



# January 2019 Kindergarten News



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Christmas break</b>					
6	7 	8 Acelon	9 Cree	10 Jayden	11	12
13 	14	15 Avery	16 Fisher	17 Milk & Cookie Day  Jonah	18	19 
20	21	22 Danica	23 Jack	24 Khloe	25 Extra Friday for blue and green pods Jase	26
27 	28	29 Gemma	30 Kylie	31 Luisa		



## Happy New Year

Welcome back and we certainly hope you had a restful holiday.

In January Kindergarten students will be looking at things that make each of us unique such as our names, eye and hair color and interests.

We will be delving into our social learning program called We Thinkers which teaches and discusses how we successfully work within a group.

January will be a month that we of course continue to work on and expand skills in the following areas: (plus much more)

- Rhyme (make a rhyme, state which words rhyme, tell which does not rhyme) you can help by playing with rhyme at home
- Letter recognition out of order – upper and lower case
- Letter sounds that each letter makes (we have actions as well)
- Hear the first sound that a word makes – when I say cat what is the first SOUND you hear (not letter) sound
- Blending words C-A-T say it fast cat
- Building sets to 10
- Matching numerals to sets
- Realizing number values
- Realizing value can be shown in many ways (fingers, dots, 10 frames, sets, number lines...)
- At a glance without counting a set from 1-5 (working to 10)
- Drawing skills using various lines
- Handwriting with tears (always printing top down never from bottom) curves and lines

Thank you for reading with your children daily. Math games, setting tables, puzzles, music and cooking really help to develop math skills.

High five for sending outdoor gear each and every day.

## **Swimming Lesson Schedule**

Swimming Lessons have been confirmed for 2019 for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students at the Nexsource Centre in Sylvan Lake. Cost will be \$50. Forms will go home to families in January. Payment is available online or you can make cheques payable to Wolf Creek Public Schools.

### Grade 1—5 April 1—18, 2018

#### **Monday/Wednesday**

Grade 4: 11 a.m.

Grade 1: 1 p.m.

#### **Tuesday/Thursday**

Grade 5: 9 a.m.

Grade 3: 10 a.m.

Grade 2: 11 a.m.

Grade 2/3: 1 p.m.

#### **Kindergarten**

February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 & March 5, 6 & 7 at 1 p.m.

## **Yearbook**

Starting in mid-January Elementary students will have the option to purchase a yearbook. To order login into PowerSchool and under student fees you will see a yearbook option. Costs for the yearbook are \$30. Thank you to Mrs. Williamson and her dedicated team of students for taking the lead on the 2018-19 yearbook!

## **Milk and Cookie Day**

We will have Milk and Cookie Day for Elementary & Jr. High students on Thursday, Jan 17. All students will be given milk and cookies. This is complimentary to all students - paid for from our school's milk and hot dog program.

## **Playground News**

We are pleased to announce that Alberta Blue Cross has chosen the Bentley School Chest Society as a 2018 recipient of their Healthy Communities Grant Program. The grant provides an additional \$50,000 towards the Joslyn Snow Memorial Project bringing the total raised to date to over \$327,000! Thank you to Alberta Blue Cross and the Bentley School Chest Society for your continued support of our school!



## **Grad Battery Fundraiser**

Starting in January, the grade 12 class will be collecting car batteries for recycle. Please feel free to contact Mr. Hazlett at [jason.hazlett@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:jason.hazlett@wolfcreek.ab.ca) if you have any you would like to donate as a fundraiser for the grade 12 graduation ceremony.

## **Save the Date—Social Media Presentation for Parents—February 5**

Parents are invited to participate in a social media presentation for parents at 7 p.m. in the High School Gym on Tuesday, February 5. None of us were 13 years old on Instagram, but this is the reality for our kids. There are devices everywhere, making exposure easy even for the most protected kid. Our instinct is to say "no", because we don't understand social media and we want to keep our kids safe. But having talked to over a thousand students in the last two years, we can tell you with certainty; kids are using it, even if we say no. So, let's talk about how to start a social conversation with your kids. What "Safe" looks like in a social world, and how to guide your kids, and yourself, in a positive manner. Students in Grade 5—12 will also have the opportunity to listen to presentations on Digital Citizenship and Social Safety and Personal Branding during the day as well.

