# The Bulletin

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Upcoming Events: May 30 East Side Marios hot lunch (pre-ordered) May 30 Grade 7 field trip to Fort Edmonton Park May 31 Grade 1 field trip to Miquelon Lake Provincial Park May 31 Grade 8 field trip to Stoney Creek Centre May 31 Grade 7 presentation on Young Medical Minds June 4 Wok Bok hot lunch - CANCELLED JH Track Regionals June 4 June 6 Staff Meeting – early dismissal at 11:47 a.m. June 7 Grade 4 field trip to Fort Edmonton Park June 7 Show'n'Shine (HS/JH) June 7 & 8 HS Track Provincials in Edmonton June 10 JH Golf tournament @ Tofield June 11 Elementary Track Meet June 11 English 30 Part A Diploma Grade 9 LA PAT Part B June 12 June 13 JH & HS Athletic Awards June 13 BEST Taco in a Bag hot lunch June 14 JH to Camrose for lunch and swimming June 18 Burger hot lunch for everyone from Bawlf Lions Club June 18 English 30 Part B Diploma June 19 Grade 6 Social PAT June 19 Math 10C final exam June 19 Social 20 final exam June 20 Grade 6 & 9 Science PAT Biology 30 diploma June 20 Math 20 final exam June 20 Social 10 final exam June 20 Grade 3 field trip to Ukrainian Village June 20 ECS field trip to Camrose June 21 Grade 7 Science final exam June 21 Grade 8 LA final exam June 24 Grade 7 Math final exam June 24 Grade 8 Social final exam June 25 Grade 7 Social final exam June 25 Grade 8 Math final exam June 25 Physics 30 diploma Grade 1-4 swimming in Forestburg June 26 Grade 8 Science final exam Grade 7 LA final exam Science 30 diploma June 27 Last day for students/Elementary Awards in AM



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- June 20

- June 25
- June 26
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- \*\*of course, dates are subject to change\*\*

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

#### Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Community Members ~

As we reach the end of May, we want to take a moment to congratulate the Class of 2024 on their remarkable achievement. Your hard work has paid off, and we are incredibly proud of you. The Grade 12 Farewell ceremony was a beautiful and memorable event, thanks to the tremendous effort put in by our students, staff, and volunteers. Your contributions made the evening truly special.

We would also like to give a big shoutout to the staff and volunteers who accompanied our Grade 5 and 6 students to the Ranch Camp. Despite the wet and muddy conditions, the camp was a success, filled with learning and adventure. Your dedication and spirit ensured that our students had a fantastic experience.

As we head into the final month of school, we encourage all students to keep up the effort and finish the year strong. Your hard work throughout the year has been commendable, and we are confident you will continue to achieve excellence in all your endeavors.

Thank you to the families who completed the Bawlf School survey. The valuable feedback we received will help us identify areas for improvement and reinforce the practices that are working well. Your insights are crucial as we plan for the next school year.

With May and June come an increase in school field trips, and we want to extend our gratitude to all our volunteers who have become Agents of the Board. Your support ensures these trips are safe, enjoyable, and educational for our students. We deeply appreciate your commitment and involvement.

Our students will also be writing their final exams in June. Please refer to the exam schedule for specific dates and times. For our Grade 12 students, this includes writing their Diploma exams, which are worth 30% of their final grade. To help our students prepare, BRSD is offering a Rock the Diploma course at a significantly reduced rate for English 30, Math 30, Biology 30, and Chemistry 30.

Our high school students are starting to register for their 2024/2025 courses. Parents, if you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call the office. We are here to help and support you through this process.

We want to express my deep appreciation for our supportive community. Together, we continue to create a nurturing and thriving environment where our students can achieve excellence. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

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.: <u>eprice@brsd.ab.ca</u> and <u>bszott@brsd.ab.ca</u>.

**WILDCAT SPIRITWEAR!** ~ Interested in Wildcat Spirit Wear? Check out our new online store at <u>https://bawlfschool.entripyshops.com/</u>.

Hoodies, pants, shorts, hats, water bottles, bags, so many choices and a lot of it is customizable! See the poster attached!

