

Hello!

My name is Mrs. Henry; I will be your Kindergarten teacher. I hope you are excited about starting Kindergarten. I have been busy thinking of fun learning activities for you and the friends you will soon meet.

Parent Meeting:

Please tell your parents about the information and orientation evening on

Thursday August 31 at 7:00 in the Kindergarten Room

This evening is for adults only please. Your parents should feel free to ask questions. Class assignments will be shared at this meeting.



Drop IN Days Please drop in for approximately 1/2 hour to see our room , lockers, drop off shoes.

Please do not all arrive at 9:00.

Tues/Thurs class Sept 5(Tuesday)—between 9:00—12:00 .

Mon/Wed class Sept 6 (Wednesday) between 9:00—12:00

Mrs. Henry will give more information about this at the **Parent meeting August 31—7:00**

Each pod will participate in two half day orientation sessions with their assigned class . These run either 9:00-11:00 am or 1:00-3:00 pm. Please consult schedule. A gradual entry helps reduce anxiety and allows a more pleasant introduction to a full kindergarten day. Parents will be asked to transport their children on these orientation days as they only run part of a day and times do not coordinate with the bus times .

Orientation Schedule –No bus transportation on these days

Tuesday/Thursday (Red Group)

1:00-3:00 on Thurs, Sept 7

9:00-11:00 on Tues, Sept 12

Monday/Wednesday (Green Group)

1:00-3:00 on Fri. Sept 8 (*moved to Friday as Monday is a holiday*)

9:00-11:00 on Mon. Sept 11

Full Day Start Times Bus transportation will start

Wednesday Sept 13 (Monday Wednesday class)

Thursday Sept 14 (Tuesday/Thursday class)



Kindergarten runs full days (8:30am - 3:15 pm). Arrival time is 8:20 (when the doors will be unlocked), parent pick-up is at 3:10. Bus loading is at 3:05.

Children attend two full days and will be assigned to a class either **Tues/Thurs** or **Mon/Wed**. Class assignments are made in the best interests of the child and keeping the classes as even as possible. Work schedules and childcare arrangements will be considered in assigning classes—let me know if you have a class placement request as soon as possible. Both classes will be given equal time—there will be make up days on some scheduled Fridays

Rural students must register online to arrange busing. There is more information on the checklist that I have included in this package to help your parents remember what you will need for kindergarten.

Fees and supplies are yet to be determined. Watch the website for details <http://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/>

Field trips will be extra and all field trips , hot dogs, milk orders ,etc will need to be paid online. The exception to this is Scholastic book orders which will be paid to Mrs. Henry.

If you have any medical, educational, cultural, English as a second language, or religious concerns please have your parents share this information with me as I will work hard to make your Kindergarten year happy and successful. There will be time allotted before and after the parent meeting for personal concerns.

I can hardly wait to meet you and your parents.

Your teacher;
Mrs. Henry





Important Tips and Information for Kindergarten Parents

Please send nutritional snacks - avoid items with excess sugar, coloring, chocolate.(no pop)
Feel free to contact the teacher if you would like to make a snack for the classroom as other students may have food allergies.

It is preferred that Preschool age children do not attend on parent's helping day. Young children tire easily resulting in more work and frustration for the mother/father, and less attention paid to the Kindergarten child. Parents have found it successful in past years to set up babysitting pools. I'll watch yours and you watch mine.

Bus Children will be put on the bus **unless we have a note or an email ahead of time.** *If you don't know for sure that you will pick up the child, don't discuss this with them as they get quite anxious when the routine is uncertain.* Just make sure that you are here by **3:00** and surprise them. Bus drivers appreciate notes!

Please call the general office 748 - 3770, or email if your child will be away.
Wolf Creek has a "Phone Home" policy. We will call your home if you have not called the office to notify us of your child's absence.

Please check folders daily and use them to communicate with us. Take loose notes out daily. Keep the folders in the backpack and send them back every day.
It is mandatory that you sign up for text/ email messages so we can inform you of important information.

If your child is to remain indoors during the outside play periods, please send a note to the teacher. Please keep in mind this affects supervision and lunch schedules. Please use your discretion.

The teacher can only supervise the taking of drugs but cannot administer drugs of any type to your child. If your child requires medicine, please send a pre-measured dosage and a note with instructions. Please give your child the same instructions at home. Discuss this with teacher.

