

# The Bulletin



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*Achieving Excellence*

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## *Upcoming Events:*

<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>Lockdown drill @ 11:00</i>
<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>Subway hot lunch</i>
<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>HS Basketball hosts Hay Lakes</i>
<i>Feb 28</i>	<i>Pink Shirt Day</i>
<i>Feb 29</i>	<i>Ice Sculpture Day</i>
<i>Feb 28-Mar 1</i>	<i>HS Dodgeball tournament@ noon</i>
<i>Mar 1 &amp; 2</i>	<i>JH Boys basketball Regionals @ Forestburg</i>
<i>Mar 4</i>	<i>Minidunkers to Sedgewick</i>
<i>Mar 5</i>	<i>Booster Juice hot lunch</i>
<i>Mar 7</i>	<i>Staff meeting ~ early dismissal @ 11:47 a.m.</i>
<i>Mar 8 &amp; 9</i>	<i>HS Bball Zones</i>
<i>Mar 12</i>	<i>"Starting a Social Media Conversation" – Gr 6-12</i>
<i>Mar 13</i>	<i>Pancake breakfast</i>
<i>Mar 14</i>	<i>Mad Platter hot lunch</i>
<i>Mar 14</i>	<i>Minidunkers tournament @ Viking</i>
<i>Mar 18-22</i>	<i>Spring break</i>
<i>Mar 26</i>	<i>Panago Pizza hot lunch</i>
<i>Mar 28</i>	<i>Chopped Leaf hot lunch</i>
<i>Mar 21-30</i>	<i>Travel Club heads to Portugal and Spain</i>
<i>Mar 29</i>	<i>Good Friday – no school</i>

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



## Notes From Administration ~ from Ms. L'Heureux

### Dear Parents, Family, and Community Members,

February is wrapping up and, once again, there are many individuals and organizations to thank for creating another busy and rewarding month for the students of Bawlf School.

The second semester for high school students is well underway. We have both new and returning staff working in the school. Students in all grades continue to embrace new opportunities to learn and we hosted many guests who made special presentations for our elementary and secondary classes.

The elementary students continue to grow in kindness and empathy through monthly character education seminars. February's theme was kindness. While February passed quickly, we enjoyed great learning and inspiring events. These are a few of the highlights!

### Parent surveys ~

Parents of students in Grades 4, 7, and 10 received AEA Surveys from Alberta Education. We encourage parents to complete the survey by using the link below. This important feedback assists with planning programming and supporting student learning. The last day for survey submissions is March 1st. Thank you for your support!

<https://public.education.alberta.ca/APOS/>  
<https://bawlf.brsd.ab.ca/download/437460>

### Beaver Hill Bird Observatory presentations ~

Grades 1-6 enjoyed a presentation from Beaver Hill Bird Observatory with a live burrowing owl. Students learned many fun facts including that the bones of the owl store oxygen, they can mimic a rattlesnake to protect their nests and they collect food so they always have something to eat. The discussion also addressed the ways we must continue to find ways to project habits to keep these beautiful creatures from going extinct. Students also took selfies with the owl.



### Parent Council ~

On February 5th we had a **School Parent Council** meeting. Our parents work collaboratively with the staff and ensure we are doing all we can to support student learning together.

We also want to say a huge thank you to the **Parent Council** for the wonderful lunch and student supervision that they provided for Bawlf staff on February 21st. We were overwhelmed by their generosity which included great food, lots of smiles, kind words, and the parents' efforts to make sure we enjoyed the company of our colleagues. On behalf of the school staff, we appreciate you!



### Acting and a premier performance at the Lougheed ~

Several Bawlf School Staff attended “The Little Mermaid” at the Lougheed Centre where we had the chance to watch one of our students premier as the lead character Ariel. Jaidan’s performance was spellbinding and enjoyed by the staff who were able to attend.

### High School Students Post Secondary Presentation ~

High school students attended a presentation on Friday, February 23rd, by Augustana students who are studying medicine at the U of A. The discussion was well received and demonstrated that there are many roles and medical careers which can be pursued in post-secondary studies.



### Winter ice sculpting ~

On Thursday, February 29th, students are participating in a whole school team activity, where they are building ice sculptures and enjoying hot chocolate and sugar cookies. Mrs. MacDonald and the staff worked together to organize the day. We look forward to seeing the teams work together!