**Concession** ~ will be closing for the year on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>! Please ensure your child has lunch after this date.

**BRSD Transportation Information** ~ BRSD Transportation is pleased to announce that bus registration for the 2024/25 school year will open at 9 a.m. on April 17, 2024, and close at 4 p.m. on June 27, 2024.

The change in the registration window will allow for more timely notification of student bus assignments. This change also allows for better communication between schools, families and transportation department staff. Earlier route assignments help bus drivers to be fully prepared for the upcoming school year and adjust to any route changes that may occur.

Students from the City of Camrose and the Town of Tofield must register annually. For all other locations, students need to register only if this is the first time they have ridden a BRSD school bus, such as new students beginning Kindergarten.

Additionally, students that have had changes to their contact information, such as physical address or school of attendance, are required to register. If there are no changes to student contact information, rural students will automatically be included in the route plans for the upcoming school year, and there will be no need for them to register.

Applications for school of choice/cross boundary transportation will be available at 9 a.m. on May 1, 2024.

For more details and eligibility information, please visit www.brsd.ab.ca/families/transportation.

**Rock the Diploma** ~ BRSD is offering a 2-day diploma exam preparation course for our Grade 12 students in June 2024. This intensive weekend course, delivered by the experienced "Rock the Diploma" team, aims to bolster students' readiness for their diploma exams. There need to be at least 20 students in a course to offer it; if you are interested, you should register to show you are interested otherwise the courses may not be offered.

- When: June 2024, specifically on Saturday and Sunday, a week before each diploma exam date.
- Time: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM on both days.
- Where: Ecole Camrose Composite High School.
- Subjects Covered: Pending student interest. Please register ASAP.
- Cost: \$20.00 per course
- Grade 12's! To register, the form is on your Rycor online account.



#### **Summer School** ~ Summer School registration is open!

Website information: https://cos.brsd.ab.ca/programs-services/summer-school https://www.brsd.ab.ca/learning/alternative-learning https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/registration

These summer school courses are targeting students in Grades 10-12 who want to upgrade or take a course to create room in their timetables. I am still looking for teachers- courses are online (Google Classroom or Moodle) and in-person help is available if students want to come in for extra help. Encourage folks to apply and to contact me if they need further information.

Let me know if you have questions.

Melanie Buckley, BEd, MSc. Principal, BRACE Battle River Alternative Centre for Education <u>mbuckley@brsd.ab.ca</u> (780) 672-2205

**Commons News** ~ *by Mrs. Kroetsch* ~ Library classes are coming to an end to allow for year end procedures to be completed in the Learning Commons. Our last week to take out books will be the week of June 3rd - 7th and <u>ALL</u> books will need to be returned during the week of June 10th - 14th. We will have a fun activity in the LC that last week to end library classes but no books will be taken out. Students are responsible for the cost of books not returned. We will also be having ice cream treats for the class that gets all their books returned first! Good luck!

Textbooks will need to be returned on or before the day of the students' final exams. Students are responsible for their textbooks and any textbooks not returned will be invoiced for as they are property of Battle River School Division.

Thank you for helping us get our library books and textbooks returned!

**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.

Crade 5 & 6 Ranch Camp ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ The Grade 5 & 6 classes had an amazing and mud filled trip to Circle Square Ranch last week. Students took part in many activities such as canoeing, horseback riding, archery and obstacle courses. There were many more games, activities and fun over the 3 days. Thank you to Barry Cryderman, Rod Masson, Ryan Konowalyk, Alex Purin, Tanya Welch, Cara Huseby, Sunday Meakins, Amber Latreille, Chrissy Wilson, Erin Mayou, and Michelle Van Petten for coming along as supervisors and joining in the fun. We can't go on these kinds of trips without the parent support that we had. Mrs. Matthew and myself were proud of how our Wildcats represented our school. We are already booked for next year May 21 - 23, 2025!

