

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

May 1	Village Cleanup
May 2	Staff PD – no school
May 2-3	HS Badminton Provincials – Red Deer
May 5	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
May 7	Hats on for Mental Health
May 7	Kindergarten Orientation for 2025-2026
May 8	East Side Marios hot lunch – pre-ordered
May 13	Papa Johns Pizza hot lunch – pre-ordered
May 13	Grade 10 Orientation @ 5:00 p.m.
May 14	HS Track City/County
May 19	Victoria Day – no school
May 21	Grade 12 breakfast with the staff @ 7:45
May 21	HS Track Areas
May 21-23	Grade 5 & 6 Ranch Camp
May 22	Class Farewell Rehearsal @ 4:00 p.m.
May 22	Chopped Leaf hot lunch – pre-ordered
May 23	Class Farewell ~ Ceremonies @ 7:00 p.m.
May 27	Mad Platter hot lunch – pre-ordered
May 27	JH Track Divisionals
May 28	Grade 6 LA PAT Part A
May 28	HS Track Zones
May 30	Staff PD – no school
June 3	JH Track Regionals
June 3	Panago Pizza hot lunch
June 5	Hope Mission walk @ 2:00 p.m.
June 5	Wok Box hot lunch – pre-ordered
June 6	Grades 2 & 3 field trip to Telus World of Science
June 6-7	HS Track Provincials
June 9	Parent Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
June 10	Elementary Track meet
June 11	English 30 Part A diploma
June 12	JH/HS Athletic Awards
June 13	Grade 1 class to Miquelon Lake field trip
June 13	Grade 4/5 class to Fort Edmonton Park
June 17	ECS field trip to Camrose
June 17	Bawlf Lions burger day for everyone
June 17	Bawlf School Talent Show @ 1:00 p.m.
June 18	English 30 Part B diploma
June 20	Volunteer Appreciation Tea @ 9:30 a.m.
June 26	Elementary Awards @ 10:00 a.m.
June 26	Last instructional day

**** of course, these dates & calendar are subject to change ****

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Notes From Administration ~

Dear Wildcat families,

As we step into the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible energy and spirit that fills our halls. At Bawlf School, we remain committed to nurturing a learning environment that is positive, safe, and focused on excellence. We believe deeply in the power of education, and we continue to prioritize academics and athletics and support every student in achieving their personal best.

April was a whirlwind of activity and a true celebration of community and student success! From meaningful conversations during Parent-Teacher Interviews and a productive School Council meeting to the laughter and joy at our school dance, there was much to celebrate. We also cheered on our athletes during a very successful badminton season. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and sportsmanship!

A major highlight this month was learning that we received a \$16,000 grant to support a much-needed sound system upgrade. This investment will make a big difference in the quality of our events and daily school life.

We are also incredibly grateful to our families and community members who continue to support our students and school in countless ways. Thank you for your dedication, encouragement, and for being active partners in education. A heartfelt shout-out goes to **Canada Malting** for generously sponsoring and preparing bagels for our students. In addition, thank you to **Paterson Grain** in Daysland for their donation of breakfast supplies and a monetary donation towards our breakfast program. Your kindness and community spirit are deeply appreciated!

We are gearing up for an exciting and meaningful May. Students are preparing for final assessments, including PATs and Diploma exams. We're also thrilled about upcoming events such as the Kindergarten "Success Starts Early" event, the High School Student Wellness Summit, High School and Junior High Orientations, the Grade 5 and 6 ranch sleepaway camp, and our Grade 12 Farewell celebration. These are just a few ways we continue to build connections, support student growth, and celebrate milestones together.

Again, thank you for being such a vital part of the Bawlf School community. Together, we are fostering a place where students can thrive and continue the quest to *Achieve Excellence!*

"Heroes aren't just born—they're made by the choices they make every day to be better, to help others, and to turn challenge into change."

— Inspired by the Marvel Universe

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.

🐾 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.

