

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Sept 27	Orange Shirt day
Sept 27 & 28	HS Volleyball tourney @ OLMP
Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day – School Closed
Oct 1	Panago pizza hot lunch – pre-ordered
Oct 1	HS Volleyball hosts Forestburg
Oct 2	JH Volleyball @ OLMP
Oct 3	Duggan Cinemas field trip – Grades 4/5/6
Oct 3	Cross Country race @ Burma Hills (JH/HS only)
Oct 3	Minislammers host Daysland
Oct 4 & 5	JH Volleyball tournament @ Daysland/Killam
Oct 7	JH Volleyball @ Cornerstone
Oct 8	HS Volleyball hosts Daysland (girls only)
Oct 9	Cross Country – Zones @ Camrose – HS only
Oct 9	JH Volleyball hosts Bashaw
Oct 10	Booster Juice hot lunch – pre-ordered
Oct 10	Cross Country race @ New Norway
Oct 10	Minislammers @ Forestburg
Oct 10	JH/HS Academic Awards for 2023-2024 school year @ 7:00 p.m.
Oct 11	Staff meeting/Professional Development – school closed
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day – school closed
Oct 15	Lifetouch school pictures
Oct 15	Subway hot lunch – pre-ordered
Oct 15	HS Volleyball @ Cornerstone
Oct 16	Hockey Hookey with Camrose Kodiaks – Grades 4/5/6/7
Oct 16	JH Volleyball hosts CCHS
Oct 17	HS Volleyball hosts Cornerstone
Oct 18 & 19	JH Volleyball home tournament
Oct 19	Cross Country Provincials – Grande Prairie – HS only
Oct 22	Minislammers host Viking
Oct 22-25	Scholastic Book Fair in the Learning Commons
Oct 23	JH Volleyball @ New Norway
Oct 24	East Side Marios hot lunch – pre-ordered
Oct 24	Parent Teacher interviews 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Oct 24	HS Volleyball hosts Viking
Oct 29	Papa Johns pizza hot lunch – pre-ordered
Oct 29	HS Volleyball @ New Norway
Oct 30	Minislammers Intersquad game
Oct 31	October Bulletin
Nov 19	Lifetouch picture retakes
Dec 10	Christmas concert
Dec 17	Christmas luncheon

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

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Notes From Administration ~

Dear Wildcat Families,

As we wrap up the first month, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our students for their incredible respect and cooperation as they navigate the cell phone and late assignment policies. Your dedication to these expectations has been fantastic, and we are proud of how smoothly the transition has gone.

A huge shout-out also goes to our hardworking teachers, who have been tireless in their support of our students. Whether it's in class, coaching, during Block 5 support sessions, or just providing extra help when needed, our staff has gone above and beyond to ensure everyone is thriving academically. Thank you for your dedication and commitment!

We also had an amazing turnout at our recent School Council meeting; we are so grateful to our parents for your continued support of Bawlf School. Your involvement and partnership mean the world to us, and we look forward to more opportunities to collaborate with you throughout the year.

One of the highlights of the summer was the construction of a **hibernaculum** on school grounds to help relocate local snakes. Our Grade 2 class has taken on the important task of conducting research for the Alberta Government by trapping and documenting the snake population. Our students have been busy monitoring 25 traps, and so far, our biggest snake day resulted in an exciting capture of 43 snakes! Mrs. Matthew, along with some Grade 2 students, will present this unique project at the BRSD head office next month. It's a hands-on learning experience that we're incredibly proud of!

Another wonderful initiative is our **Community Volunteerism** options class for high school students, led by Mrs. Gjesdal. The class has been actively reaching out to our local community to offer help where needed, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Students have already assisted with landscaping, painting, hauling garbage, and fixing the gaga pit (which got a bit of a

wild ride in the summer windstorm!). They've also been supporting fellow students within the school, showing leadership and generosity in action.

Lastly, our Junior High and Senior High Block 5 classes have been going exceptionally well. Students needing extra time to finish homework or receive additional support have made great use of this period, and teachers have been available to answer questions and provide guidance.

Thank you all for making this a wonderful start to the school year. We are incredibly proud of our Wildcats and look forward to what's next!

Yours in education,

Ms. 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 or late. Both Ms. Price and Mrs. Szott do not work every day so we don't want to miss any of these emails ~ eprice@brsd.ab.ca and bszott@brsd.ab.ca.

🐾 **Re-enrollment/Verification forms** ~ Division office has emailed out the 2024-2025 Schoolengage Re-Enrollment & Verification forms early in August. These forms do need to be completed as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office. **These forms must be completed by Tuesday, October 1 – all forms not completed by then, the students' internet access will be disabled until they are completed.**

🐾 **BRACE Shared Students update** ~ All Shared Students should be up and running in their Moodle courses! Students are reminded to keep on track and ensure they are watching the Due Dates and the Course Completion progress bar at the top of their course page. Families - please watch for an email from Mrs. Hoff about a Verification Form in SchoolEngage and a Shared Student Acknowledgement Form. Students should be checking their BRSD email regularly/daily! Be sure to email your course teacher if you have any questions.

