

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Nov 1	Staff PD – School closed
Nov 1 & 2	HS Volleyball tourney @ CCHS
Nov 4	Minislammers @ Sedgewick
Nov 5	JH Boys Volleyball Regionals @ Tofield
Nov 6	Take Your Kid To Work Day – Grade 9's
Nov 7	Chopped Leaf hot lunch
Nov 7	Minislammer Tourney 10:15-2:00 - here
Nov 8	Remembrance Day service @ 10:50 a.m.
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – School Closed
Nov 12-15	Fall Break – School Closed
Nov 15 & 16	HS Volleyball Zones
Nov 19	Lifetouch picture retakes – morning only
Nov 19	Mad Platter hot lunch
Nov 21	Jersey Day theme day
Nov 21-23	HS Volleyball Provincials
Nov 28	Wok Box hot lunch
Nov 29 & 30	HS Basketball tourney @ Forestburg
Dec 6	Staff PD – School closed
Dec 10	Christmas Concert
Dec 17	Christmas Luncheon
Dec 20	Last day of classes before Christmas break

of course, dates are subject to change

*Shout out to
Jordyn Yurkoski who
helped our Lifetouch
photographers on
picture day!
Thank you, Jordyn!*

*Thank you to our HS Foods
class who baked all the
cakes needed for the JH
home volleyball
tournament!*



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Notes From Administration ~

Dear Wildcat Families,

October has been a fantastic month filled with events, learning, and celebrations! This month, we honoured our current and former Wildcats at our 2023/2024 Awards Ceremony. We couldn't be prouder of our students, who continue to exemplify dedication, perseverance, and the Bawlf Wildcat spirit.

October is also the month we enjoy Thanksgiving, offering us a moment to reflect on how blessed we are as a community. This month, our K-6 students focused on the essential characteristic of thankfulness, and at our month-end assembly, students from each class were recognized by their teachers for consistently demonstrating gratitude at school. Congratulations to all the award recipients!

We are also immensely grateful for our school's wonderful support network. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to our School Council and the BEST Foundation for their countless hours volunteering in support of our school.

We also extend our appreciation to Trudi Duheme, who runs the Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch program throughout the year. The dedication everyone shows to our students, staff, and community makes all the difference!

Our recent Parent-Teacher Interview (PTI) night was busy and successful. In addition to great conversations with families, the evening included a well-attended book fair (thank you Mrs. Banack) and two exciting Senior Volleyball league games. We're grateful to the parents who ran the concession that evening, which made a great profit toward our school field trip and athletic funds.

As a reminder, in addition to PTIs, our teachers and administrators are available for appointments throughout the year. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your child's progress, please reach out at any time.

A special thank-you goes out to our dedicated volunteer coaches, both from our staff and the broader community! Our athletic programs simply wouldn't be the same without the countless hours you pour into coaching our students. Whether it's early mornings, late evenings, or weekends, your commitment to developing our athletes' sportsmanship, skills, and teamwork is truly inspiring. Because of your guidance, our students are not only improving as athletes but also as individuals who understand the importance of dedication, fair play, and camaraderie. We are so fortunate to have such passionate and committed coaches who make a difference in the lives of our Wildcats!

Looking ahead, November 6th will be Grade 9 "Take Your Child to Work" Day. Permission forms have been sent home, and we're so appreciative of the parents, families, and community members willing to provide students with this valuable real-world experience. If you can offer an opportunity for a Grade 9 student to join you at work for the day, please contact Ms. L'Heureux.

Wishing everyone a fantastic November, and a safe and fun Halloween tonight!

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.

🐾 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. I also want to make mention that I will be stepping down as the after school swim program coordinator so please reach out to myself, Tanya Welch at 780-678-7686 if you or someone you know is interested in taking on this volunteer position. The swim program runs twice a year, once in the fall (this set of lessons was just completed) and once in the spring for elementary students in Grades 1-6. It is a great program for kids to have fun and to improve their swimming skills.