## ***Bentley School Gives Back***

With the support of students and their families and friends, Bentley School was fortunate to be able to give very generously again this year. Thank you to everyone who donated to Gifts for Grandparents. The Sr. High boys basketball team and Leadership students delivered the Gifts for Grandparents to seniors in Bentley and area before Christmas. The gift card wreaths were full of wonderful gift certificates which were raffled off at our Christmas Concert on December 14th. Congratulations to the following winners:

K—2 Experience.....Marlaine Stephenson

3—5 Essentials.....Norma Tolsma

6—8 Retail.....Pat Holland

9—12 Restaurants.....Lyn Garries

Chocolate Basket.....Melissa Woroschuk

Just over \$1300 was donated to our families in need. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!!



## ***Golf Academy Donation***

Thank you to the Gull Lake Golf Course for the donation of \$2,684.80 to the Golf Academy program!



## ***A Message from the Hutzkal/Morton Family***

To my community, friends and family.

In December, my home was taken away from me in front of my eyes, due to a terrible fire. After what felt like one of the biggest devastations I had ever experienced, my family and I were showered with the most pure love and support we had ever felt.

I wish there were words that would accurately describe how eternally grateful I am towards everyone that has stepped up and helped us in some way. The kindness that was spread so easily has been very overwhelming, and fills my soul with love. My community has rocked us to our core with how much it has banded together and supported us with no questions asked. I don't know how we will ever thank everyone enough.

Within a week we have received almost everything we need to survive between donations and the Go-FundMe account. It had blown our minds how quickly our story spread and how much help we received in such a small amount of time.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything, it truly has brought joy and hope to our family during this difficult time, knowing that we have such amazing people, friends and family behind us.

Love Esther, Brian, Quintin, Darcy and Kane.



# Life Skills Program for Single Parents

## Innovative Delivery



Are you a single parent looking for employment?

### Do you:

- Live in a rural or small town in central Alberta?
- Want to enhance your skills and increase your employability?
- Need help connecting to resources?
- Have limited access to transportation?

The Life Skills Program for Single Parents offers distance delivery through virtual meetings and teleconferencing

Everyone eligible for the program will go through an individualized assessment to determine the best possible path for them. A Career/Life Skills Coach will help you to develop your own unique plan to identify your personal and employment goals and strengths, stay motivated and organized, build confidence and achieve your employment goal one step at a time. We understand that life can get overwhelming and that you want something better, but may not know where to start. You do not have to do it alone.

### Our services include:

- Life Skills Sessions
- Supported Job Search
- Career Counselling
- Resume/Cover Letter Development
- Employment Readiness Coaching

### What are Life Skills?

Empowering skills that enable people to cope with life's challenges and changes. Strengthening life skills helps to manage challenges and risks, maximize opportunities and solve problems in realistic, practical and constructive ways.



### Bredin Centre for Learning

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### Our Mission Statement

Bredin Centre for Learning provides responsive services that empower and connect people to fully contribute to our community through pathways to education and employment.

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## Cancelling School Buses and Closing Schools Due to Bad Weather

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause the disruption of bus transportation and at times regular school operations. We must recognize that there are days when school buses will not be able to operate because of extreme temperatures, fog, freezing rain or other adverse road conditions. Parents/guardians are reminded to review the inclement weather information below for the 2018-2019 school year.

