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Feb 1	Hot Dog Day			
Feb 2	Ski Club - Evening Check In Kindergarten Extra Friday - Mon/Wed			
Feb 5 - 11	Order March Hot Lunch Online			
Feb 5 - 8	Candy Grams for Sale			
Feb 5	Hot Lunch - Bacon Cheeseburger			
Feb 7	Elementary Pizza Day			
Feb 8	Jr/Sr High Pizza Day & Winter Walk Day			
Feb 9	No School for Students			
Feb 12	Hot Lunch - Chicken Fingers with Mac N' Cheese			
Feb 13	Joslyn Snow Winter Classic			
Feb 14	Valentines Day - Wear Pink or Red!			
Feb 15	Hot Dog Day			
Feb 16	Kindergarten Extra Friday - Tue/Thur Subway Day & Date Night			
Feb 19 - 23	No School for Students			
Feb 26	Hot Lunch - Sweet & Sour Meatballs			
Feb 28	Booster Juice & Pink Shirt Day			
Feb 29	Popcorn Day			
Feb 29 - Mar 1	Grad Photos			

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February 2024

Don't forget the deadline to submit changes to the Mar 1 ski trip by Monday, Feb 12!

Watch for badminton and handball sign up coming soon!

REACH Tournament

Saturday, March 9th for Juniors and Intermediates at Ponoka Secondary Campus

Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic

Save the date for the Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Class on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:45 to 7 p.m. Parents of students who registered to play should watch for an email in regards to format and team assignment coming out soon. All proceeds from this event support the Joslyn Snow Memorial Scholarship. If you would like to donate an item or items to the raffle table, please contact Sheri Kimmel by email at sheri.kimmel@wolfcreek.ab.ca.

Winter Walk Day

Students will be participating in Winter Walk Day on Thursday, February 8 starting at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking for four parent volunteers to come in and make hot chocolate and serve cookies to students after the walk. If you are able to help please sign up here! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8AD2AA3F9C61-47559279-winter

2023/24 Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey

Alberta Education sent out an assurance survey the week of January 22, 2024 by mail to families that have students in grade 4, 7, or 10. The survey can be completed by paper or online at:

<u>https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey</u>. This survey provides feedback on the quality of education provided by school authorities and their schools. This survey allows parents to engage with the education system and help shape local priorities and initiatives. School authorities and schools use this information to understand how they are doing and plan for the future. Teachers, students and parents are asked to complete this survey

We encourage parents with children in grade 4, 7 or 10 to complete the survey as the information you provide informs our planning and results provincially as well as locally.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Information for parents and guardians

About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.



Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.





How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It is not used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.



How will students take the survey?

- · Students complete the survey at school.
- Before the survey begins, your child's teacher or school staff will explain to the students that the survey is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers. They will also explain that there are no repercussions for opting out of participating and that they may skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Responses are submitted anonymously. Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, grade, school and school authority only.

Details about the assurance measures and how to obtain results are available online at www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school principal.

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Thursday, February 8, 2024







Get more active outdoors this winter.

winterwalkday.ca

Join us!

Bentley School

1 PM

Hot chocolate and

cookies will be

served afterwards!

WinterWalkDay





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February 13, 2023

JOSLYN SNOW MEMORIAL

BENTLEY ARENA 4:45 - 7:00 PM

Staff vs. Student Hockey Game

Admission is Free

All Proceeds Support the Joslyn Snow Memorial Scholarship

> Student Registration Opens Jan 15 - 19

Street Wise Driving School

Bentley School is excited to partner with Street Wise Driving School again this year to offer driver's training to our students. Students will receive 15 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of driving time. If desired, driving hours can be started before classroom instructions begin.

Cost: \$750 (including GST), payable to Street Wise Driving School

Classroom Instruction Dates:

Monday, Feb 26

Thurs, Feb 29

Tues, March 5

Thurs, March 7

Tues, March 12



(classes are mandatory and if one is missed, it must be made up by attending a class in another community hosted by Street Wise)

Time: 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Location: Bentley High School Room A214

Qualifications: students must be 14 years old and have a learner's driver's license to participate in the driving instructional portion of the course.

If you are interested in your child participating in this program, please call the high school office at 403-748-3770 ext 4375 or email Mrs. Lush at marsha.lush@wolfcreek.ab.ca by Friday, February 9th. We require a minimum of 10 students to make a class.

