

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

March 21 & 22	HS Basketball Provincials
March 24-28	Spring break – no school
March 31	School resumes
April 1	Mad Platter hot lunch – pre-ordered
April 2-4	HS Ski trip @ Lake Louise
April 2	HS Badminton City/County playoffs
April 3	BEST hot lunch – taco in a bag – pre-ordered
April 4	Staff PD – no school
April 7	Parent Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
April 8	Parent Teacher interviews 4:00-8:00 p.m.
April 9	HS Badminton Area playoffs
April 9	HS Travel Club meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
April 10	Wok Box hot lunch – pre-ordered
April 10	JH Badminton Divisionals
April 11	HS to Oilers game
April 15	Panago hot lunch – pre-ordered
April 16	HS Badminton Zones playoffs
April 17	JH Badminton Regionals
April 18	Good Friday – school closed
April 21	Easter Monday – school closed
April 23	Gr 4/5/6 Science Fair
April 24	Booster Juice hot lunch – pre-ordered
April 25	Spring Family dance
April 29	Subway hot lunch – pre-ordered
May 1	Village Cleanup
May 2	Staff PD – no school
May 2-3	HS Badminton Provincials – Red Deer
May 7	Hats on for Mental Health
May 8	Kindergarten Orientation for 2025-2026
May 8	East Side Marios hot lunch – pre-ordered

of course, dates are subject to change

It's "Order your yearbook" time!

We have to have our order numbers in this year **by April 30th, so you need to order your 2024-2025 yearbook before then if you would like one!**

Cost is \$30. You can pay cash or cheque or let us know if you want it added to your account to pay online.

Our yearbooks included everyone in the whole school, from Kindergarten to Grade 12. They are in colour, soft cover and they are fabulous! Delivery in in September.



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Notes From Administration ~

Dear Wildcat families,

March has been a busy and exciting month at Bawlf School. The ever-changing weather has kept us on our toes, but inside our walls, we've remained focused on *Achieving Excellence*. Here are a few highlights from the past few weeks.

We were privileged to welcome Chris Gray, also known as Cody Deaner in the wrestling world, to speak to our Grade 7-12 students. His inspiring message emphasized the power of influence and the importance of hard work in achieving success. While no wrestling moves were demonstrated (to our insurance provider's relief), his words left a lasting impact on our students, motivating them to set high goals and put in the effort to reach them.

Parents of students in Grades 4, 7, and 10, please check your inboxes for the AEA survey, which was emailed out with anonymous access codes. At this time, we have a response from 13 families out of 64 codes sent. The deadline to complete the survey has been extended by one week until Friday, March 28th. This data is vital in shaping our education plan for the upcoming year, helping us prioritize areas of focus for student success at Bawlf School. Your feedback is invaluable, and we encourage you to take a few moments to complete the survey.

A sincere thank you to BEST and the volunteers who served at the Casino in Red Deer this week. The funds raised through this event contribute significantly to providing enhanced learning experiences and resources for our students. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Today, our Grade 10-12 students are participating in the *Adulting 101* fair, an event designed to help prepare them for life beyond high school. Each student receives a folder to collect information on key topics such as budgeting, banking, taxes, rental agreements, utilities, and career planning. Representatives from organizations including the Canada Revenue Agency, Service Canada, Family & Community Support Services, and former BRSD students are on hand to provide valuable insights and answer questions. This event is an excellent opportunity for our students to gain knowledge that will support them as they transition into adulthood.

We also want to wish our High School Girls' basketball team the best of luck as they begin Provincials today! Their dedication, perseverance, and team spirit truly reflect what it means to *Achieve Excellence*, and we know they will proudly represent Bawlf School. Go get 'em, girls!

Attendance continues to be a critical factor in student success. Since the pandemic, schools across the country have seen a decline in consistent attendance, and research has shown a strong correlation between attendance and academic achievement. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to build strong learning habits, stay engaged in their education, and ultimately reach their full potential. We encourage families to prioritize attendance, as every day in the classroom counts toward building a strong foundation for future success.