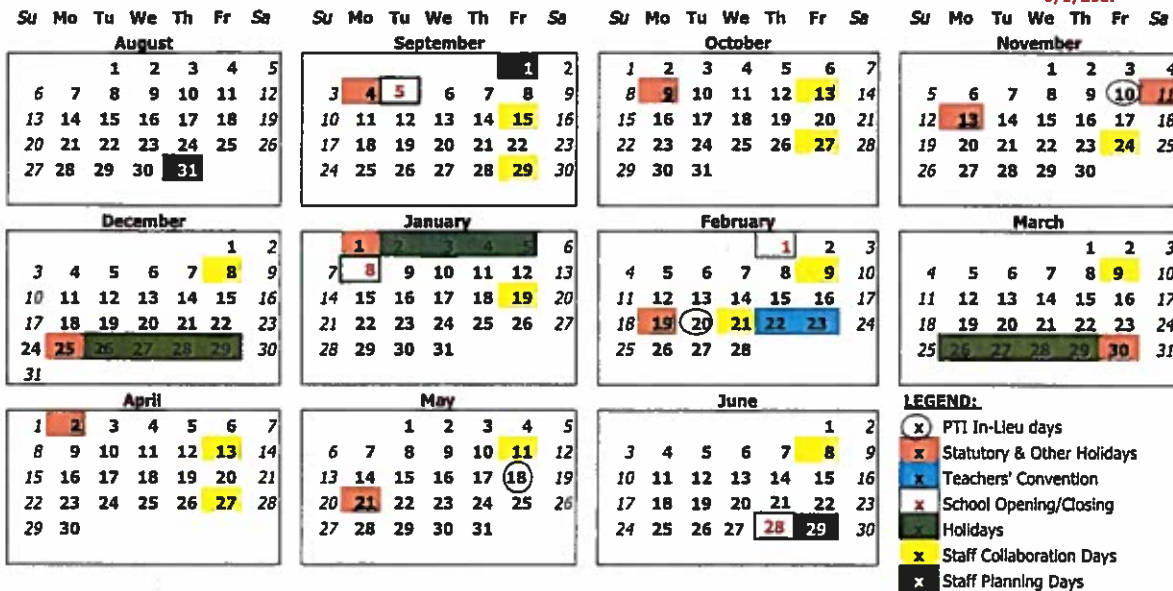
Please discuss with the teacher if your child cannot participate in certain holidays, customs, activities, eat particular foods due to religious or other beliefs.

Please notify us of any changes in phone numbers, cell numbers or contact/emergency numbers. It is very important for us to have updated information.

<p>Please notify the teacher regarding your child's health problems, allergies, etc..</p> <p>If your child is sick, it is recommended he/she remain at home for his/her comfort as well as the safety of the other children.</p>	<p>Please send a change of clothes, including underwear, socks and a sweater <i>or</i> <i>sweatshirt</i>, to be left all year in the locker at the school. Please put them in a plastic zip lock bag and label the package with your child's name. <i>Children will be sharing a locker with a student from the other pod.</i></p>	<p>Please provide your child with a large backpack. Please send this daily as an agenda, notes home, child's work, etc. will be sent home in it. When buying this item make certain it is large enough to carry shoes, a large book, snow pants etc...(It will not be "too heavy")</p>
<p>Your child must wear shoes at all times to avoid slipping and in case of fire. Please see that shoes remain at school. Non marking running shoes are required for any activities in the gym. Please print your child's name on the outside heel as it is easier for them to find. (Velcro closures please)</p>	<p>Please label everything that comes to school to ensure your child gets it home safely. It is especially important to label shoes (indoor and outdoor) boots, mittens, hats, so your child can find his/hers. We recommend Mabel's labels or equivalent. You may just put the last name on if you wish</p>	<p>If you are helping your child print his/her name, please demonstrate using Upper Case for the beginning letter followed by Lower Case letters; i.e.: Denise. Do not worry if your child cannot print his/her name, this will come naturally as your child grows and matures.</p>
<p>It is mandatory that parents sign a permission slip and pay for every field trip ahead of time. Watch for forms ! <i>If payment is an problem please contact the school.</i></p>	<p>Please dress children for the weather as we do go outside every day. Please label all outerwear. As you buy clothing consider if the child can get it on independently.</p>	<p>Kindergarten Newsletters are posted on the Bentley school web site monthly. You may sign up to have these emailed to you. You will get a monthly calendar home in the folder</p>
<p>Feel free to discuss any questions or concerns with the teacher during gradual entry or any day before or after classroom hours.</p>	<p>Arrival/Departure times: Town Students: 8:20 am arrival 3:10 pm pickup Bus Students: 8:30 am arrive 3:15 pm leave 3:15 pm bus departs to go home</p>	<p>Please park in the north parking lot. The south side of the parking lot from the door to the street is reserved for kindergarten and playschool parents. It gets very busy! Please come and leave to the north</p>

**WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2017 - 2018 School Year
BENTLEY SCHOOL CALENDAR**

6/1/2017



- LEGEND:**
- (x) PTI In-Lieu days
 - x Statutory & Other Holidays
 - x Teachers' Convention
 - x School Opening/Closing
 - x Holidays
 - x Staff Collaboration Days
 - x Staff Planning Days

			<u>Staff</u>	<u>Students</u>
August	Aug. 31	Staff Planning Day	1	0
September	Sept. 1	Staff Planning Day		
	Sept. 4	Labour Day Holiday		
	Sept. 5	Students' First Day		
	Sept. 15 & 29	Staff Collaboration Day	20	17
October	Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Day Holiday		
	Oct. 13 & 27	Staff Collaboration Days	21	19

November	Nov. 10	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	Nov. 11	Remembrance Day		
	Nov. 13	In-Lieu of Remembrance Day		
	Nov. 24	Staff Collaboration Day	21	19
December	Dec. 8	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Dec. 25	Christmas Holidays (Dec 25 - Jan 5 inclusive)	16	15
January	Jan. 1-5	Christmas break		
	Jan. 8	First day back from Holidays		
	Jan. 19	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Jan. 31	Conclusion of First Semester	18	17
		Semester One Total	97	87
February	Feb. 1	Commencement of Second Semester		
	Feb. 9 & 21	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Feb. 19	Family Day Holiday		
	Feb. 20	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	Feb. 22 & 23	Teacher's Convention	19	14
March	Mar. 9	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Mar. 26	Spring Break (March 26-April 2 inclusive)	17	16
April	Apr. 2	Easter Monday		
	Apr. 13 & 27	Staff Collaboration Day	20	18
May	May 11	Staff Collaboration Days		
	May 18	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	May 21	Victoria Day Holiday	21	20
June	Jun. 8	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Jun. 28	Students' Last Day (Conclusion of Second Semester)		
	Jun. 29	Teacher Evaluation Day	21	19
		Semester Two Total	98	87
Year Total			195	174

Child Information Form

Please fill out the following student information request form. Since parents know their children best, the information you share will assist in setting appropriate individual educational goals for the kindergarten years.

Child's Name:			
1) Describe your child's character in a few words.			
2) What upsets your child? How does he/she react?			
3) What are your child's strengths?			
4) What are your child's out of school activities, hobbies, interests?			
5) Please list sibling names and ages.			
6) Please list special pets.			
7) Are there any personal or physical problems I should be aware of? Example; custody agreements, allergies, religious preferences, health concerns. (Please feel free to request a private conference to discuss these).			
8) Can your child print his/her name?			
	Yes	No	Almost
9) Does your child independently dress self (coat-boots)?			
	Yes	No	
<i>(Please turn over)</i>			

10) Does your child enjoy some sit down academic activities such as puzzles, painting, coloring, or is he/she still primarily interested in play?

11) Do you read regularly to your child (3 times weekly or more)?

Yes No

12) Can your child use scissors?

No Beginning Well

13) Can your child recognize numbers?

1 - 5 5 - 10 10 - 20 20 +

14) Can your child recognize alphabet letters when shown individually out of order?

Some All None

15) Does your child recognize basic colors?

Red Blue Yellow Orange Purple Green Black Brown Pink White

16) How would you like to see your child grow this Kindergarten year?

17) Does your child have access to a computer/ internet and approx. how much time would they spend a week?

In your opinion, what areas require most growth, learning or improvement?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the information on this form. Your replies will help me get to know your child more quickly and will enable me to set individual learning goals.

Denise Henry

2017/2018 Kindergarten Program



Bentley School is accepting registrations for Kindergarten students for the upcoming school year.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2017 to start Kindergarten in September
- Birth Certificate is required at time of registration. Children are not considered registered until a birth certificate is provided.
- Parents must register their child (rural students) for busing—deadline is June 15th, 2017.