🐾 Learning Commons ~ *by Mrs. Banack* ~ Our Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous success, generating total sales of \$5,285.50! Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We are excited to announce that we will receive \$1,500 in Scholastic dollars to buy books and resources for our Learning Commons. As we wrap up October, we have fun Halloween-themed games and activities planned to celebrate the season!

🐾 School spiritwear! Here's the link to order Wildcat gear: <https://lilbuckaroodesign.ca/content/product-category/bawlfschool/>

🐾 **Remembrance Day Service** will be on Friday, November 8, starting at 10:50 a.m. in the gym. Ms. Young and the students did an incredible job last year so it will be the same this year for sure! Parents and community members are invited to attend. Please be seated in the gym no later than 10:50 a.m. so the moment of silence can begin as close to 11:00 as possible.

🐾 **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** ~ Thursday, October 10th, we celebrated our 2023-2024 JH and HS academic successes at the annual Awards Night. Honours, citizenship, merit and scholarship awards were handed out. We'd like to thank all our sponsors of the awards. Your generous support of our school community helps us "Achieve Excellence"! Please see the attached program with all the recipients' names. Congratulations, Wildcats! We are very proud of you all!

🐾 **High School Student's Union** ~ by Mrs. Enright and Chloe Yurkoski-Knudson ~ Our September Dodgeball tournament was a big success! Congratulations to the Unicorns: Kayd Munro, Riley Van Petten, Luke Stang and Kitly Thue for winning the junior high event.



The Grade 11 Boys took home the high school dodgeball event winning two of three against the Defending Champs. Congratulations to Carson Huseby, Gavin Gallon, Scott Dodsworth and Evan Barber.
See you next year!



This November we will once again be taking part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign. We are asking

each classroom to fill two shoeboxes for children in need. If you are able, we invite you to send a small donation item with your child(ren) to school Nov. 4-8th.

Operation Christmas Child: The History

In 1993, Franklin Graham received a call for a man overseas in England. The man asked if Franklin would be able to fill shoeboxes, full of gifts for children from war-torn Bosnia.

Franklin agreed but Christmas was still months away, and he forgot. Franklin received a call around Thanksgiving where the man checked in with how the gifts were going. Franklin asked his friend Pastor Ross Rhoads of Calvary Church of Charlotte for help. A Sunday shortly after Rhoads spread the word on how to fill the shoe boxes. Within weeks over 11,000 boxes were filled.

Ever since Samaritan's Purse has been collecting shoe boxes filled with school supplies, toys, and hygiene items for children around the world.

Our Goal...

We would like each class to take part in being a 'Good Samaritan'. Each class is being asked to fill two shoe boxes. A "Boy" box and a "Girl" box. Students from every class will be asked to contribute donations to their classes box.

What to bring?

Here's a couple ideas:

- Crayons/pencils/pens & Picture book/coloring book
- Socks/underwear/shirt/bandana/tote bag
- Box of bandaids

- Small frisbee/jump rope
- Ball with hand pump
- Toy trains/cars/trucks
- Hair clips/ribbons/ties
- plastic dinosaurs
- Building blocks
- Flashlight
- Legos
- Puzzles
- Dolls & stuffed animals
- Bead jewelry kit
- Gardening or Fishing kit

**If you are unsure on what to donate a small donation of money is welcome to help with shipping fees.

Notable Days:

Nov. 4-8th: Shoebox Collection Week

Nov. 21st: Jersey Day


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School Council


Happy Fall, Everyone! The Bawlf School Council had their first meeting on Sept. 16 offered both in person and virtually - thank you to all that attended! Our next meeting will be Nov. 25 @ 7 pm with a virtual option again. Our hot lunch program continues to run this year. Thank you to Trudi for organizing this program. 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).

Athletics



 Junior High Girls Volleyball ~ by Mrs. Arndt ~ The Jr High girls are wrapping up their season with one last tournament at Charlie Killam this upcoming weekend. They have been working hard and improving their skills in league play and tournament action, which took us to Camrose, Daysland, and at home in our own tournament as well. The season always seems to fly by! Thanks for a fun season, girls!

