

PANTHER NEWS



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Important Dates

November 2021

Nov 1	Virtual Parent Council @ 8 p.m. Parent Teacher Interview Schedule Opens to Book
Nov 2 - 8	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov 3	Hot Dog Day Teacher Scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov 5	PJ/Comfy Clothes Day
Nov 8 & 9	Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov 9	Popcorn Day
Nov 10	Virtual Remembrance Day Service
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov 12	No School for Students or Staff
Nov 15 - 21	December Lunch Orders Available to Order
Nov 15	Rock Your Mocs
Nov 17	Hot Dog Day
Nov 18	Retake Day
Nov 19	Subway Day & Twin Day
Nov 21	Chest Society Holiday Fundraiser Deadline
Nov 23	Elementary Pizza Day
Nov 24	Jr/Sr High Pizza Day
Nov 25	Booster Juice
Nov 26	No School for Students

Click here to view the full [Bentley School Calendar](#). Never miss another important date again!

You can also view the full [Panther Athletics Calendar](#) online as well. Stay up to date on game times and locations!

Did you know you can print these calendars to have on hand and even add calendar items directly to your own calendar?

The background of the poster is decorated with several red poppy flowers of various sizes, scattered around the text. The flowers have dark centers and bright red petals.

Lest We Forget

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

11 a.m.

Virtual Remembrance Day Service

For Students and Staff

Bentley School students and staff will be participating in a virtual Remembrance Day Service.

Unfortunately, we are unable to open the service to the public at this time.

All students will receive a poppy and donations will be accepted for the Royal Canadian Legion.



Panther Wear Available to Order

Check out Bentley School's great selection of Panther Wear! Merchandise can also be personalized. This can be useful in locating the owner of a misplaced item if there is an identifying feature added to the item. For example, first name, last name, nickname, or favorite number.

Deadline to order is **Sunday, November 7**. All orders will arrive in time for Christmas. Makes a great gift!

[Click here to Shop!](#)

Term 1 Progress Reporting/Assessment

With the delayed implementation of Schoology across the division, students in Kindergarten to Gr. 6 will be sent home with a Term 1 Report Card on November 1. Parents of students in Gr. 7 - 12 can continue to access marks through the PowerSchool parent portal. For detailed instructions on how to view marks and comments in PowerSchool, please refer to [detailed instructions available on our website](#).

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for November 8th & 9th from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you were not contacted for an early interview on November 3 (Nov 2 for Gr. 7 and 8 only), please book a telephone appointment using the School Interviews link available on the [homepage of our website](#) starting November 1. Your teacher will call you, please have your phone nearby at your appt time. Teachers may be calling from numbers without any caller ID (Blocked numbers) Appointments are 15 minutes only. Please help to keep our interviews on time and running smoothly.

Rock Your Mocs

Rock Your Mocs is a worldwide event on November 15 where people are encouraged to wear moccasins to celebrate the diverse Indigenous cultures across the globe. Rock your Mocs is about unifying Indigenous Peoples globally, promoting cultural pride, and showcasing the diversity of nations.

Virtual Parent Council

The next Virtual Parent Council meeting is scheduled for November 1 at 8:00 p.m. You will find the link to join the meeting on the [homepage of our website](#) the day of the meeting. Parent Council will be discussing ways to create engagement or topics of interest to parents. We'd love to hear your feedback, all parents are welcome to participate in the meeting.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on site from November 2 - 8. Classes will visit the bookfair in their cohort, once to view and another day to make purchases. No parents or outside visitors will be allowed to visit the fair. Parents can shop via the virtual link <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5148947>. Parents will get free shipping and all orders will be shipped to the school for distribution!

Elementary Assembly

The grade 6's are once again hosting virtual assemblies for the elementary students. This is a great way to allow students to engage with each other and connect. For the month of October our theme was Gratitude. During the assembly the Grade 6's lead all students in a variety of activities centered around being thankful and grateful. Each month we will also highlight "Students of the Month." We want to acknowledge and celebrate students' strengths. Last month we focused on acknowledging our new students to Bentley School and thanking our Grade 5 patrollers.