Once we can confirm that we have 10 students to make a class, a registration form will be emailed home. Registration forms will need to be completed and returned to the office so proper registration can be processed by Street Wise.

VALENTINE'S DAY DATE NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

PARENTS... Are you in need of a Date Night ???

The Leadership Team is hosting a fundraiser called "Date Night," on **Friday**, **February 16th from 4:30-9:00 pm**. We are offering to look after your children for the evening. This will give you the opportunity to go on a date, have a quiet night at home or go **shopping!** We are willing to look after children ages 4 - Grade 5.

- The admission is **\$10.00 per child.**
- Drop off is no earlier than 4:30 pm.
- Pick up must be no later than 9:00 p.m.
- Children must be able to use the washroom on their own.

Family-rated movies will be shown, activities will be available in the gym and classrooms will also have activities for your child(ren) to do (crafts, games, etc.).

Leadership students and staff will be supervising these activities. We will also offer the option to prepay and have a hot dog, juice and chips for your child at the cost of \$4.00 per child. Your child will not be able to pay for a snack at Date Night. If you are not buying a hot dog package, please make sure your child has had supper before you leave.

Funds raised go to support Leadership initiatives at the school.

Online Pre-Registration is REQUIRED by Wednesday, February 14th. To register, login to your parent portal account and click on the school fee icon to register and pay for each child. If you would like to register a child who does not go to our school, please use this link

https://www.studentquickpay.com/wolfcreek/MyAccount/Main.aspx?webitemid=6 089. If you have further questions, please contact Miss Bertin at the school at 403-748-3770.



Thank you for your support.

Leadership Team



PREORDER MONDAY FEBRUARY 5TH - THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14TH

wear pink or red

	SCHOOL BUS	
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	Emma - Gr. 1 - Bentley 05 Jack - Gr. 2 - Bentley 04	
	6" Sub Sponsored by Subway	
		LINK COLUMN

Need a Pink Shirt for Anti-Bullying Day in February?



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BENTLEY SCHOOL

MARCHHOT LUNCH Available to Order From

FEBRUARY 5 - 11

Booster Juice Hot Lunch Mondays Subway Pizza Hot Dog Gr. 1 - 8 only

Popcorn

Gr. 1 - 8 only

Order through the PowerSchool and online Payments parent portal. No late orders will be accepted. This program is sticly voluntary if you wish to sign up each month.



Bentley School Skating

Bentley School students in Gr. 1 - 8 will be skating as part of their PE class with Mrs. Stephenson the week of March 4-8. Parent Permission forms will be available online beginning Monday, February 5. Please be sure to sign the permission form in the PowerSchool and Online Payments Parent Portal prior to skating. There is no cost for this activity.

Please note that all students need an approved CSA helmet and skates. If you do not have these items, please contact your home room teacher or Mrs. Stephenson at <u>pam.stephenson@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u> as the school does have a limited supply of items to borrow. No sticks and pucks are permitted on the ice during these times. We also need parents to help tie skates, if you are available to help, please sign up here!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8AD2AA3F9C61-47478055-skating#/

	Monday Mar 4	Tuesday Mar 5	Wednesday Mar 6	Thursday Mar 7	Friday Mar 8		
8:45: - 9:45	PE 8		PE 8				
9:45: 10:45	PE 7	PE 1 (10-11 AM)	PE 7		PE 1 (10-11 AM)		
11:00- 12:00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch						
1:00 - 2:00	PE 5	PE 3	PE 5	PE 2	PE 2		
2:00- 3:00	PE 6	PE 4	PE 6	PE 4	PE 3		

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The Gr. 6 classes will be selling chocolate almonds and other chocolate treats as a fundraiser for Gr. 6 camp. Chocolates will be available through any Gr. 6 student in Mrs. Baile and Miss Masko's classes. Chocolates will also be sold at lunch hour on Tuesday & Thursdays during the months of February and March.

Items Available: Milk Chocolate & Almond Bars Caramel Bars® Caramel Whirls® Mint Meltaways®



If you have any questions or would like to be put in contact with a Gr. 6 student, please reach out to <u>shyla.baile@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u> or <u>jessica.masko@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u> or call (403) 748-3770.

Thank you in advance for your support Sincerely,

The Grade 6 Classes



What Options is Bentley School Offering this Semester for Jr/Sr High?