Elementary Track Meet ~ *by Mrs. Konrad* ~ Elementary Track Meet for Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a full day event outside. Students will participate in track activities such as hurdles and shotput, Indigenous games and teamwork games. All students will need to be prepared for the full day and bring the following items: a water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, hat, running shoes, and athletic attire. We are in need of some volunteers to lead some groups. If you are interested in leading a group, please email Mrs. Konrad (<u>nkonrad@brsd.ab.ca</u>) with your name and the grade you wish to be with. We will only need one volunteer for each grade and therefore it will be a first come first serve basis for grade preference. Parents and guardians are allowed to come cheer on their athletes. We look forward to a fun event and seeing you there!

**Grade 3 class** ~ *by Mrs. Konrad* ~ Grade 3 class will be going on their year end field trip to The Ukrainian Village. We are excited to learn about the culture, traditions and expand on our learning from this year.

We have had the privilege of having an Australian Exchange teacher in the school and with Mrs. Konrad. Mrs. Harkness has been here for two weeks and has been observing what a small rural school in Canada looks like. We have been very grateful to have her here and join us.

Show'n'Shine ~ by Mrs. Enright ~ The HSSU is hosting a Show 'n Shine on Friday, June 7th from noon to 1:00 p.m. High school students wishing to enter must sign up with Mrs. Enright. A \$5.00 entry fee is required to help pay for prizes. Categories include best overall, cleanest interior, cleanest exterior, dirtiest interior, dirtiest exterior, loudest sound system, most km, least km, nicest rims and baldest tires. This event is open to all junior and senior high school students. Pop and chips will be provided.

**\* JH/HS Athletic Awards for 2023-2024** ~ *by Mrs. Holm* ~ On Thursday, June  $13^{th}$ , we will be hosting our annual Junior High/Senior High Athletic Awards. This is the school's opportunity to recognize our teams and individuals who competed throughout the year. Parents/ Grandparents and the general public are welcome to attend. Doors will open at 6:40 p.m. and awards will start at 7:00 p.m.

**Lawn fertilizer, anyone?** ~ We still have a few bags of fertilizer left to sell if you are needing some! They are 15 kg each and are the 19-12-15 blend. Cost is \$25 a bag. Call the office if you are interested!

#### \* High School Career Counsellor newsletter ~ June Newsletter

BEST

BEST is having another Taco in a Bag lunch on June 13! Order forms are due this Thursday, May 30!

Our AGM is set for June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the school. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the fundraising efforts for the school! We hope to see you there!

#### **Athletics**



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#### **Community News**

**Bawlf Village Day in the Park** – Sunday, June 9 from noon-4:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy a Sunday afternoon with your neighbours in Bawlf! Kids games, bouncy house, concession available and see the fire truck! Sponsored by the Bawlf and District Lions, Bawlf and District Recreation Association, and the David Knipe Memorial Library.

#### Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach out and provide you with information regarding an event the Mental Health Capacity Team is planning on June 4 from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Ecole Camrose Composite High School in conjunction with community agencies and local businesses. The event, aptly titled "Adulting 101: Pathways Forward" aims to provide grade 11 and 12 students with information pertinent to them as they prepare to embark into adulthood.

This event is designed to bring together community businesses and agencies to provide information and support to students who are transitioning out of highschool to ready their journey into adulthood.

## The fair will be taking place at ECCHS in the main gym on June 4 th, 2024 from 2pm-6pm. Students from your schools are invited to attend independently or with the support of an adult in their life.

#### Information about the event:

- Each student will be provided a folder in which they will be able to collect brochures, information
  pages, and business cards that pertain to embarking into adulthood. Some of the agencies/
  businesses who will be attending include: Canada Revenue Agency, Insurance, Banking, Rental
  Market/Home Buying, Landlord Tenant, Utilities, Family & Community Support Services, Service
  Canada, Career Counsellors (Student Loans), budgeting, former BRSD students to provide
  information and answer peer questions about the first year after completing High School and many
  more
- There will be an opportunity for students to enter their name into draws for prizes as they exit the event.

I have attached the poster for the event to this email if you would be willing to add it to your morning announcements, newsletters or send the info out via school messenger. MHCB Wellness Coaches will also be dropping into your senior high classrooms to promote the event.



#### Bawlf School Staff email list

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