All other information will be given at the Parent meeting held in the fall. Mrs. Henry will contact parents in late August/early September with dates on information nights.

If you know of a friend or neighbor with a child eligible for either of these programs, please encourage them to register. Registration forms are available at the school office and online. For more information, please call the school at 748-3770.



We are still accepting registrations for Bright Futures Play Academy for 3 and 4 year olds. Please go to www.brightfuturesplayacademy.ca or call 403-783-3473

RURAL SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS

Students who live in the country and are new to busing or have moved to a new rural location are required to register for transportation. Your full legal land description and complete blue sign (911 address) are required to register. Bus students already attending Bentley School do not need to register again.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/BusApplication.php>

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca

Phone - 403-785-0726 (Direct) or 403-341-4153 (Red Deer) or 403-782-8726 (Lacombe)





Tips for shopping for Kindergarten



Backpacks: These need to be big enough to hold a lunchkit and a pair of soggy snowpants. Stay away from one with lots of pockets. They don't use them anyway and they are harder to get in and out of the locker

Indoor shoes: These need to be suitable for gym and your child should be able to get them off and on **independently**. No laces until your child can tie quickly.

Winter gear: Our class goes out every day for a full half hour unless it's brutally cold so they need good winter gear. They roll, sit and play in the snow!

Mittens: are preferable over gloves as they are warmer and easier to get on. They need to have a nylon outer shell as knitted or fleece mitts get coated with snow quickly, get wet and very cold. Knitted gloves or mitts are okay until snow season if they can be put on easily! Generally mittens work better. Try before you buy. Some mitts are too stiff or tight or have too high a collar to put on easily. Think active play! And FYI. As the children need to dress themselves for recess we always put mitts on last as we need our hands for dressing.



Encourage this!

Snow pants: Can the child put them on easily? If not, why not? If possible have ones that don't need to have straps that have to be done and undone. Good ones have a stretchy strap that can be snug when on but will give a little when putting them on. Pants without bibs are fine and easier to get out of if nature calls. We don't usually pull snow pants over boots. Can your child do this themselves?

Jackets: Jackets with hoods are great but as some hoods make it hard to see and fall off easily students should all have a toque as well.

Scarves: If scarves are worn we try to tuck them inside jackets for safety reasons. A fleece neck tube is a much easier option.

Boots: Can your child pull these on themselves? Ones that don't have to be tied are preferable.



Remember-Independence is the goal. The more you choose clothing with this in mind the quicker your kids will be independent, and make your life easier too!

As everything needs to be marked with the child's name it is a great time to invest in Mabel's Labels or equivalent. You will be glad you did!

Parent Checklist for Kindergarten

	To Bring to School	Marked with name
	Running shoes with Velcro and non-marking soles (Indoor shoes)	
	Complete set of spare clothes including underwear, socks and a sweater or sweatshirt in zip lock bag . Our classroom is always quite cool –name on bag	
	Large backpack – big enough to hold lunch kit and snow pants. It will not be too heavy for child (tip- less pockets work better – they don't use them anyway)	
	Lunch kit (not too big so it doesn't take up too much room in backpack))	
	Child information sheet/ complete registration at office if you have not	
	To Remember	
	Sign up for email and text notices at parent meeting	
	Rural students need to fill out an online bus registration form http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/Busingapplication.php 403-785-0726 If you have busing questions	
	Make sure school has current contact,numbers (including cell)	
	Call 748-3770 if child will be absent –or email denise.henry@wolfcreek.ab.ca	
	Check the folder daily for important notes and use the folder for notes to school (ex. bus students will be put on bus if we don't have a note!) You may also email us at denise.henry@wolfcreek.ab.ca	
	Drop off time (doors unlocked) 8:20 Pick up time 3:10 (bus loads about 3:00 leaves at 3:15)	
	Enter and exit the parking lot from the north (don't drive past buses when loading or unloading) Keep the drop off and pick up as brief as possible as the parking lot is busy. Carpooling is great!	
	Mark coats, indoor and outdoor shoes, mitts, lunch containers etc. with name. Mabel's Labels or equivalent are an excellent investment and you will need them for a years to come	

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PANTHER PRIDE

Bentley School is a partnership where respect, integrity and dedication are emphasized to promote excellence.

September, 2017

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Sylvan Lake, AB

To Whom It May Concern:

The following person _____ is planning to work as a volunteer in our school and has agreed to undergo a police check.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacquie Ruud
Administrative Assistant
Bentley School