

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Nov 28	Wok Box hot lunch
Nov 29 & 30	HS Basketball tourney @ Forestburg
Nov 29	Gr 2/3/7/8 to Peter Lougheed Theatre play
Dec 3	Panago hot lunch
Dec 4	Grades 10 & 11 to Daysland for Career Session
Dec 5	Subway hot lunch
Dec 5	HS B bball hosts Holden Rural Academy
Dec 6	Staff Meeting/PD Day – School closed
Dec 6 & 7	HS Boys BBall tourney @ Forestburg
Dec 6 & 7	HS Girls BBall tourney @ Breton
Dec 10	Christmas Concert – 1:30 & 6:30
Dec 12	Booster Juice hot lunch
Dec 12	HS B bball @ Cornerstone Academy
Dec 13 & 14	JH Bball home tournament
Dec 17	Christmas luncheon & Christmas sweater/color dress up day
Dec 17	HS B Bball host Viking
Dec 20	JH Bowling in Camorse
Dec 20	Last day of classes before Christmas break
Jan 6	Classes resume

Yay to all our amazing parents! We did it! Every single family in our school has completed their 2024-2025 verification forms for this school year! This was a huge accomplishment to be done this by mid-November, and just so you know, we are one of only two schools in the Division to be 100% complete! Thank you! Wildcat parents are the BEST!

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

Remember! Doors do not open until 8:20 every morning so please do not arrive prior to that ~ it's getting too cold outside to wait!

8:20

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Notes From Administration ~

Dear Wildcat Families,

November has been a special month at Bawlf School as we focus on the value of empathy. We paid tribute on Remembrance Day to the soldiers who fought for our freedoms. Thank you to Mrs. Young for her dedication in organizing such a beautiful ceremony, and to our students for their respectful behavior during this special event. Our elementary classrooms have been busy learning about empathy through lessons and activities. Meanwhile, our leadership and community volunteerism classes have been actively supporting others, further demonstrating the care and compassion that make Bawlf School such a remarkable place.

I want to express my gratitude to our students, staff, and parents for fostering a culture of support, kindness, and empathy that can be felt daily in our school. It's not uncommon for visitors and new families to comment on the welcoming and positive atmosphere they experience when stepping into Bawlf School. Thank you for contributing to this amazing environment—we truly are stronger together.

In the most recent Alberta Government Annual Education Results Report (AERR) for Bawlf School, we achieved an impressive **91.3%** satisfaction rate among stakeholders who feel our school is a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment. While this is an achievement to celebrate, our goal remains 100%.

This week, we reviewed this year's Assurance Report during our school council meeting and discussed our ongoing goals and vision for Bawlf School. Thank you to all the parents who joined us—both in person and online—and shared valuable feedback to help us continue building on the great things happening at our school. The Assurance Report will be available on our website next week, and I encourage everyone to take a look.

Next week we are launching our **Study Blitz** for students in Grades 6-12! This engaging program will teach essential study skills in a fun and interactive way. Each week, we'll introduce a new skill, and students will have the chance to practice it at home, teach it to their parents, and earn ballots for weekly prize draws.

Here's the schedule:

- **Week 1 (Dec. 2-5): Create a Study Space**
Prize: Mechanical pencil set and clipboard
- **Week 2 (Dec. 9-13): Organization**
Prize: Binder and water bottle
- **Week 3 (Jan. 6-10): Review Course Work**
Prize: Whiteboard and markers
- **Week 4 (Jan. 13-17): Goal Setting and Reflection**
Prize: Desk lamp

At the end of the Study Blitz, students who participate in all four skills will be entered into a grand prize draw for a **new Chromebook!**

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students develop not only academically but also as compassionate, well-rounded individuals. Together, we can make Bawlf School even more exceptional.

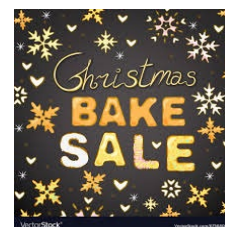
Yours in education,

Ms. April L'Heureux

School News

🐾 **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.