Jr. High Sports Performance - students will be learning how to take their athletic abilities to the next level. Students will focus on specific types of training like agility, plyometrics and HITT workouts. We will try each training in class so the students can experience different kinds of training. Students will learn how to create a workout plan for themselves. From there, students will be trained on how to properly lift and spot others in the weight room at the school. Lastly, students will learn how to referee and scorekeep games for basketball and volleyball and put those skills to the test when we play tournaments in class.

Jr High ARTS & Projects - Students explore a variety of drawing and painting techniques using different colors, lines, and textures. They also work on a large-themed paper mache project and Lego animations.

Jr High Planes, Trains, and Automobiles - Students will build and paint a basic scale model automobile (Car or a Truck). Students will build a CO2 powered car built and designed for maximum distance and speed. Students will build a world monument revolving around transportation (to scale) using foam core board and finishing materials. Students will create a slideshow, video, PowerPoint or other application to demonstrate that they have explored their interests and passions in transportation or flight, while making personal connections to career possibilities. The student will use occupational area skills, knowledge and technologies in this presentation. Students will build and paint a more complicated scale model (A plane, ship, automobile, or train) using an airbrush for painting. Students will build and test fly a regular sized paper airplane as well as a large scale paper airplane, designed for maximum hang and glide time. Students will build a rocket (with very strict conditions) designed for maximum distance and speed. (Time Permitting). Time permitting, students will build scenery for a model train countryside, town, mountain region, body of water, etc.

Jr. High Foods - This is an introductory level CTF course. Students will acquire basic knowledge and skills related to cooking. Topics include: kitchen safety and sanitation, kitchen tools and equipment, making food choice, as well as planning, preparing, and evaluating basic foods.

Options Continued....

Jr. High Guitar - Learn the chords, riffs, licks, and leads to your favourite tunes and get ready to play your heart out on stage in this introduction to music and guitar!

Jr. High Film Studies and Media Art - This course introduces students to the basics of film analysis, cinematic elements, genre, and narrative structure and helps students develop the skills to recognize, analyze, describe and enjoy film as an art and entertainment form. Students will have the opportunity to explore different media forms while expanding their creative and analytical potential to further an appreciation of the media arts.

Jr & Sr High Leadership is an in-school program that promotes the development of a variety of leadership skills and competencies through the involvement of activities within our school and community. Students will enhance their personal growth and group building with a focus on event planning, team building, volunteerism, and mentorship.

Jr. & Sr. High Drama: Hone your skills in the dramatic arts, by learning improv, blocking, and performance of a full length play in June.

Jr. & Sr. High Woods/Construction Option - This option is orientated to students who wish to learn for the first time, or expand their knowledge of building. Students begin by undergoing testing/instruction with various tools and then applying this knowledge to building an introductory project being a wooden crate. After success on this initial project, students will design their next projects and then apply their knowledge as they simply build. Students are taught that deadlines don't apply to building in a school setting, as this may lead to accidents. This option is very rewarding to the students as they are doing "hands on" activities that will hopefully make them more handy in life!

Sr. High Second Languages - This course allows students to select a language they would like to learn through the self guided language learning website platform Languagenut. Languagenut gives students the opportunity to master world languages online, at their own pace, and on their own time.

Options Continued....

Sr. High Sports Performance 15 (Rec 1040) - Students apply basic training and movement principles to health-related and performance-related components of fitness training. Students create fitness activities and develop a basic individual fitness plan to achieve goals for health-related and performance-related components.

Sr. High Outdoor Education - students will learn to work as a team in team activities like building shelters, working on projects, planning trips, outdoor cooking, emergency situations and what to do in them, or creating a scavenger hunt using a compass. Students will also work on their individual skills such as cross country skiing, hiking, and knot tying. We plan on preparing ourselves for 2 offsite trips so students can work on their preparation skills along with their physically demanding skills like cross country skiing.

Sr. High Film Studies 15 is designed to expose students to a variety of visual media, including feature film, short film, television, and commercials. Students will engage in a comprehensive analysis of the history and evolution of the technical and artistic aspects of filmmaking, in addition to developing their understanding of filmmaking to enhance their critical appreciation of films.

Sr. High Foods - Students will work on completing introductory and intermediate level CTS modules as they develop their knowledge and skills in the kitchen.