Looking ahead, after Spring Break, we invite families to attend our Bawlf School Council meeting on April 7th. We strongly believe in the importance of collaboration between school and home, and your input plays a key role in enhancing our school community. Additionally, Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on April 8th. If you are unable to attend on this date, please reach out to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative meeting time. Open communication is essential in supporting student learning and success.

At Bawlf School, we care deeply about each and every one of our students. Their growth, well-being, and success remain at the heart of everything we do. We appreciate the ongoing support from our families in helping us foster a learning environment where students can thrive. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community. We wish all families a restful and enjoyable Spring Break, and we look forward to finishing the school year strong—together, we are *Achieving Excellence*!

Yours in education,

Ms. L'Heureux and Mr. Troitsky

School News

🐾 Reminder ~ Doors open at 8:20 every morning – please do not arrive before that. 🐾

🐾 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.

🐾 Parent Teacher Interviews ~ Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4/5, 5, and 6 Student-Led Conferences and 7-12 Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI) are scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th. The goal of Student-led conferences is for you to have an opportunity to observe your child demonstrate his/her learning, share some activities that they do at school, and engage in shared learning experiences. Your child must attend the conference as they are the star of the show. There is no need to make an appointment as all student-led conferences are drop-in and should last approximately 15-20 minutes. Please note that there will be multiple families in the room at one time. If you need to have a discussion with your child's teacher, please set up a time to connect on a different day.

For Grades 7-12 PTI, you are welcome to book an in-person or phone appointment with your child's teacher. Please go to the School Interview booking site at <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/9tntw>. Each interview is approximately 10 minutes long. If you are unable to participate on that date, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher by email so they can work with you to schedule an alternate interview.

🐾 **Kindergarten Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year!** Those children born in the year 2020 are eligible for registration. The Success Starts Early orientation is on Wednesday, May 7th. Please call the office to book your time slot. Time slots are open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. and each one is approximately 15 minutes long.

🐾 **Grade 5 & 6 Ranch Camp** ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ Thank you to Trudi Duheme and Tara Wenstob who organized our spaghetti hot lunch to help raise money for ranch camp. Also thank you to the parents who came to help prepare and serve the lunch!

Permission forms and information will be sent regarding Ranch Camp in the next month. The dates are May 21 - 23. Watch your emails and let Mrs. Barber or Mrs. Holm know if there are any questions that you or your child may have.

🐾 **Lawn Fertilizer for sale!!** From a Junior High fundraiser two years ago, we still have 10 bags of lawn fertilizer for sale that we'd like to get rid of! It is the 19-12-15 blend, they are 15 kg bags, and a great deal of \$25 per bag. Please help us out! With spring arriving, your lawn will need some extra love so this is perfect timing! Call or stop in at the office for your bag soon!

🐾 **Gr 4/5/6 Science Fair** ~ by Mrs. Arndt ~ The date of the annual Grade 4, 5, and 6 science fair has been set for Wednesday, April 23rd. On the day of the fair, students will present a project based on a topic they have been studying in science class. Parents are welcome to attend at 2 p.m.! Come on out to encourage and observe our future scientists!

🐾 **High School Students Union** ~ by Mrs. Enright ~ We are busily planning the Spring Family Dance, which is set to be on Friday, April 25. Please see the attached poster explaining all the details! Let's dance!

🐾 **Junior High Ski Trip** ~ by Ms. Marusak ~ On March 10th, Grades 7, 8 and 9 attended the annual ski trip. This year we skied at Rabbit Hill in Edmonton and it turned out to be a great day! Thank you so much to BEST for sponsoring our beautiful transportation to and from the hill in a Bi-West coach bus. It makes it a breeze to have reliable transportation and to get everyone there together in one piece. Thank you also to Mr. Troitsky and Ms. Gilchrist for going along as our staff supervisors and thank you to all our parent volunteers who came along on the trip as well. Ski trip is a fan favourite and we hope to continue it for many years to come!

