



April 2019

Kindergarten News



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April is a month that we will focus our learning around our EARTH and our responsibility in caring for it. This goes well with Earth Day on April 22. We will focus our attention on using less, recycling and reusing things in our world. We ask that the family get involved by discussing buying less, wanting less, using less is a magic formula for supporting our earth. We will spend time in the Bentley Schools live lab watching plants grow and change as well as other living experiments within the lab. Students generally really love to learn with nature so we are looking forward to a great month.

To support all of our learning we will be growing things. Our field trip to Aspen Greenhouse on Apr 23 will involve our community in their learning. We will use plant growth as a means to incorporate learning in math/ prediction/counting/measuring/time passage. We will read about plant growth, view and speak about our plants and other plants and how they grow. We will look at seeds measure and compare and sort them.

We will continue to learn letters A-Z and their sounds. We will be using sounds to stretch words out and blend them back – learning to hear each sound in a word. We will continue to focus on learning vowels and the more tricky sounds they make (we call them vowel bats). We will continue to encourage writing a communicating ideas and words in our daily journals.

We will also be focusing on measuring things with non standard units of measure

We will continue with our social learning and work with recognizing what the Group Plan is, where my body needs to be in the group plan, I need to look at people so they know that I am thinking about them. We are also continuing to work on find ways to calm and regulate ourselves.

**Don't forget to view the entire April
Newsletter on the school website!!!**

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET FROM THE BENTLEY SCHOOL, MONKEY TOP, TOWN OF BENTLEY OR
THE BLUE LIGHT LIQUOR STORE

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE
JOSLYN SNOW MEMORIAL PROJECT

Cash Raffle

DRAW DATE: JUNE 27, 2019
BENTLEY SCHOOL

\$40 PER TICKET

1 IN 66 CHANCES TO WIN!

GRAND PRIZE: \$3,000 2ND PRIZE: \$1,500

3RD PRIZE: \$800 4TH PRIZE: \$400

5TH PRIZE: \$200 6TH PRIZE: \$100

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Spring Photos—April 23

Sprints photos are Tuesday, April 23 for ECS to Grade 11 students. Approx. 2—4 weeks after photo date, packages will be sent to the school for you to purchase the ones you like and return any photos you do not wish to buy. There is no obligation to purchase. **If you do not plan on purchasing photos, there is no need to have photo taken. Please let your homeroom teacher know if you do not wish to have spring photos taken.**

Outstanding School Fees

We still have a number of students with outstanding school fees. Our school policy states that all school fees including fees for extra curricular activities must be paid prior to a child participating in swimming lessons, field trips, etc. All families with outstanding fees have received a statement of their account. Families experiencing financial difficulties, are asked to call the school office at 403-748-3770 for assistance.

Veggie Fundraiser

The Joslyn Snow Memorial Project Committee will be running another Veggie Fundraiser with 4 greenhouses this spring. Watch for order forms coming home April 1! Orders are due Wednesday, April 24th and veggies will be delivered Wednesday, May 8, 2019. We were very impressed with the quality of the veggies from this fundraiser last year! All proceeds support the Joslyn Snow Memorial Project

Springtime !

It's finally here but our playground is not dried up yet. You probably guessed by the wet snow pants coming home. Send snow or splash pants , mitts and hat **daily** . If we don't use them -great but we will have them if we do. Please take a moment and put names on the spring gear—especially boots! Thank you!

Note Folders

These need to come daily—Many kids are forgetting and we are running out of spare folders . If you can't find your child's please purchase a replacement (pocket portfolio) and send it in.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The evenings of **Wednesday, April 3** and **Thursday, April 4** from 4:30 to 8:00 pm have been set aside for parent/teacher interviews. We have changed the format for this upcoming round of interviews based on parent feedback from the fall. We are piloting these changes and would appreciate any feedback on the new format to be shared with your teacher(s).

Kindergarten - Grade 8

Teachers have contacted families they would like to see on the evening of Wednesday, April 3rd and there will be some limited spaces available for parents to sign up as well if they need to see the teacher privately from the homepage of our website. On Thursday, April 4th between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m parents and students are invited to drop by and see what their child(ren) has been working on in their class and have informal conversations with their teacher. Based on the feedback we have received the need for everyone to have formal sit down interviews at these grades has been reduced with the use of the FreshGrade portfolios. We are trying to accommodate as many parents as possible over the allotted two days of interviews and hope that this change will meet the needs of as many parents as possible.

Grade 9 - 12

The interview format for students in grade 9 - 12 is not changing and scheduled appointments will be available to book both evenings from the homepage of our website.