 Junior High Boys Volleyball ~ by Mrs. Gjesdal ~ The Junior High boys have had a great season! They had a great time learning and developing in the Killam tournament and ended up taking home the gold! Later, at our home tournament, the boys had many tough battles and fought hard to obtain second place against a strong Tofield team. Both the semi-final and final games went to three sets and encouraged the boys to play in high stakes games. The boys ended up third in league play, which advanced them to Divisionals in New Norway. We ended up second in our pool which led us to play CCHS in the cross over. We were able to defeat them confidently in two and punched our ticket to Regionals! The finals were a one set game to determine rankings and after a tough back and forth game, the boys came up short with a score of 24-26 against the home team, New Norway. We look forward to representing our school next week in Regionals and have a strong desire to take down some of the teams that have beat us in some close battles! Cheer loud for us!

 High School Volleyball ~ by Ms. Marusak ~ The High School volleyball teams have had a fun season filled with tons of memorable moments. They've entered many tournaments and have had lots of league play this year. The girls finished second in their league and will have a playoff game on November 7th to determine if they move on to Zones. Our boys did not quite qualify for Zones this year but showed lots of growth and development by the end of season. Bawlf School wishes to extend a giant THANK YOU to our community coaches Jason Rasmuson and Rocky Bishop who have dedicated countless hours of their own volunteer time to coach our teams this year. We are so appreciative of your expertise and knowledge of the sport, as well as your guidance, dedication and words of encouragement to our players throughout the season. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Bawlf School also

wishes to thank our parent volunteers for running concession on game nights with delicious homemade meals and treats. Players from our own school as well as others have loved being able to come off the court and get a good bite to eat after their games. Thank you, parents for driving when you could and for being our biggest cheerleaders as well and we are so grateful for your support. As the season winds down, both teams still have a tournament at CCHS on November 1st and 2nd so please check it out and cheer them on!!

🐾 Minislammer Volleyball ~ by *Mrs. Barber* ~ The Minislammers are coached this year by Mrs. Enright and Mrs. Barber. We have 44 students on our team. They have played 3 games so far against Daysland, Forestburg and Viking. They will have an intersquad game on October 30th and travel to Sedgewick on Monday, November 4th. Their final tournament will be hosted at Bawlf School on Thursday, November 7th. We will have 12 teams visiting from 5 other schools, including 4 teams of our own. I will be looking for parent volunteers to help us coach that day, if you are interested, contact Mrs. Barber.

🐾 Cross Country ~ by *Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Prescesky* ~ Nearly 50 athletes enjoyed a fantastic running season, attending races throughout September and October. All of our runners had success, whether it was personal bests, or placing in the top ten. Our team received the team award at two races. It was great seeing athletes challenge themselves to be their best and hearing them cheer each other on.

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

Taye Thue - 3rd Place
Hattie Gordeyko - 3rd Place
Wessa Thue - 4th Place
Talia Thue - 6th Place
Remi Thue - 1st Place
Jakob Van Petten - 5th Place
Keagon Miller - 4th Place
Kitly Thue - 3rd Place
Jhett Thue - 1st Place
Blayze Thue - 2nd Place
Kate MacDonald- 1st Place

In the Battle River Regional Junior High Championship congratulations goes to Remi Thue who received the 1st Place medal. Our Junior High Boys earned 3rd Place in this championship race as well.

Our High School runners also competed in Zones in Camrose, with Kate MacDonald (1st Place), Blayze Thue (5th Place), and Jhett Thue (3rd Place) earning the 1A School Zone Championship for the very first time! These three athletes advanced to the Provincial Race in Grande Prairie. They were competing against about 115 athletes in each of their races, with 1A to 4A schools from all over Alberta. All 3 of these athletes had fast times and brought home the 1A School Team Provincial Championship! This was also the first time that Bawlf School has achieved this award. Jhett finished 21st, Blayze finished 32nd, and Kate earned a spot on the podium with a 10th place finish. Way to go, Wildcats!