🐾 Annual Village Clean up ~ by Mrs. Arndt ~ The Grades Kindergarten to Grade 9 classes will be participating in the Village Clean-Up on the afternoon of Thursday, May 1st. Each class will be going to an assigned area in the community to pick up garbage around Bawlf and do our part to keep our community clean! Thank you to the Village of Bawlf for their sponsorship of garbage bags and ice cream as a treat when we are done.

🐾 Class Farewell ~ by Mrs. Gjesdal ~ Our graduation class is busy checking off everything from our To-Do lists! We are getting decorations completed and slowly bringing the vision to life! We have also started our Grand March practices, and let me tell you... this will be a spectacle that you will NOT want to miss! There are still many little things that we need to complete, but everything is well underway. May 23rd will be here before we know it! We are looking forward to celebrating these wonderful young adults!

🐾 Grade 5 & 6 Ranch Camp ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ The Grade 5 and 6 class are getting ready to head to Circle Square Ranch for their annual trip. We will be attending from May 21 - 23. Parents and students have worked hard towards fundraising to go on this trip. We reduced the cost from \$147 to \$57 per student. Circle Square Ranch is located right on the edge of a beautiful, prairie coulee in central Alberta. With 320 acres of land, they are able to offer a number of exciting activities. Some of the activities offered are: horseback riding, low ropes team building activity, archery, indoor rock climbing, canoeing, frisbee golf, and a gymnasium. We would like to thank our parent supervisors, because without them this venture would not be possible.

🐾 High School attend Oilers game ~ A large portion of the High School attended the Oilers game on Friday, April 11th. A great time was had cheering and chanting, and we were successfully in helping the Oilers win! A gigantic Wildcat thank you to OPT Inc & Terra Firma HDD for paying for the BiWest bus for all of us to travel to and from the game in style.

🐾 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 ~ Science fair was a huge success! We were excited to see all the projects from our new curriculums this year. It was a full day of learning and teaching about space, earth systems, living systems, energy, matter, and so much more! Thank you to all the students, staff, and parents/community members who came to check out our presentations and great work Grade 4, 5, and 6!

🐾 **High School Students Union** ~ by Mrs. Enright ~ Thanks to everyone who attended the Bawlf School Spring Dance. It was great to see so many families having fun and busting some moves on the dance floor. Thanks to BEST for helping cover the cost of the DJ and thanks to our awesome Students' Union team for decorating the gym and creating the amazing photo booth. We hope to see everyone out again next year.

🐾 **Administrative Assistant Appreciation** ~ by Ms. L'Heureux ~ On April 23rd and every day, we proudly recognize and celebrate Mrs. Bev Szott and Ms. Emma Price, the heart and soul of our school. Their warm smiles are the first thing students and visitors see each morning, and their calm, caring voices are the steady reassurance behind every phone call and question that comes their way. Bev and Emma take care of countless details behind the scenes, from managing schedules and supporting our staff to comforting nervous students, coordinating buses, organizing events, and keeping our school running smoothly, often all at once. Whether it is handling a busy front office, tracking down a missing permission slip, calming a worried parent, or helping a child who just needs extra care, they do it all with kindness, patience, and a sense of humor that lifts everyone around them. Their impact reaches every corner of our building, and their dedication, skill, and compassion make Bawlf School the welcoming, well-organized, and caring place it is. We are beyond grateful to have Mrs. Szott and Ms. Price on our team. On Administrative Assistants' Day and every day, we say a heartfelt THANK YOU. Our school would not be the same without you!

🐾 **Bus Driver Appreciation Day – Monday, May 5th** ~ On May 5th and always, we want to thank our incredible bus drivers, who are essential to our school family. Driving rural routes takes a special dedication, from navigating unpredictable weather and road conditions to ensuring every student arrives safely with a smile. It takes care, patience, and an unwavering commitment to safety, and we are fortunate to have such skilled and compassionate drivers leading the way. You are often the first and last friendly face our students see daily, and your care does not go unnoticed. Thank you for everything you do — we appreciate you more than you know!

