

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

<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>
<i>Nov 2</i>	<i>Grade 9 only – Take Your Kid to Work Day</i>
<i>Nov 3 & 4</i>	<i>HS Volleyball tourney @ Camrose Comp</i>
<i>Nov 3 & 4</i>	<i>JH Volleyball tourney @ Charlie Killam</i>
<i>Nov 7</i>	<i>East Side Marios hot lunch</i>
<i>Nov 7</i>	<i>BRSD JH Volleyball Regionals</i>
<i>Nov 7</i>	<i>Theme day: Denim Day</i>
<i>Nov 9</i>	<i>Minislammer tourney here 10:15-1:45</i>
<i>Nov 10</i>	<i>Remembrance Day service</i>
<i>Nov 13-17</i>	<i>No school – fall break</i>
<i>Nov 17 & 18</i>	<i>HS Volleyball Zones</i>
<i>Nov 20</i>	<i>Parent Council Meeting</i>
<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>Wok Box hot lunch</i>
<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>Lifetouch picture retakes</i>
<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>Theme day: Student/Teacher swap</i>
<i>Nov 23</i>	<i>Magic of Motivation presentation K-9</i>
<i>Nov 23-25</i>	<i>HS Volleyball Provincials</i>
<i>Nov 29</i>	<i>Citadel presentation for Grades 10 & 11</i>
<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>Papa Johns hot lunch</i>
<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>November Bulletin goes out</i>
<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Guest speaker Coy Robbins here</i>
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Christmas Concert (1:30 & 6:30)</i>
<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Christmas Luncheon</i>

of course, dates are subject to change



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Notes From Administration ~ from Ms. L'Heureux

What a wonderfully busy month! October saw many of our students celebrated for their academics at our annual awards assembly on Friday, October 6th. Congratulations to all our wonderful Bawlf students for their hard work and dedication to their studies. Thank you to our community sponsors for their continued support of this program.

The Grades K-6 students also participated in the October assembly which focused on the characteristics of thankfulness. Bawlf students excel at reflecting thankfulness also known as gratitude. Harvard Health Publishing stated that “gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships” (2021).

Thank you to all the parents who participated in our Fall Parent Teacher Interviews. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher on October 26th and would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher to set up an appointment.

A reminder that no paper report cards will be sent home. However, parents do have access to see their child's progress in real-time by logging into PowerSchool. Teachers provide feedback regularly and comment on how students are doing. Please contact the school if you have any difficulties logging in.


Please remember that student attendance is extremely important. At every age and grade level, students are learning material that is necessary for their educational success. If an absence is necessary, students are responsible for finding out what was missed and completing their assignments as homework.

Bawlf staff want to thank our School council and the BEST Foundation for their countless hours of volunteering in support of Bawlf School. We truly appreciate the dedication you show to our students, staff, and community.


Finally, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to our Administrative Assistant Carey Loesch, and teacher Rachel Ardiel. We thank you for your time at Bawlf School and know you will be successful in all of your future endeavors.


Yours in Education,
April L'Heureux


School News

 **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 overdue. 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.

 **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!



 **Scholastic Book Fair** ~ *by Mrs. Kroetsch* ~ A big thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair!!! It was a huge success thanks to all your generous support. We were able to purchase many new books for our library and received credit for future purchases from Scholastic. Also, thank you to those parents that supported our Teacher Wish List. Our teachers were very appreciative of the new books for their classrooms. I hope all our students enjoyed the fun & games, contests and excitement of our book fair and were able to find some great books to read. Happy Reading!!!

 **Lifetouch School pictures** ~ These were taken on October 19th, and the proofs arrived yesterday so they should have been arriving at home either yesterday or today. You can place your picture order online. If ordering via paper form, orders are due back to the school no later than Wednesday, November 8th. As informed in the September bulletin, class pictures are no longer free, they must be ordered along with individual pictures. Retakes will be on Tuesday, November 21st, in the morning only.

🐾 **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** ~ We celebrated last year's Academic Awards on Friday, October 6th. Thank you to all the sponsors and supporters of our school! A full listing of award recipients is in our attachments – make sure you check it out!

🐾 **After School Swim Program** ~ *by Tanya Welch* ~ Thank you to all the parents who supervised on the bus for the after school swim program. Thank you to the Bawlf school staff for all their help in making the program run smoothly. Thank you so much to the Bawlf Recreation Association for making this program possible for students by providing bussing and the bus driver. This cooperated effort makes for a fun learning experience for the students. Thank you so much, it is very greatly appreciated.