Trickster Theatre



Bentley School is excited to welcome Trickster Theatre to our School from December 13 - 17. Trickster Theatre is an artist-in-residency company based in Calgary, Alberta. They tour across Alberta, creating approx. 50+ original shows a year in all kinds of communities based on a theme chosen by the school and developed with the assistance of Trickster. These residencies take place in schools, transforming the gym into a theatre. A Trickster Theatre Residency involves the theatre team coming into our school for a week and facilitating staff and students in creating a unique and highly visual theatre. This week of workshops and rehearsals will culminate in a fun and high-energy production. They have been working with schools for over four decades! This production is made possible through a grant through the Alberta Foundation of the Arts and the Town of Bentley, Community Services Department.

Panther Poll Results

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to fill out last month's Panther Poll. We had 59 parents fill out the survey as it relates to special activities/classes we offer. We also gave a similar poll to our students (143 respondents) and staff (26 respondents) to gather as much information as we could as it relates to this topic.

Based on the poll results and the comments we have decided to make some of the following changes to the special activities/classes we offer.

1. Terry Fox Run - consensus was to keep this event going but would like to make it less competitive and make it a run/walk. We will modify the event in the future to focus on the meaning behind this event and the inclusive nature of running or walking to support.
2. Swim Lessons - consensus was to keep this activity going but unfortunately this year we will have to cancel once again due to the impact of COVID. The facilities do not have enough staff to provide class lessons. We will re-book in the spring for the following school year and hopefully staffing will return to normal.
3. Bentley School Gives Back - overwhelmingly the polls from parents/staff indicated that these two fundraising events should continue. We will look at ways to engage our students more in these two activities and bring awareness behind why we do them.
4. Theme Days and Halloween Activities - these activities were very important for our younger students and parents to continue. As we hit Jr./Sr. these two activities were not as important so we have already begun to scale back some of the events and time we may spend on them. The students in those grades did give us some great feedback on other types of activities they would participate in i.e. school dances, wellness days, etc. We will definitely discuss, as a staff, the logistics and coordination to bring some of these activities to life.
5. Hockey & Golf Academy - both of these activities across all participants polled, ranked as the lowest to continue. These two activities do take the most time and money to run, as well as the biggest impact to scheduling and time away from the classroom. We have decided to put both of these programs on hold till the New Year to re-evaluate based on these poll results and the current COVID protocols in place that still require us to cohort our classes as much as possible. Further feedback will be sought at that time whether to run a modified program similar to last year or to pause for the year and re-evaluate for the following school year.

Again thank you to all those who provided feedback and we hope you participate in next month's Panther Poll to help shape the future of Bentley School.



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**ICECREAM
Treats**

ELEMENTARY CANTEEN
Tuesday & Thursday

Tues - Gr. 1 - 3, Jr. High
Thur - Gr. 4 - 6, Jr. High

Exception:
Popcorn Days

Chest Society Holiday Fundraiser

Wolf Creek Is Hiring Spare Bus Drivers

Wolf Creek Public Schools is hiring for **SPARE BUS DRIVERS** throughout the Division.

We provide training and competitive wages.

Approved Criminal and Child Intervention background checks are required.

Find details to apply at:
www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/employment/jobs



Wolf Creek Is Hiring Relief Custodians

Wolf Creek Public Schools is seeking **Relief Custodian** help in all schools.

We provide training and competitive wages, and it could lead to a permanent position.

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Bentley School Chest Society Fundraiser

The Bentley School Chest Society is selling poinsettias, holiday planter, wreaths, festive hanging greenery and outdoor greenery arrangement. They are wonderful as gifts or simply to decorate your own table for Christmas. Order can be placed online at

<https://bentleyschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Deadline is **November 21** to have your order placed. Orders will be available for pickup December 7. Please watch in December Newsletter for pickup times. Any questions please call Stephanie Smith at 403-896-9842.

October was Spook-tacular!

Congratulations to Miss Howe's Gr. 6 class, winner of the pizza party for bringing in the most non-perishable food items for the We Scare Hunger Campaign. Our leadership students will be delivering 1192 food items to the Blessing Pantry here in Bentley next week with the help of Pastor Greg and his bus! Amazing support from our students and their families!



Over 350 pairs of socks will be donated to a local central Alberta shelter!



Lasty, congratulations to Mrs. Wilkins Gr. 2/3 class, winner of the door decorating contest and to all the students who won costume prizes.

Thank you to Miss Bertin and the leadership students for organizing all these opportunities for our students to participate in!