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

Parent Council

Thank you to all the parents that came to our meeting on April 7. A continued big thank you to all the volunteers that continue to make the hot lunch program a success at the school! We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated crew to offer the program so frequently. Our Annual General Meeting will be June 9th at the school - we will be electing the positions of chair, vice president, secretary, non-officer parent representatives and hot lunch coordinator. 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 bawlfscouncil@gmail.com.

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Our AGM will take place on June 17th at 7:00 pm! We are a low-key group that meets in person, or online a few times during the school year to organize fundraisers and manage funds to help our kiddos and their teachers have a wonderful year. We are always looking for new members to join in this endeavor. If you are looking for a way to be involved with the school and meet other parents, please consider attending our AGM!

Wipf's Greenhouse orders will be available the week of May 10 at the Greenhouse.

A huge thank you to all those who volunteered at our two casino days in March: Tanya Welch, Jeff Banack, Emily Herder, Emma Price, Corina Thue, Tana Munro, Tina Masson, Leah Thue, Terry-Lynn Sereda, Janessa Matthew, Trudi Duheme, Sunday Meakins, Everly Larson, Crysta Kelland, Leslie Nikiforuk, April L'Heureux, and Angela Meyer.

Thank you to those who worked our Taco in a Bag Lunch: Tara Wenstob, Corina Thue, Tanya Welch, Chelsea Bergstrom, and Crystal Kelland. Also, thank you to those who donated to the lunch: Tara Wenstob, Everly Larson, Tana Munro, Lindy Kroetsch, and Pam Knudson.



🐾 **3 vs 3 Basketball Clinics** ~ by *Mrs. Matthews* ~ This month we ran basketball clinics for girls in Grades 5 - 9. We ran many drills and played games amongst ourselves. We even had some female athletes join us from Daysland. A HUGE thank you to Coach Doug and our parent volunteers. Without whom, we would not be able to run the clinic. The girls all improved SO much and had a blast honing their skills. I am looking forward to the clinics again next year!

🐾 **Junior High Badminton** ~ by *Mr. Munro* ~ Congratulations to the Bawlf JH Badminton team who placed 2nd overall out of 16 Junior High school in BRSD. Here are the BRSD Regional winners from our school:

Grade 7

Xander Cunningham and Jakob Van Petten – GOLD doubles

Chase Bergstrom – GOLD singles

Henry Enright and Wyatt Morris – 4th doubles

Grade 8

Lane Bjorge and Keagon Miller – GOLD doubles

Grady Crawford and Mac MacDonald – SILVER doubles

Grade 9

Kitly Thue – GOLD singles

Luke Stang and Riley Van Petten – GOLD doubles

Carsen Bendfeld – 4th singles

Point Standings Results:

1st: ECKS 35

2nd: Bawlf 28

3rd: OLMP 18

4th: ECHS 16

5th: Sedgewick 13

6th: Killam 11

7th: Ryley 11

8th: Bashaw 10

9th: Forestburg 6

10th: Holden 6

🐾 **High School Badminton** ~ by *Mrs. Holm* ~ On April 2nd, our High School badminton team travelled to Camrose to compete in the City/County tournament. We had a very successful competition where 12 of our 19 athletes qualified for Areas the following week. At the completion of the Area tournament, we had the following athletes qualify for Zones: Madelyn Herder, Kate MacDonald, Kai Burnstad and Mattix Reimer in singles, Clarie Dingman and Bailey Severson, Rayna Hafso and Morgan Krause in girls doubles and Megan Herder and Colby Bendfeld in mixed doubles. Congratulations to Kate who placed second at Zones and qualified to compete at Provincials in Red Deer May 2nd and 3rd. In addition, we had three third place finishes: Madelyn and Kai in Singles and Megan and Colby in mixed doubles. Well done, everyone. We want to wish Kate the best of luck this upcoming weekend at Provincials!