🐾 **Ranch Camp Bake Sale** ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ The Grade 5 & 6 classes are having a bake sale on December 10th, right after the Christmas Concert in support of their annual Ranch Camp trip. There will be many options available: 1 item for \$1, 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10. We will be in the main commons, around the Christmas tree as you leave the Christmas concert.



🐾 **High School Students Union** ~ by Mrs. Enright ~ For Halloween, HSSU students decorated the stage and welcomed elementary classes to walk through the haunted house and stick their hands into creepy "food" containers. We also organized some games such as Wrap the Mummy using toilet paper, eyeball on a spoon relay race and tossing skulls into a cauldron.

Thanks to everyone who submitted photos for the Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt.

Thanks to everyone who provided items for our Shoebox Campaign. Bawlf School was able to send around 20 boxes to children in need overseas.

December brings us closer to Christmas and with that comes lots of fun activities. Our leadership class will be collaborating with our Community Volunteer class to plan some Christmas activities.

Please mark December 17th on your calendar for our Christmas Sweater/ Christmas color dress-up day.

🐾 **Lifetouch pictures** ~ Don't forget to order this year's school pictures and enjoy 10% off your order! Use code: F2410OFF. This expires July 31, 2025. Any questions on pictures must be directed to Lifetouch Canada @ 1-866-457-8212, not the school.

🐾 **Elementary Christmas Concert** ~ by Mrs. Konrad ~ Join us on December 10th for our annual Christmas Concert. There will be two performances, a dress rehearsal in the afternoon at 1:30 and an evening performance at 6:30. Doors will open at 6:00 for students and parents. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate for the food bank.

🐾 **Christmas luncheon** ~ by Mrs. Arndt ~ Our annual Christmas Luncheon will take place on Tuesday December 17th, 2024. Students and honoured guests will gather in the gym where we will share in a delicious meal. Thank you to Ember Resources and Canada Malting for their sponsorship of this event. We can't think of a better way to share in the joy of the season!



We are looking for people who would be willing to donate some desserts/goodies for this event. If you are interested in donating, please let Hailey Arndt know by Thursday, December 12th so we know how much we have coming and are able to supplement if needed. We are asking for desserts such as cookies, squares, cupcakes, etc (no cakes, as we are looking for things that are already sliced/baked individually for kids to grab). Please, NO nuts of any kind in any of the desserts. If you would like to donate something with special dietary ingredients, please label it clearly and let us know.

You can reach Mrs. Arndt at hortman@brsd.ab.ca or at the school phone number (780) 373-3784 to let her know what you will be bringing/how much. You can drop these off at the school Monday, December 16th or the Tuesday morning.

Thank you so much in advance!

🐾 **Career Counselling News** ~ [December newsletter](#)

BEST

Thanks so much to all those that made donations to our first lot lunch of the year: The Szott family, Jessica Puddicombe, Trudi Duheme, Kristen Gordeyko, Whitney Huseby and Alison Stang. Special thanks to Tana Munro, Melissa Ronsko, Jen Crawford and Whitney Huseby, who prepared the lunch for everyone!

BEST will be doing a fundraiser with The Sweeterie in Camrose. We will be selling special punch cards for donuts, cupcakes, macaroons, and a variety of types of edible cookie dough. Customers will receive the punch card and then can take these punch cards to the Sweeterie to receive the selected items that they have purchased. You can use these cards all in one purchase or enjoy a treat one at a time!

Order forms will be sent home with students on November 28th and will be due back at the school on December 12th. The Sweeterie Punch Cards will be available for pick up at the school on December 18th or can be sent home with students. An example of the order form is posted below.

Also, remember that if you are planning on buying gift cards for Christmas to order them through Fundscrip.com! The invitation code to support BEST Foundation is: UDJFXB.

