

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>Literacy Night</i>
<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>Grade 9 Social PAT</i>
<i>Jan 31</i>	<i>Staff Collaboration – school closed</i>
<i>Feb 1</i>	<i>Day 1 of Semester 2</i>
<i>Feb 1</i>	<i>JH ski trip to Red Deer</i>
<i>Feb 2</i>	<i>JH Bball Boys B team skill development</i>
<i>Feb 1-3</i>	<i>HS Bball – Quint tourney</i>
<i>Feb 3</i>	<i>HS Curling Areas @ Lacombe</i>
<i>Feb 5</i>	<i>JH Bball @ New Norway</i>
<i>Feb 5</i>	<i>Parent Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Feb 6</i>	<i>HS Bball host Bashaw (Boys only)</i>
<i>Feb 6</i>	<i>East Side Marios hot lunch</i>
<i>Feb 8</i>	<i>HS Bball @ New Norway</i>
<i>Feb 8</i>	<i>Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 11:47 a.m.</i>
<i>Feb 9</i>	<i>Minidunkers 3 X 3 Clinic</i>
<i>Feb 9</i>	<i>JH Bball Boys B team skill development</i>
<i>Feb 9 & 10</i>	<i>HS Bball @ Vermilion tourney</i>
<i>Feb 12</i>	<i>JH Bball @ OLMP</i>
<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>Wok Box hot lunch</i>
<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>HS Bball @ Daysland</i>
<i>Feb 15 & 16</i>	<i>Teachers Convention – school closed</i>
<i>Feb 16</i>	<i>JH Bball Boys B team skill development</i>
<i>Feb 19</i>	<i>Family Day holiday – school closed</i>
<i>Feb 20</i>	<i>HS Bball host CCHS (exhibition) (Girls only)</i>
<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>Papa Johns Pizza hot lunch</i>
<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>HS Bball host Cornerstone (Boys only)</i>
<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>Minidunkers host Viking</i>
<i>Feb 23</i>	<i>JH Bball Boys B team skill development</i>
<i>Feb 23 & 24</i>	<i>HS Bball teams @ Hay Lakes tourney</i>
<i>Feb 23 & 24</i>	<i>JH Bball Divisionals</i>
<i>Feb 26</i>	<i>Professional Learning day – school closed</i>
<i>Feb 26</i>	<i>Grade 12 Cap & Gown pictures</i>
<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>Subway hot lunch</i>
<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>HS Bball host Hay Lakes</i>
<i>Feb 28</i>	<i>Pink Shirt Day</i>

of course, dates are subject to change

Notes From Administration ~ from Ms. L'Heureux

Dear WildCat Parents and Community members~

Bawlf School has a mighty heart. We have barely taken down holiday decorations and already have jumped into another busy month making December's winter break seem like a distant memory. We are including just a few of the highlights that made January a month of frantic, but exciting, activities which included:

Grade 12 Diplomas

Congratulations to our Grade 12's who braved the elements to write their Social Studies and Math diploma exams. Despite record cold weather, no one was absent from any of their finals and the process went extremely well. Thank you Grade 12's for your maturity and hard work during the coldest week recorded in Alberta's history.

Math 9 and Social Studies 9 Provincial Achievement Tests

Students on the Grade 9 semester system have been reviewing and preparing for exams. While the school remains open, most students have been going home after final exams. The last exam for Grade 9's is Tuesday, January 30th.

New Semester for Grades 10-12

Any students wishing to add/edit or enroll in BRACE studies or make course changes have until February 7th to do so. Please see either myself or Ms. Simonson in the office for course adjustments. If you wish to take a course through BRACE and have not done so before, you must fill in the application form located in the office. See the Administration for details.

Work Experience

If you are involved in work experience and are finishing your job placement, make sure you submit your hours to Mr. Roe at croe@brsd.ab.ca.

What Credentials are Still Needed for Grade 10-12 Students?

If students wish to have course credits and Detailed Academic Reports (DARs) checked, they can see Ms. Simonson in the office, or schedule a meeting with Mrs. Kruchten, our Career Counselor, who visits the school a few times each month.

International Travel

We are in the final stages of planning for international travel! Sixteen students are packing up and heading to Spain and Portugal for their Spring Break. Mr. Munro is requesting copies of passports and final insurance documents to finalize his itinerary.