In case of inclement weather, the decision to close schools and/or cancel buses is determined prior to 6:00 a.m. and is communicated thereafter in the following ways:

- Telephone recording and/or text message sent to all registered student households via PowerAnnouncement
- Wolf Creek Public Schools website newsfeed ([www.wolfcreek.ab.ca](http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca))
- Notifications automatically sent to subscribers of WCPS' Media newsfeed
- Twitter - School closures and bus cancellations will be tweeted to followers at [@WCPS72](https://twitter.com/WCPS72)
- Facebook - School closures and bus cancellations updates are posted to [Wolf Creek Public Schools](https://www.facebook.com/WolfCreekPublicSchools)
- Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation webpage regarding school bus route status (<http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/Busing.php>)
- Television/Radio Stations: Global News, Sunny 94.1 FM, Big 105.5 FM, CKGY 95.5 FM, ZED 98.9 FM, CHED 630 AM, CFCW 790 AM, KJR 1440 AM

*It is a parent's decision whether or not they send their child to school on inclement weather days when buses are cancelled and schools remain open.*

## Diploma and PAT Exams

Inclement weather includes situations where the weather conditions prevent a student from being able to arrive safely at the nearest available writing location or where the writing locations have been closed due to severe weather. This can include situations where division school buses were not operating due to weather conditions.

In the event that a group of students is impacted and unable to access the writing of a diploma exam as a result of inclement weather, an application will be made on their behalf to the Alberta Education Special Cases Team to indicate how the students were impacted. The decision to provide an exemption is provided at the sole discretion of Alberta Education.\* (excerpt from *Alberta Education General Information Bulletin*)

During inclement weather, schools with writing locations will, where possible, remain open for Diploma exams to be completed by students who are able to make their way into the exam location. Students, where possible and where safe to do so, are encouraged to write Diploma exams on the assigned day as these are not able to be rescheduled. Writing times will be accommodated for late arrivals on the same day of the exam.

Students in Grade 6 and 9 who are writing PAT exams and miss the exam due to inclement weather will be accommodated on an alternate day, where possible.

Students and parents should watch for notifications with further details on any inclement weather day where a Diploma or PAT exam is being written as specific details will be provided on school websites and radio.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- When a decision is made to cancel bus transportation in the morning and schools remain open, buses will typically run at the end of the school day to return students home.
- Bus drivers have the individual authority to cancel their route, or decide not to stop at a particular pick-up site if they feel the weather/road conditions warrant such action. This can occur regardless of a decision being made by the Superintendent regarding bus cancellations.
- The decision to cancel all bus runs for a full day of school automatically includes the closing of the affected school(s) for all students. However, there may be occasions when the following occurs:
  - Area bus runs (eg. Bluffton, Olive, etc) are canceled in the morning but schools remain open, or
  - Cases such as fog conditions and freezing rain, where road conditions are expected to improve significantly within a short period of time, but improvement in road conditions occurs too late to operate morning bus routes.
    - In such cases, schools will remain open, and the bus runs will be re-opened for operation in the afternoon in order to transport students home who found alternative modes of transport to school. Reminders that the afternoon bus runs will operate and will always be announced on the radio immediately in the morning.
- Schools will be closed with no buses running when the air temperature in excess of -40 degrees C exists regardless of wind conditions. In instances where the air temperature is between -30 degrees C and -40 degrees C, the wind chill factor may be considered if it creates a temperature in excess of -40 degrees C with the wind chill factor included.
- Schools will be closed with no buses running when dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility (e.g. heavy snowfall, blowing snow, freezing rain, heavy fog) are present.
- Pay careful attention to the bus cancellation message if your child/children are bus riders. Waiting for buses in extreme cold temperatures is very dangerous and being cognizant of bus cancellations will ensure your child/children are not outside waiting for a bus that has been cancelled.
- Dress warmly on cold weather days as school buses may be delayed and your child/children may be waiting for the bus for a longer time than usual.
- Wolf Creek Public Schools will continue to announce any district-wide busing cancellations due to inclement weather, fog, or poor road conditions using WCPS' communication practice.