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🐾 **Terry Fox Run** ~ by Mrs. Holm ~ On Tuesday, September 17th, Bawlf School hosted its' annual Terry Fox Run. It was a beautiful day for a run. A huge thank you to all those who gave a donation to this worthy cause. Together we raised \$3,050.00. Some of our elementary students ran around the Village four times! Our first male runner to complete the junior/senior high run was Blaze Thue and our first female runner was Kate MacDonald. Well done, you two.

🐾 **High School Students Union** ~ by Mrs. Enright ~ The back to school dodgeball tournament was a big success with 14 teams participating from junior and senior high. Congratulations to our Junior High winning team (TBA) and the High School winning team (TBA).

The Students' Union will be running monthly dress-up days, with prizes for the elementary and secondary classes that participate the most each semester. Dress-up days will be: Thurs, Oct. 31st: Halloween and Thurs, Nov 21st: Jersey Day.

Our leadership team is hard at work planning our first Spirit Week which will run Oct. 28th - 31st with a variety of Halloween themed activities running all week.

🐾 **Grade 4/5/6 Duggan Cinemas field trip** ~ On October 3rd, the Grades 4-5-6 have the opportunity to attend the brand new movie, The Wild Robot, in theatres! Students have read this book in previous classes and it was a big hit. We can't wait to see which is better – the movie or the book!

🐾 **Learning Commons** ~ by Mrs. Banack ~ We are wrapping up the first month in the Learning Commons, and it's buzzing with energy! It has become a vibrant hub for JH and HS students to gather during lunch breaks, enjoying board games and social interaction. Our elementary classes provide a variety of engaging experiences, including audio stories, interactive play, and imaginative creation, all while fostering a love of reading.

Mark your calendars for our annual Book Fair, running from October 22 to 25. Students can attend during their weekly library classes to view and purchase items. We're extending our hours on Thursday, October 24, until 8:00 PM, allowing parents to visit the fair with their children during parent-teacher conferences. A percentage of the sales supports the Learning Commons, helping us purchase new books. We appreciate your support! We're excited to continue building a culture of learning that prioritizes reading, collaboration, creativity, and community.

🐾 **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.



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🐾 **JH/HS Academic Awards Night** ~ It is soon that time of year again to acknowledge our academic successes in Junior and Senior High from last school year! Celebration will be on Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 in the gym. Those that are receiving awards have been given an invitation letter.

🐾 **After School Swim Program** ~ by Tanya Welch ~ Once again with the cooperative effort from the Bawlf Recreation Board, the Killam Swimming Pool and the Bawlf School, after school swimming lessons will be offered. Forms were sent out to students in grades 1-6 on September 25 and are to be returned to the school by October 1st. This year we will be trying something different for lessons so if your child/children are interested please carefully read the swim form that was sent home and if there are any questions, please contact Tanya Welch at 780-678-7686.

🐾 **School fees** ~ all fees, up to date, have been assigned on Rycor. Please log in to your online account and check them out. Invoices were emailed out to everyone with a balance owing yesterday. Fees can be paid online preferably, but also a cheque or cash can be sent to the office. Remember, fees for field trips, sports, other courses can be added on at any time when those event come up. Rycor is the program that you can pay fees and sign consent forms. Go to the Bawlf School website, scroll down to the bottom and click on the square that says "Online Payments and Ordering" and you get in that way.

🐾 **Career Counselling News** ~ [October 2024](#)

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 16 and have lots planned for this school year! We will be doing three hot lunches, Wipf's Greenhouse, and Sweeterie fundraisers. Order forms for hot lunches will be sent home shortly. Fundscrip gift cards will be available to order throughout the year by signing up to have them mailed directly to you.

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.

Athletics



🐾 Junior High Volleyball ~ by Mrs. Arndt ~ The Jr High volleyball teams have started playing league games and have already made big improvements since our first tournament! They are gearing up for a busy October where tournament play will take them to Daysland/Killam and Charlie Killam. Our home tournament will be October 18th and 19th, come cheer our Wildcats on! Thank you to the athlete's parents for organizing our concession for that weekend.

🐾 Junior High Boys Volleyball ~ by Mrs. Gjesdal ~ Jr. Boys have had a great start to the season! We had 21 boys come to the first try out so that allowed us to create 2 teams! It has been great having this many interested athletes! The A team played in the CCHS tournament and had a great showing. They learned a lot through the round robin, ending up in 4th place. They then had to play the 1st place OLMP team in the cross over, and won! It was great to see the boys string together some rallies and work together as a team. In the semis, they came up against a strong CCHS team and unfortunately lost. We have also had two league games so far and have won both of them so far, defeating Hay Lakes and CKS. Looking forward to a strong rest of the season!

🐾 High School Volleyball ~ by Ms. Marusak ~ The Senior High Boys and Girls teams are off to a great start this year. The Girls played in the Vermillion tournament at the start of the school year and ended up finishing third. Both teams played in the Wetaskiwin tournament this past weekend with some close sets won and lost. Our teams are just beginning league play with home games on September 26th against Bashaw, October 1st against Forestburg and the Girls will host Daysland on October 8th. Bawlf School wants to extend a thank you to Jason Rasmuson for stepping up to head coach the girls and we also want to thank and welcome Coach Bishop for stepping up to head coach the boys.

Make sure you swing by on a home game night to cheer on our Senior Wildcats!