Ski Trip

Junior High students will spend some time building friendships and starting the new semester with a day trip to Canyon Ski Resort near Red Deer for a quick excursion. This trip will be supervised by Mrs. Enright and Mrs. Matthew. Thank you to Ms. Marusak for all her hard work in organizing this trip and to BEST for providing funds to rent the bus.

Bawlf Elementary Teachers

Our elementary teaching team continues their work with **character education**. This month's theme is **honesty**; an essential attribute that builds both trust and connection. Students learned about honesty and how it contributes to students being good friends, strong learners, and good citizens.

Literacy

We are also wrapping up our celebration of **Literacy Week**. During morning announcements, students were able to listen to short expressive books and stories. Students enjoyed seeing their teachers, fellow students, and even our Superintendent, Rhae-Ann Holoien, share some fine reading.

The push to become better, more fluent, and inspired readers is going to be celebrated tonight at Bawlf School's annual **Literacy Night**. The staff have been busy coordinating activities and events. We want to emphasize not just the importance, but the enjoyment we all receive from the use of literacy and daily recreational reading. We expect a very large turnout from both the community and BRSD visitors including Superintendent **RhaeAnn Holoien**. We also have special guests- the Camrose Kodiaks- who will be running the stations. Please give our BRSD guests a friendly WildCat welcome if you get the chance!

Athletics Desk

We continue to enjoy enormous expressions of enthusiasm with our athletics teams. Junior High girls and boys have hosted and have been doing a lot of traveling to participate in games around BRSD.

Senior High basketball for both boys and girls continues. This weekend is the big Quint tournament. Come and cheer on our WildCats! We are very proud of our student athletes!

Elementary students who continue to participate in Mini Dunkers had their basketball clinics with lots of support from parents and extended family members watching the action.

Thank you again to our coaches and volunteers who do so much to make the Bawlf School Wildcat spirit thrive.


Footwear inside school

We continue to ask that students keep the school neat and tidy by ensuring they have a second set of footwear. Boots and outside shoes are contributing to scuffs and damage to school floors. Our custodians work diligently to make sure Bawlf School is a nice place for our students and visitors. Let's help them out by doing our part.


As we wrap up January, filled with gratitude for our progress, we eagerly set our sights on February, ready to strive for excellence. Let's harness the momentum, embrace challenges, and continue our journey toward achieving our best. Together, let's make February a month of growth, determination, and outstanding accomplishments.


Yours in education,
Ms. April L'Heureux
Ms. Caroline Simonson


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.: eprice@brsd.ab.ca and bszott@brsd.ab.ca.

 **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!



 **YEARBOOKS!** It's time to order your copy of the 2023-2024 yearbook. Last year, we ran out! Yes, some families didn't receive a copy as they didn't preorder, and the factory didn't ship out as many overruns as previous years. So what this means is: make sure you pre-order! Cost is \$30 each. Your name is not on the list until payment is received (this includes putting them on student online accounts). You can send a cheque (Bawlf School) or cash, or email Mrs. Szott to have her put it online. Don't miss out! Our yearbooks includes every student in the school from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

 **High School Career Counsellor newsletter** ~ [Career Counselling News February 2024](#)

PARENT COUNCIL

A big thank you to all the volunteers that continue to make the hot lunch program a success! We will be planning a staff appreciation lunch on February 21st and are looking for donations of food items (soup, buns, desserts) as well as volunteers to help setup and supervise. If you would like to help, please contact Kerri at 7806797534 or kherder@live.com. Our "Wildcat Clothing Closet" is up and running for teachers and students to access as they need. Once again thank you to BEST, 2E Builders and all who donated. Currently we have plenty of items and don't require anymore donations. Thank you to the Camrose Family Resource Centre for coming out to give a presentation on "Anxiety" and to all the parents that were able to attend. Our next meeting will be February 5 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 @bawlf). As always, feel free to contact us at bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

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Ham and Egger

Thank you to the volunteers for the last ham and egger: Tanya Welch, Collette Adam, Juliana Morris, Chelsea Bergstrom, and Trudi Duheme. Many thanks to those who donated to the lunch: Lindy Kroetsch, Amber Todd, Lori Cole and Everly Larson. Our next hot lunch, taco in a bag, will be held April 5!

Wipf's Greenhouse

Spring is in the air! Keep your eyes open for the Wipf's Greenhouse order forms coming soon!

Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser

BEST will be having a Little Caesar Pizza Kit fundraiser. Forms will be going out February 20th and are due back March 11th with delivery of the kits being the week of March 25th. Orders can be placed through paper orders or online. As an incentive for students, the grade that raises the most in kit sales will receive a class pizza party. The family that raises the most will receive a free Little Caesar pepperoni pizza kit.

Camrose Energy

Thank you to Camrose Energy customers who choose Camrose Energy as their Community Partner! We received \$250 from Camrose Energy towards Ranch Camp this year! Contact Tania Greenwald at 780-781-2718 or dtgreenwald@hotmail.com for a free analysis of your current power/gas usage and rates.

Athletics



🐾 **JH Boys & Girls Basketball** ~ by Ms. Marusak ~ Both Junior High basketball teams started league after Christmas. The boys have done well winning two of their games so far. They hosted the Comp and lost by eight in a tough but fast paced game. The boys work well as a team together and always give it their all when out on the court. They also won first in the Hay Lakes tournament defeating the home team quite handily in the final and they definitely have their eye on the prize this year for Regionals. Keep up the great work, boys!

The Junior Girls have battled this season. They're working hard and have had some successes against teams such as Forestburg and Tofield. We've also lost some nail biters against Hay Lakes and Charlie Killam finishing just a little short in the end. This is such a pleasant and positive group to coach and we're looking forward to the second half of the season.

As always, we thank our spectators and parents for the continued support as well as our volunteer staff coaches and community coaches.

Go, Wildcats!

🐾 **Minidunkers Basketball** ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ The Grade 5 & 6 Mini Dunkers teams' season has begun. We have hosted Daysland and visited Forestburg so far this season. We currently have 36 players taking part on our team and we are looking forward to the remainder of our season. Our next game is at home February 22 against Viking. Thank you to Blayze and Jhett who reffed our first game and to Madelyn and Araya who stayed to scorekeep.

Mini Dunkers 3 on 3 Basketball

Our Mini Dunkers have had an amazing opportunity over the past few months. Doug Bennett, grandpa to one of our grade 6 students, has graciously volunteered many hours of his time over the past few months to run 3 on 3 clinics for our beginning basketball players. His expertise and patience with our mini dunkers has been invaluable. We are fortunate to have such great supporters of our Wildcats!

🐾 **Wildcat Curling** ~ by Mrs. Enright ~ Several of our Bawlf Wildcats participated in a curling bonspiel in Wetaskiwin last month (combining with other junior curlers from the Rose City Curling Club). Congrats to the following curlers for their hard work and great effort.

U12: Silver Gerber, Tate Gerber, Brookly Enright, Declan Enright, Arthur Enright and Henry Enright

U15: Royce Gerber and Tuf Bratrud

U18: Izabella Kelland

Bawlf has joined forces with Camrose Composite and will be sending a Mens and Ladies team to Areas in Lacombe on Feb. 3rd. Please wish Izabella Kelland and Bobbi-Jo Lucas luck with their upcoming event.

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January Question

What did you do during the -50 degree cold snap?



Danika, grade 8-
I got a
frappuccino at
McDonalds. My
dad thought I
was crazy!



Lochlynn, grade
7-I went to Tim
Hortons for a hot
chocolate.



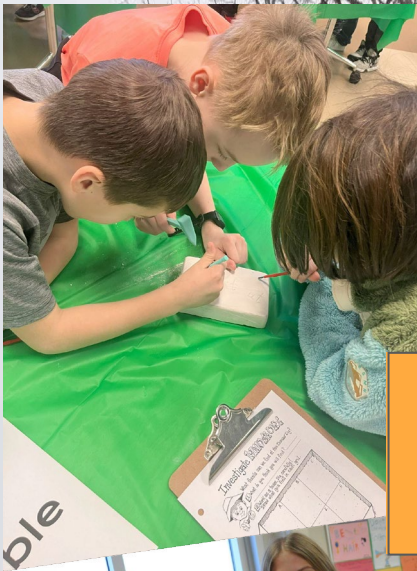
Jordyn, grade
8- I fed my
sheep,
outside, in the
cold.



Emrence,
grade 8-I slept
a lot and did
school work...
my mom made
me.



Madelyn, grade
9- I fed my
horses, in the
cold!



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