Sr. High Coding - This course focuses on web coding languages such as HTML5, CSS3, Java-Script, and Python. The main benefits of learning these languages is that they are arguably the most practical of the coding languages in the 21st century. You will learn how to build real websites, and even basic web apps! The skills learned in this course are highly sought after in the workforce and may open doors to various job opportunities.

Knowledge & Employability (K&E)

What exactly is K&E?

K&E courses provide students with opportunities to experience success and become prepared for employment, further studies, active citizenship, and lifelong learning.

Who is K&E for?

K&E courses are designed for students in grades 8-12 who demonstrate reading, writing, mathematical, and/or other levels of achievement typically three or more grade levels below their age-appropriate grade.

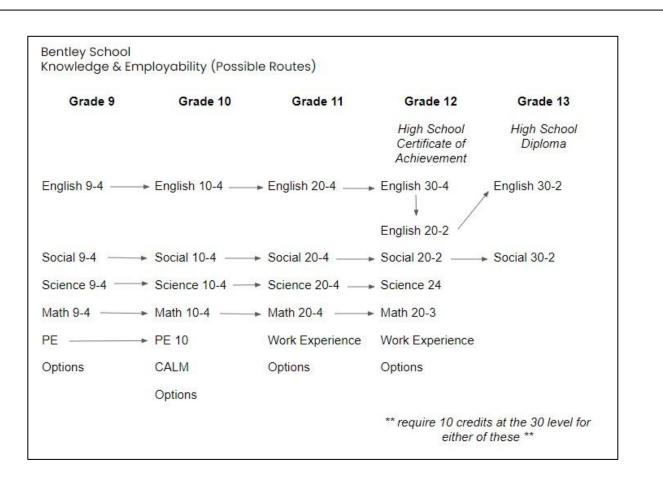
Why can't my child just take the regular high school courses with modifications?

There are limited levels of adaptations that high school teachers can provide in core courses. For instance, in the English -2 route, students have the option of receiving extra time, accessing audio materials, and using a scribe (only if specified in an IPP - individual program plan - and consistently utilized throughout the course). It is crucial for students to meet the course objectives and standards in order to pass. (Remember, students are required to write diploma exams to obtain a High School Diploma.) Unfortunately, there are some students who, due to their level of achievement, are unable to meet and pass the regular course requirements.

Can my child still graduate?

The answer is possibly. Being in the K&E stream does not mean they cannot graduate with a High School diploma. They can still graduate if they complete the required courses and earn the necessary credits.

On the next page is an example of how a K&E student could graduate. Ultimately, they still need to be able to pass English 30-2 and Social 30-2 in order to get a diploma.



How does my child end up in K&E?

The high school staff will meet with you to discuss the K&E programming and may recommend that your child be enrolled in it. They will only make this recommendation if they believe, based on the evidence and experience provided to them, that the K&E route would be the best path for your child's success.

Can the high school just place my child in K&E without my knowledge or consent?

No. As mentioned previously, the high school staff will meet with you to discuss the program and obtain your written consent for your child to participate in K&E programming. This consent must be provided annually. As the child's parent, you are always free to decline enrolling your child in K&E. However, the staff wants to ensure that if you choose to do so, you are making an informed decision.

Does my child have to be in all K&E classes?

Not necessarily. If your child only really struggles in one or two subjects, the staff will only recommend K&E programming for only those particular subjects. K&E is really student-centered. We want to provide the route where your child will see the most success.

Registration for 2024-2025 Open for Pre-K and Kindergarten

New student registration for Pre-K & Kindergarten to Gr. 12 opens January 8. If you currently have a student in Pre-K who is either Kindergarten age or returning to Pre-K, parents will receive an email with returning student registration instructions. Current, Kindergarten to Grade 11 students won't receive returning student instructions until August 2024.