### OHS (Occupational Health and Safety) Corner ~

#### Topic: Concussions

This is a time of year when slipping on ice or taking a tumble during recess can happen very easily. If your child bumps their head, we submit accident reports to the safety section of our BRSD team. This article reminds us of the importance of putting safety first. <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/download/212190>

As we draw this newsletter to a close, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated students, committed staff, and supportive parents. Your collaborative efforts exemplify the power of teamwork in nurturing a thriving educational community. Let's continue to work together towards our shared goal of achieving excellence for all stakeholders of Bawlf School.

Yours in education,

Ms. April L'Heureux and 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](mailto:eprice@brsd.ab.ca) and [bszott@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:bszott@brsd.ab.ca).

**🐾 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.

**🐾 School fees** ~ Please keep checking your Rycor online account as a few second semester fees have been added: for Junior High Outdoor Education option and for High School Foods option. In addition the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fees for Junior High CTS Option at the Comp will be added soon by them.

🐾 **Oilers game** ~ Parents! If you are interested in joining some HS students who are heading to the Oilers/Colorado game on Friday, April 5 (we are taking a coach bus!), please let us know. We have 4 tickets available. Cost is \$150 and that includes your ticket and bus transportation to and from the school. Contact Mrs. Szott in the office by Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. And yes, there are already some other parents attending so you wouldn't be the only one.

🐾 **High School Career Counsellor newsletter** ~ [February newsletter](#)

🐾 **Learning Commons ~ by Mrs. Kroetsch ~ Literacy Week**

We had a busy week celebrating Canada Literacy Week in the Learning Commons with our morning announcement “Mystery Readers”, doing Stop! Drop! Read! in the afternoons and other fun activities during library classes. Our celebrations ended with our “Literacy Luau” during this year's Family Literacy Night. We hope everyone enjoyed the pizza supper and tropical themed activities in the gym. A huge thank you to BEST, Camrose Boston Pizza and County Enviro for their generous donations and to the Camrose Kodiaks for running our activities, Kait Davies of the David Knipe Memorial Library (Bawlf) for their display and the Golden Prairie 4-H Busking Club (Forestburg) for their amazing presentation!

### **SORA**

Did you know that Battle River School Division offers free ebooks and audiobooks to students and staff? From classic literature to graphic novels, there is a wide variety of books available. Our digital collection is available 24/7 and all you need to get started is an internet connection and your Google SSO. Digital books are compatible with smartphones, tablets, eReaders and computers. Titles can be read right in the internet browser or downloaded using the free Sora app. Check it out by downloading Sora, the student reading app (soraapp.com). You can easily find us in Sora by searching for Battle River School Division. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Kroetsch in the Learning Commons. Happy Reading!

## **PARENT COUNCIL**

Thank you to all of the volunteers and those that donated to the Staff Appreciation Lunch on February 21<sup>st</sup>! It was our pleasure to organize an event to thank our wonderful staff. A big thank you to all of the volunteers that continue to make the hot lunch program a success at the school! 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](mailto:bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

School Council is pleased to announce the upcoming “**Starting a Social Media Conversation**” presentation that is scheduled **Tuesday - March 12, 2024**. **Starting a Social Media Conversation** is a program designed to stimulate a continuous, positive social media conversation between kids and the adults in their lives, led by presenter, Jo Phillips. There will be two separate sessions, Gr. 6-9 & Gr.10-12, with the students during the school day, followed by a parent only session that evening @ **6:15pm**. All parents/adults are welcome to attend. Please see the attached handout for further information.

Bawlf School Council

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Download the remind app to receive notifications: <https://www.remind.com/join/ba794e>

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bawlf-School-Parent-Council/>

Check out the school website: [bawlf.brsd.ab.ca](http://bawlf.brsd.ab.ca)

## BEST

BEST would like to say a huge thank you to the Wild Rose Co-Op for the very generous donation of \$1000 worth of gift cards to go towards the school breakfast program. In addition, thank you Drever Agencies for their donation of \$500 for the breakfast program as well. These donations are very greatly appreciated! On that note, the students will enjoy a pancake breakfast the morning of Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>!