🐾 **High School Students Union** ~ *by Mrs. Enright* ~ The Students' Union is asking each class to fill two shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child campaign. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local churches worldwide to collect shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than 209 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. If you are able, we ask that you send one small item with your child(ren) to help their class fill a shoebox. Suggested items include: toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, accessories and crafts. Please do not send candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, items that can break easily or war-related items. Cash donations will also be accepted to help with shipping costs.

Here are the results of the JH/HS Halloween Costume Contest that was held today! Great job on many creative costumes!

Scariest: Carsen Bendfeld, Kaelen Nychka

Most Original: Erik Carlsen, Hunter Holmberg

Best Group: Lorax, Fast Food

Best Last Minute: Riley Van Petten, Magic Mike

Funniest: Ryder Bergstrom, Hangover group

🐾 **Christmas Concert** ~ Tuesday, December 12th is the date to write on your calendar! There will be an afternoon performance at 1:30 p.m., then the evening performance begins at 6:30 p.m.

🐾 **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** ~ [November Career Counselling News](#)

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Our first hot lunch went off without a hitch! Thank you to those who volunteered to cook assemble: Tanya Welch, Tara Wenstob, Crystal Kelland, Dimphy Benusic, Amber Todd and Leah Rasmuson. Thanks so much to those who donated: Szott family,, Terry-Lynn Sereda, Alison Stang, Chelsea Bergstrom, Shannon Barber, Janice Steil, Leah Thue, and Corina Thue. The next hot lunch will be November 23rd!

Keep an eye out for Fundscrip forms that will be going out in November!

PARENT COUNCIL

The Bawlf School Council continues to be active throughout the school this fall. A big thank you to Trudi Duheme for all of her hard work organizing Hot Lunch and to all of the volunteers helping to hand out lunch each week! If you would like to order for future dates, please head to www.healthyhunger.ca to register. Our next meeting will be November 20 at 7 pm at the school. There will be a virtual option as well for those that cannot attend in person. 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 @bawlfs). As always, feel free to contact us at bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Happy Fall!

Athletics



🐾 Minislammers Volleyball ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ Mini Slammers will be wrapping up their season at their final tournament on November 9th. They will be hosting teams from Killam, Sedgewick, Viking, Daysland and Forestburg from 10:15 - 1:45. Come and cheer them on and support the concession. All proceeds from the concession will support the Grade 5 & 6 annual ranch camp trip to Circle Square Ranch in May.

🐾 JH Girls Volleyball ~ by Ms. Ortman ~ The Junior High girls volleyball team has worked hard this season and has grown immensely. They have played in tournaments at ECCHS, OLMP, Daysland, and at home. They made it to Divisionals for their league which will take place on October 30th. They also play in the Charlie Killam tournament coming up. We have fit in lots of volleyball during this short season and I am extremely proud of the efforts these girls have made to improve their skills and come together as a team.

🐾 Cross Country Running ~ by Mrs. MacDonald ~ Nearly 50 athletes enjoyed a fantastic running season, attending 5 races! All of our runners had success, whether it was personal bests, or placing in the top ten. It was great seeing athletes challenge themselves to be their best and hearing them cheer each other on. Way to go, Wildcats!

The following students placed in the top 6 in their categories in the Battle River Race Series:

Remi Thue - 2nd Place
Declan Enright - 6th Place
Huxley Thue - 3rd Place
Hedda Rookmaker - 3rd Place
Madelyn Herder - 4th Place
Mac MacDonald - 5th Place
Keagon Miller - 1st Place
Kitly Thue - 3rd Place
Jhett Thue - 1st Place
Colby Bendfeld - 6th Place
Blayze Thue - 2nd Place
Kate MacDonald - 2nd Place

In the Junior High Championship the following students received medals:

Madelyn Herder - 2nd Place

Kitly Thue - 1st Place

Jhett Thue - 1st Place

Our High School runners also competed in Zones, with Kate MacDonald (2nd Place), Blayze Thue (8th Place), and Colby Bendfeld (18th Place) all advancing to the Provincial Race in Trochu. There were competing against about 120 athletes in each of their races, with 1A to 4A schools from all over Alberta. What a great experience! They finished as follows:

Kate MacDonald - 9th Place

Blayze Thue - 50th Place

Colby Bendfeld - 59th Place

October Question

What are you most looking forward to this Halloween?



Zachary Grade 5- Trick or treating with my friends. I am being an inflatable sumo wrestler.



Mavis Grade 2- I get to trick or treat and get candy.



Roxy Grade 11- Going trick or treating with my baby cousin!



Austin Grade 8- Candy!