Pre-Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2024-2025

- Returning Pre-Kindergarten students will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the 2024-2025 NEW BFPA Registration Form
- Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by December 31 of the upcoming school year in order to apply
- Programs are designed for children to attend two days per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Four days per week programming may be available following further consultation with families and is based on location and availability.
- A copy of the original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) must accompany your registration. If you need to order your child's birth certificate, click on the link to Alberta Services.
- Pre-Kindergarten students are not eligible for busing.
- Download the BFPA brochure here.
- For full program details visit: <u>https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/https-www-brightfuturesplayacademy-ca</u>

Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2024-2025

- Students currently in Bright Futures who are of Kindergarten age will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the 2024-2025 NEW K-12 Registration Form
- Children must be 5 years of age by December 31 of the upcoming school year in order to apply
- Programs are designed for children to attend two full days per week. Days offered will depend on the number of students registered. Please register by March 31 to help with program planning.
- Kindergarten class placements are based on a number of factors including, number of kindergarten registrations received, date of registration, program day availability and student needs, not just on parent preference.
- A copy of the original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) must accompany your registration. If you need to order your child's birth certificate, click on the link to <u>Alberta Health Services</u>.
- Rural Kindergarten students are eligible to apply for busing.

Questions?

Having trouble registering during school hours? We will be happy to help! Please call the office at 403-748-3770 and ask for Mrs. McDiarmid or Mrs. Lush.



REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025 IS OPEN

BRIGHT Y

BRIGHT FUTURES PLAY ACADEMY

Two & four half day programs available for 3 & 4 year olds Mon/Wed or Tue/Thur mornings

HIGHLIGHTS

- Certified Classroom Teacher and Experienced Support Staff
- A focus on Excellence in Developing the Whole Child
- Developing Skills Intellectually, Artisically, Emotionally, Physically and Socially
- Access to Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech and Lanuage Services
- Family Orientated Programming and Partnernership with Community Programming

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12

KINDERGARTEN

Will your child be 5 years old by December 31 of this year? Two full day programs available with transportation. Days offered are based on registration numbers.

DON'T MISS IT! REGISTER NOW

https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/registration

About Us

Bentley School is located in the town of Bentley, Alberta, on the west side of Gull Lake. The school serves approximately 438 students from grades K to 12. There are also 29 students participating in the Bright Future Play Academy.

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Students who live in the country <u>and</u> are new to rural busing OR have moved to a new rural location are <u>required</u> to register for transportation.

All rural kindergarten students must be registered to ride the bus.

Your full legal land description <u>AND</u> complete blue sign (911 address) are required to register.

*Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us with your legal land description. If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing. *Cross boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application and the cross boundary application. Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.

REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS MAY 15, 2024

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca Phone - 403-785-0726 Website - https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2

Community News

Register Online

Bentley Minor Soccer AGM

Will be held THURSDAY FEB 29th at 7pm in room B100 at the Bentley Elementary School! We will be doing another draw for a FREE registration for those in attendance!

We will also be opening up our online RAMP REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 1st, so be on the lookout for that and get registered early (link below)!

http://BentleyMinorSoccer.rampregistrations.com



January Highlights





A visit with local author Jaleesa Crzech





Mismatch Spirit!

Entry worderland

When are buses cancelled and schools closed due to Inclement Weather?

In Wolf Creek Public Schools, Administrative Procedure 132 (AP 132) guides decisions for school closure, due to inclement weather. The Division takes precautions with respect to the welfare of students and staff coming to or going from school. When road or weather conditions jeopardize the safety of students and staff, schools will be closed and bus runs cancelled.

How is the decision made to cancel buses and close schools?

- 1. Temperature in excess of -40 degrees Celsius with or without the windchill.
- Dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility (e.g. heavy snowfall, blowing snow, freezing rain, heavy fog).

When is the decision made to cancel buses and close schools?



The Transportation Manager and Superintendent make the decision after appropriate information is gathered from each of the school areas.

This decision will typically be made prior to 6:00 am but may be made earlier if clear and compelling information is available from Environment Canada.



Communicating to families & staff

Communications to parents/guardians and staff are sent out via email, text and phone call when the decision is made to cancel buses and close schools.

Notices will also be posted on the Division website, on radio stations and on Wolf Creek's Social Media Channels (Facebook & Twitter). PLEASE ENSURE you are monitoring those social media channels and your email whenever inclement weather is expected, occuring or in the forecast.

Why are schools closed when buses are cancelled?

- Given we are a rural school division we know that when buses don't run it often means the majority of students will not be in school. Staff then are unable to cover any new material with students.
- If buses aren't running and schools are open some families feel compelled to get their children to school. This can at times promote people to take risks that could be avoided.



- · WCPS staff still attend their school sites, unless deemed unsafe to do so.
- If schools remained open for students, and road conditions are poor, it can lead to logistical issues when some staff aren't able to be in the building at the usual time in the morning.

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