Cash Raffle

Get your tickets for the Joslyn Snow Memorial Playground Project Cash Raffle! Tickets available at the Bentley School, Bentley town office, Monkey Top Saloon and the Blue Light Liquor Store.

\$40 per ticket. Cash only. Buyer must be 18 yrs of age to purchase a ticket. \$6,000 in cash prizes are up for grabs:

Grand Prize - \$3,000
2nd Prize - \$1,500
3rd Prize - \$800
4th Prize - \$400
5th Prize - \$200
6th Prize - \$100

1 in 66 chances to win! Draw Date is June 27th at Bentley School.



Roots of Empathy
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Roots of Empathy

Looking for new parents!!

Bentley School is looking for a *Roots of Empathy Family* for the 2019 - 2020 school year!

The program will start in October. If you are a parent with a new baby age 2 - 5 months, we would love to hear from you!

What is the role of the Family?



The program celebrates the power of the family in the development of the baby as a person. A mother and/or father will visit a Bentley School classroom with their baby 9 times throughout the school year. Each visit will be about 30 minutes.

What is Roots of Empathy?

Roots of empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown a significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.



For more information please contact:
Amber Harris, RSW
Bentley School Social Worker
amber.harri@wolfcreek.ab.ca
(403) 748 -3770

Bentley School Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020 is Open

New Students not currently enrolled in Pre-K4 at Bentley School. Click the Kindergarten Registration link on the registration page of our website at: <https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/registration> and select create account.

Returning students currently enrolled in Pre-K4 at Bentley School. Parents of students currently enrolled in Pre-K4 will receive an email on February 1 requesting them to complete their returning student registration. When clicking on the link, parents will login to the account that was created last year to confirm their child's information, update any new information and confirm their registration into Kindergarten. **Please DO NOT create a new account.** Please wait for this email to register your child in Kindergarten using their unique snapcode link.

Having trouble registering?

We will be happy to help! Please call the office at **403-748-3770** and ask for Mrs. Lush or Mrs. McDiarmid.

Please Note: A copy of original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) need to accompany registration or a comment to when you will be able to submit them.

Age Requirement: Kindergarten students **must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2019** (Wolf Creek Public Schools Policy #300).

Bright Futures Play Academy 2019-2020 Registration is Open



2019-2020 Bright Futures Play Academy REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AS OF JANUARY 14, 2019!

Wolf Creek Public Schools offers early learning programming for children ages 3 and 4 years with priority placement for children with identified

learning needs. All children are welcome as we have programs for children to learn together in an inclusive setting.

This pre-kindergarten program focused on purposeful play is designed to increase communication, socialization and learning readiness for successful entry into Kindergarten. Application to the program is completed online. Each spring, community information meetings are held in your local community. Families that apply after these events are held will still be contacted by the program staff.

All interested parents are encouraged to apply online at: www.brightfuturesplayacademy.ca/



RURAL SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS

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

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

Your full legal land description AND 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.*

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/services/transportation>

Registration Opens April 1, 2019

Deadline for registering is June 15, 2019

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) ext. 1335

Website - <https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca>



We are looking at bringing in Val Hilliker, International Comedy Ventriloquist et al this July.

She would facilitate a fun filled 2 day camp from 9am-2pm. The theme will be diversity.

Suited for ages 7-12 the kids will enjoy a performance, puppet making, script writing and performing. Puppets are created using recyclable materials!

As this must be arranged soon to secure a camp, we are asking parents if they would commit to this. The dates will either be July 3 and 4 or July 16 and 17. Camp would need to be paid for by April 30th to secure the spot.

The subsidized fee will be \$50 per youth. Val has presented at our school in the past for the younger grades. If you would like to check out her website it is www.valhilliker.com

If you would like more information, or to have your child put on the list so we can keep you informed please send an email to community@townofbentley.com Space will be limited and we will also be looking for some enthusiastic adult volunteers!!!!!!





Wolf Creek Public Schools

February 28, 2019

Dear Parents,

Recently a game called "MOMO" has surfaced and is being played by students in our school communities. This game normally shows up through sites such as Facebook, YouTube and WhatsApp but MOMO is now appearing in video games, You Tube Kids, Fortnite, Peppa Pig, etc, making it easier for younger children to access.

The challenge game encourages children to perform acts of violence and self-harm through a series of progressively risky challenges and without telling their parents. The MOMO figure asks players to provide photographic evidence of the violent or self-harming acts in order to continue the game, which become increasingly serious and put children at great risk of harm.

As the safety of our students is of utmost importance in Wolf Creek Public Schools, we wanted to ensure that parents were aware that this game is circulating and to provide you with some resources and information so that you can work with your children to ensure they are safe. Attached is a [poster](#) with information about MOMO. We have also attached a Fact Sheet for Parents that provides helpful information.