Parent Council

The Bawlf School Council continues to be active throughout the school this fall. A big thank you to Trudi Duheme for all of her hard work organizing Hot Lunch and to all of the volunteers helping to hand out lunch each week! If you would like to order for future dates, please head to www.healthyhunger.ca to register. Our next meeting will be February 3rd 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 @bawlfs). As always, feel free to contact us at bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Athletics



🐾 Junior High Boys Volleyball ~ *by Mrs. Gjesdal* ~ The Junior High Boys ended their season at the beginning of November. We travelled to Tofield for Regionals, coming in as a second place team from our Division. We met some new teams in our round robin and were able to obtain 2nd in our pool. This landed us to play against a strong New Norway team in the cross over. Unfortunately, we were not able to defeat our long standing rival. This took us to play for a bronze medal against Tofield, who we had lost to earlier that day. It was a very long day, and the boys were obviously tired. They lost the 1st set, but went on to battle and win the 2nd set! They kept working hard and were able to take the 3rd, getting us a bronze medal! Overall, the boys had a great season and it was very exciting seeing how they developed as a team. Each boy worked hard and both of us coaches are very proud of all of them. Thanks for the great season and we're looking forward to moving into the basketball season! Go, Cats!

🐾 High School Girls Volleyball ~ *by Ms. Marusak* ~ The High School Girls have had a very successful season. They finished second in the central league and second in zones. This afforded them the ability to partake in the 1A Provincial volleyball tournament weekend hosted in Bonnyville and they represented our school very well. Our girls were ranked 8th overall entering the tournament and were a bit of an underdog. They ended up winning the consolation side and achieved 5th in the province! They did lose a very close match to the 2nd place ranked team which would have put them in the gold medal match. They took it to three sets and came up just short losing 13-15 in the third set. So, we were right there among the top teams in the province. Thank you again to those who drove out to cheer our girls on in the tournament and to our coach Jason Rasmuson for putting in the time and effort to coach our girls this season. We bid a bittersweet farewell to our grade 12 girls who played their last high school volleyball game and we are glad you could finish the season with some happy memories. That's a wrap on the 2024 volleyball season! Well done, Wildcats!

🐾 Minislammer Volleyball ~ *by Mrs. Barber* ~ The 2024 Mini Slammers session has officially come to a close. We ended the season on a high note by hosting 12 teams for our tournament. The players had so much fun and have grown into quite the athletes. Thank you to Pam Knudson, Starla Vickers, and Adam Enright for volunteering as parent coaches for the day. Also, thank you to Trudi Duheme, Tara Wenstob and Pam Knudson who organized our concession. Many parents also donated time and resources to support our concession. We were able to raise a significant amount of funds to go towards Ranch Camp. As well, thank you to everyone who came out to support our players. It means so much to our team to have so many people cheering them on.

🐾 Junior High Boys Basketball ~ *by Mr. Troitsky* ~ We are underway and there is a lot of interest from Grade 7, 8, and 9 boys in playing basketball with 24 boys showing up for tryouts. Big thanks to Mr. Matt Enright for volunteering to help coach, so that we can keep all kids on the court. Our first game action will be our home tournament on December 13/14th, please come out and support our Wildcats!

🐾 High School Basketball ~ *by Ms. Marusak* ~ Volleyball has come to an end and basketball is just gearing up! The Sr. Girls will be playing in the Forestburg tournament on November 29th and 30th while the Sr. Boys will be Forestburg themselves on December 6th & 7th. League starts before Christmas for our High School teams and so we will host Holden Rural Academy on December 5th. This will be a boys only game as HRA does not have a girls team. We also have some wonderful volunteer parents running concession on ALL High School home game nights so be sure to stop by the school, cheer on our teams and buy a delicious bite to eat from our concession! Many of the items are homemade and reasonably priced! Feed the family! We are very much looking forward to getting the season started! Hope to see you out! Go, Cats!