## Athletics



🐾 **JH Boys & Girls Basketball** ~ by *Ms. Marusak* ~ JH Girls: We've had a season full of growth and perseverance accompanied by a lot of laughs and memories. Unfortunately, despite our efforts, we did not get to move on to Regionals this year as a team but we had many successes in league play and in tournaments. Looking back on the season Mrs. Lyons and myself feel so privileged to have coached such a positive and dedicated group of girls this year. Each of them brought their own talents and flair to the team and everyone played an integral role and contributed in their own way, Mrs. Lyons and myself would like to bid our two grade nines a farewell from Junior High basketball and wish them all the success in High School next year. Saying goodbye to grade nines is always tough but we look forward to watching them continue to get better and better. It's been a pleasure getting to know them over the last three years of Junior High sports. We would also like to commend our grade sevens for joining the team and trying their best each and every game. We know it can be a big step up from elementary but each of them showed courage when thrown into different situations and were extremely coachable and adaptable. Last but certainly not least, we would also like to commend our players in grade eight and are so proud of each of them. This year they experienced what it was like to have more responsibility on the team and more playing time compared to their previous year in grade seven. Each of them stepped into their roles with ease and enthusiasm. They too have shown immense improvements and will only continue to grow into better and better players. Mrs. Lyons and myself are so proud of each of our players. Thanks for a great season girls!

JH Boys: Our junior boys have had one heck of a season and the ride is not yet over for them. They have done extremely well in their tournaments and earned first place in the Charlie Killam tournament at the start of February. They also had much success in league and finished second overall. This is no easy feat! The boys are soon headed to Regionals in Forestburg on March 1st and 2nd for a final tournament to (hopefully) win the entire BRRJHA league! We wish them all the success. Thank you to our community coaches Josh Burnstad and Reece Thue for putting in their time to coach our Junior boys team. We very much appreciate your dedication this season and your coaching efforts. Thank you also to all of our Junior High parents who have helped run concessions, shuttle players to and from games and also be our biggest fans and cheerleaders.

If you are headed out to the Forestburg area on March 1st and 2nd, make sure you stop by the school to cheer on our Junior Boys. Go, Cats! Good luck at Regionals, boys!

🐾 **Minidunkers Basketball** ~ by *Mrs. Matthew* ~ The Mini Dunkers have been enjoying an exciting season. It has gone by so quickly it is (March) madness that we are approaching the end of our season. We will be concluding this year with a tournament in Viking on March 14th. Before that, we still have one away game in Sedgewick on March 4th. We also have only three practices left! We are so proud of the growth our athletes have demonstrated so far this year. We are also so thankful to Coach Doug and our parent volunteers who contributed to this growth by volunteering their time during the three-on-three clinics. It truly does take a Village.

🐾 **Wildcat Curling** ~ by *Mrs. Enright* ~ Students from Bawlf and the Comp competed in High School Zones this month. Congratulations to the ladies team for winning the Silver medal and to the men's team for earning a Bronze Medal. Well done!

## Community

🐾 **Hockey players born in 2011/2012!** There will be an Introduction to Body Checking camp March 25 & 26 at the Daysland arena, 6:45-8:00 p.m. both nights. This 2 day mini camp introduces players to delivering, receiving and avoid body checks safely and effectively. Cost is \$85. Only 6 spots left! Text Crossice Developments at 780-781-8004 for more information and to book your spot.

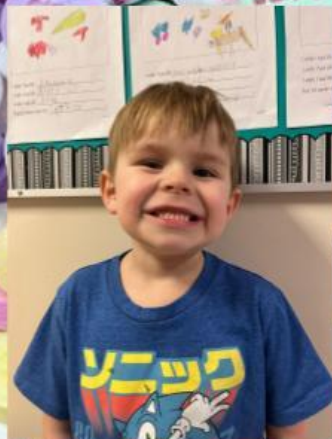
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**February Question- What was the favourite thing you learned this month?**



William, grade 7-  
How to act in drama  
class.



Corbin, kindergarten-  
I liked reading a book  
where a guy is  
melting (snowman).



Mrs. Banack, E.A.-  
Emma in grade 1  
and I have the  
same birthday!



Elyse, grade 2-I liked  
when we learned our  
plays. I was in the  
Bee Chorus.