🐾 **Career Counselling News** ~ [March Newsletter](#)

Parent Council

On March 7th, we had our annual Staff Appreciation Lunch. Thank you to all that donated items to make this such a success! It is our privilege to show our gratitude to such an amazing staff who support our school community. A continued thank you to all of the volunteers who work to make hot lunch a success within our school - we appreciate you! Council is proud to offer such a great program in our school. Our next meeting will be **April 7** at the school. For those who cannot attend in person, there will be a virtual link sent out. Council would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the members of BEST for organizing another casino fundraiser. We appreciate the extensive funds that are generated to support school activities. A huge thank you to the parents and especially the school staff who volunteered to work shifts! 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 bawlschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Happy Spring Break!

Athletics



🐾 **Minidunker Basketball** ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ The Mini Dunkers wrapped up their successful season with their final tournament in Viking just prior to Spring Break. The improvement demonstrated by our athletes was amazing. We had some very close games. Great sportsmanship, improved skills and many smiles were noted by the parents and coaches. We look forward to next basketball season!

🌸 **Junior High Boys Basketball** ~ *by Mr. Troitsky* ~ The Junior High boys basketball teams officially wrapped up their seasons in March. The "A" boys were fortunate enough to participate in the Regional Tournament hosted at CCHS on February 28/March 1st. The boys had a strong showing and finished second in the tournament. Throughout the season the boys played extremely hard, with a goal of never getting outworked. They represented their school remarkably well with constant sportsmanship and respect for opponents, officials, teammates, and all others. I am very proud of this group of young men and the season that they had. Our "B" boys were able to wrap things up with a home game against Viking in March. The boys showed fantastic growth throughout the season, and impressive skill development. Coach Enright and myself are very proud of this group of young men and how they worked together and improved as a team this year. We are looking forward to working with all of them again next year.

🌸 **High School Basketball** ~ *by Ms. Marusak* ~ High School basketball is finally winding down after a great season with lots of growth, laughs and memories. The boys had a very successful season. They entered six tournaments and had a tough league to compete in this year. Ultimately, the boys fought hard and earned Bronze in Zones defeating Bentley for their final game. The girls also had a great season. With their small but mighty team, the girls won their league and achieved Silver in Zones which was hosted here this past weekend. The girls' journey continues this weekend at Provincials in Olds and we wish them nothing but luck! Bawlf School wishes to extend a very big thank you to our boys coaches, Mr. Munro and Mr. Reece Thue for their time and dedication they have put into the boys this season. We would not be such a great team without you! We also wish to thank our girls' coaches, Leah Rasmuson and Kirstyn Rau, who also have dedicated their time, effort and expertise into developing our senior girls team. We truly appreciate it. Last but not least, thank you to our fans and supporters for cheering us on throughout the season and thank you to our parents who helped organize and run many delicious concessions on game night and tournaments!

🌸 **High School Badminton** ~ Playdowns start right away after spring break where the first one (City/County) will be on Wednesday, April 2nd. Next up is Areas on April 9th, Zones on April 16th then Provincials on May 2nd & 3rd. Consent forms and fees are posted online and need to be completed by April 1st.

Community

2025 Bawlf Baseball and Softball Registration ~ Bawlf Recreation Association is accepting registration for this spring season. Please see attached form in the attachments! Any questions, please call/text Barry Cryderman at 780-608-0150. Deadline to register is March 21st. *****Please note: Even though the form says March 21st as the date to return forms by, they are asking to please hand in forms as soon as possible. There are kids from Round Hill and Daysland asking for spots*****

Youth Recreation Soccer League in Rosalind ~ For kids aged 4-12, there is a 6 week season, running every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 starting May 7th in Rosalind (weather permitting). Cost is \$10 per child. Please see attached form in the attachments! Any questions, call/text Kylie Cryderman at 780-678-5739. Deadline to register is April 3rd.