the students are putting into improving their running. On September 21st, at the Camrose Race, our Junior High Boys won the top school award! An extra congratulations to the following students who have placed in one or both of the last two races:

Brownfield:

Grade 4:
Huxley Thue - 4th place
Declan Enright - 9th place
Grade 5:
Kane Duheme - 9th place
Grade 6:
Remi Thue - 6th place
Kyed Thue - 7th place
Wyatt Morris - 9th place
Jakob VanPetten - 10th place
Grade 7:
Keegan Miller - 1st place
Mac MacDonald - 4th place

Grade 8:
Hedda Rookmaker - 2nd place
Carsen Bendfeld - 9th place
Grade 9:
Madelyn Herder - 2nd place
High School:
Kate MacDonald - 3rd place
Colby Bendfeld - 5th place

Camrose:

Grade 4:
Huxley Thue - 7th place
Grade 6:
Remi Thue - 4th place

Grade 7:
Keegan Miller - 1st place
Mac MacDonald - 8th place
Grade 8:
Hedda Rookmaker - 7th
Kitly Thue - 5th
Grade 9:
Madelyn Herder - 5th place
Jhett Thue - 1st
High School:
Kate MacDonald - 3rd
Blayze Thue - 6th

SEPTEMBER QUESTION:

What was your favourite thing that you did at school this month?



“Play with play dough, I like to make noodles.”
Bjorn Kindergarten



“I really enjoyed starting volleyball, getting to know my teachers, and cross country.”
Cassie Grade 6



“Getting to know the new staff.”
Cassandra Grade 11



“Make the composters. It was fun!”
Ruby Grade 4/5