The RCMP are aware that this game is circulating and recommend that the WhatsApp number be blocked immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Superintendent
Inclusive Learning Services

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Superintendent of Schools

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(403) 783-3140

Quick Facts

AP 132: Closure of Schools Due to Inclement Weather

What is AP 132?



- It guides decisions for school closure, due to inclement weather.
- With safety of students as the primary concern, the Superintendent and Transportation Manager make a joint decision, between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., on school closure and cancelling buses.
- AP 132 has been followed for decades, and is applied consistently, using Environment Canada conditions, and a network of contacts.

When are buses cancelled & schools closed?



To ensure safety, AP 132 provides the following guidelines:

Note: Cancelling buses for a full day automatically closes affected school(s) for all students.

- Ambient air temperature -40°C = bus cancellation.
- Air Temp between -30°C and -40°C **AND** wind chill factors in excess of -40°C = possible bus cancellation.
- Dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility = bus cancellation.
- Buses may be cancelled, and schools remain open if conditions (such as fog or freezing rain) are expected to improve. Buses would then run in the afternoon to transport students home.

Did you know?

WCPS schools have only been closed an average of **2.5 days per year** over the past 8 years, due to inclement weather.

Year	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Days Closed	6	4	0	3.5	1	1	1	4

Why are schools closed when buses are cancelled?

To ensure safety, AP 132 provides the following guidelines:

- **If there are extreme weather conditions** to the degree that WCPS will not run buses, we also believe **conditions are not safe for students to be traveling to school**, and will close schools accordingly to ensure safety.
- WCPS' mandate is to provide a safe and caring school division. **Closing schools on these days ensures we are doing everything possible to keep students safe.**
- Despite many urban schools having fewer bus students, **many feeder bus routes travel from rural areas to urban schools.**
- **Not feasible to close one school and leave others in the same community open**, as weather impacts a region, and families could have students in more than one school.
- We have seen **tragic consequences when drivers venture on dangerous roads**, including in an Alberta school division in 2018, with a fatality of a teen driving to school.
- **Safety must remain a priority.**

Did you know?

* WCPS bus more than 4,100 students, 57% of our student population, over a total distance of more than 40,000 km per year.

* WCPS staff still attend their school sites, unless deemed unsafe to do so.

* WCPS plans for more than the required instructional hours to buffer in case of school closures.

We know: Finding childcare is challenging, and we truly appreciate parents making arrangements.

Worry Taming Strategies for Parents/Guardians of "Wee Worriers"



A four week psycho-educational, interactive group
for parent(s)/guardian(s) of children ages 4 to 6
(or somewhat younger or older☺) who have a worry habit

- WHERE:** Lacombe Parent Link,
located in the Lacombe Memorial Centre
(childcare provided, but space is limited)
- WHEN:** 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
- DATES:** Wednesdays - April 17 & 24 and May 1 & 8, 2019
- WHO:** This program is jointly offered by
Lacombe Mental Health and Lacombe Parent Link

For more information and to register contact Norene Gillespie
at the Lacombe Mental Health Clinic at 403-782-3413

NOTE: Parents/Guardians must register first with Mental Health
prior to connecting with Parent Link for childcare, if needed

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Class will only run if we have a minimum of four participants



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Services**

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parentLINKcentre

Please share!

**We need to support this if we want to keep
a doctor locally!**

**There will be a Doctor in Bentley on
Thursdays starting April 4th. You can call
Mainstreet Medical in Lacombe to make an
appointment - ensuring you state in Bentley.**

Dr. K Smit 403-782-6717





You're Not Alone

Stressed out? Lonely? Experiencing bullying or abuse? Feeling anxious or sad? Worried about a friend?

Young people from all over Canada reach out to Kids Help Phone in different ways when they don't know who to talk to. We offer free, professional, anonymous and confidential counselling, in English and French, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

COUNSELLING

Think of counselling as a conversation with someone whom you can trust who won't judge you, wants to help and knows a lot about the kinds of challenges young people face.

We all need support at one time or another. A counsellor can help you explore your options — you'll decide what's best for you.

... There is no problem too big or too small. The call is about you, so if it's important to you, it's important to us.

CONNECT WITH KIDS HELP PHONE

If you need one-on-one time with someone who gets what's going on in your life, you can connect anonymously with Kids Help Phone. Our counsellors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to support you with whatever you're going through.



CALL Kids Help Phone at
1-800-668-6868.



LIVE CHAT at [KidsHelpPhone.ca](https://www.kidshelpphone.ca).



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