

PANTHER NEWS



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Important Dates

Oct 1 - 28	Socktober & Be a Hunger Hero (see poster inside full details!)
Oct 4 - 7	Early Interview Phone Calls
Oct 5	World Teacher Appreciation Day
Oct 6	Hot Dog Day
Oct 8	No School for Students
Oct 11	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 11 - 17	Order November Lunches
Oct 12	Popcorn Day
Oct 14	Jr High CWAJHAA Cross Country Race Grad Bottle Drive Fundraiser
Oct 15	Western Day
Oct 20	Hot Dog Day
Oct 22	Subway Day
Oct 25 - 28	Halloween Door Decorating Contest
Oct 26	Pizza Day (Gr. 1 - 6)
Oct 27	Pizza Day (Gr. 7 - 12)
Oct 28	Halloween Dress Up Day Booster Juice Day
Oct 29	No School for Students

October 2021

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?

Parents: Please note the Pizza Day date change! Also, Retakes have been rescheduled to November 18.

Panther Poll

One of the big changes this year, from the Alberta Education department, is the move from an accountability model to an assurance model. The difference between these models is the engagement of all the education partners. The accountability model focused on school authorities to the department of education. The assurance model focuses on engagement and creating and sustaining a culture of continuous improvement. To assist with this, parents can watch for a principal's message each month to share what is happening in our school and highlight the great programming and initiatives we have been running. We will also provide an opportunity for parents to respond to topics that impact our school and operations through a monthly survey or written response question called the Panther Poll. Survey and/or summary written feedback will be compiled and shared the following month and will be used to help guide further programming and operation decisions.

Early Interview Phone Calls

Teachers will be connecting with parents next week via phone between October 4 - 7 to see how the start of the year is going for your child. There is no need to book. Your child's homeroom teacher will connect with you. If parents have any questions or concerns this is a good time to bring them up with their teacher.

Schoology Update

The district is working hard to implement Schoology across the division. This is the new progress reporting tool for students in Grade K - 12. We expect the rollout of the new program to happen towards the end of October.

Notice of Respiratory Illness Outbreak Status

Bentley School has been identified by Alberta Health Services as having a respiratory illness outbreak with Covid-19 identified. The school will be in outbreak status until Oct 7, 2021. Please help us curb the spread at school by making sure the [self checklist](#) is completed daily and keeping your child home if they are sick for the recommended time period. A reminder that all students in grades 4-12 are required to wear a mask in school - hallways, bathrooms and common areas. Students are allowed to remove their mask once seated in their classroom. Please remind your child of these regulations as students will be sent home that continue to defy the mandated regulations by AHS. Our goal is to keep the school doors open to our students and the continuation of extracurricular activities.

Bus Status App

Did you know WCPS operates a total of 89 regular runs per day plus 7 special needs bus routes. Transportation Services is encouraging all of our busing parents with a smart device to download the app to keep apprised of any changes or distributions to your child's route. Downloading the app is simple!

[Watch the video to find out how.](#)

Student Supplies

Our community has been very generous in donating school supplies for students who come to school with limited supplies. Unfortunately, these resources are dwindling and we are currently in need of **new**, pencils, glue sticks, pencil crayons, markers, coil notebooks, dividers and duotangs. If you interested in donating any of these items, please connect with the school office at 403-748-3770.

Gr. 12 Bottle Drive

Grade 12 students will be coming around to Bentley residents on Thursday, Oct 14 after 5:30 for their annual bottle drive. This event will be helping the grad class of 2022 fundraise money for their grad. If you would like to donate your bottles for our Bentley grads we sincerely thank you. Please feel free to place bottles outside your house if you would not like us to disturb you on the 14th.

Employment Opportunities

Bentley School is looking for reliable, experienced substitute educational assistants who are able to meet the needs of students with potentially complex or behavioral needs. Training will be provided to the right candidates. If you are interested in applying, email your resume and cover letter to lane.moore@wolfcreek.ab.ca. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Wolf Creek Public Schools is seeking relief janitorial help in all schools. We provide training and competitive wages, and it could lead to a permanent position. Approved Criminal and Child Intervention background checks are required. Find details to apply at: <https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/employment/jobs>

Wolf Creek Public Schools (WCPS) offers an exciting and fulfilling opportunity as a spare bus driver. This opportunity includes free license and driver training, competitive wages and flexibility. **Perfect for Retirees or Stay-at-Home Parents wanting to work part time!** Find details to apply at: <https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/employment/jobs>

Hockey Academy

Hockey Academy registration is delayed for the time being. More details to follow.

Trickster Theatre

We are excited to announce that Bentley School is the recipient of the Alberta Foundation of the Arts grant. This grant enables us to bring Trickster Theatre back for another round of performing arts for our students! Artists will be on site the week of December 13 - 17 working with students to produce a theatrical performance on the theme "Giving".

Parent Council Update

Parent Council held their first meeting on September 27, 2021. You can view the minutes from the meetings on the website at

<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/parents/school-council>

If you have something you would like added to the agenda, please contact Ashley one week prior to the scheduled meeting date at

ashleybajema23@gmail.com. The next meeting is scheduled for November 1.



Terry Fox Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in raising dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation. Bentley School raised a total of \$3413. Way to go students! We look forward to supporting this worthy cause each year!



Congratulations to the Jr High Cross Country Team for winning the Wolf Creek 1J Banner on Wed, Sept 29! We had 34 students participate in the race!

Race Results

Gr. 7 Girls

Macy - 1st
Jayda - 4th
Bryer - 8th
Bella - 12th
Anna - 17th

Gr 8 Girls

Kaylee - 1st
Madden - 22nd
Jasmine - 35th
Hope - 37th

Gr 9 Girls

Finn - 8th
Jayda - 12th
Piper - 17th
Brynn - 19th
Capri - 20th
Saydee - 21st

Gr 7 Boys

Carter - 21st
Justin - 27th
Roman - 38th
Tyson - 39th
Carver - 47

Gr 8 Boys

Jabin - 3rd
Jayden - 8th
Bodhi - 12th
Ethan - 19th
Porter - 26th

Gr 9 Boys

Kyler - 4th
Brady - 7th
Lenny - 8th
Max - 14th
Deegan - 15th
Jake - 19th
Alex - 20th
Reuben - 21st
Jackson - 31st



This October

BE A HUNGER HERO



*No Child Should
Ever Go Hungry*

**BRING IN YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND
STAND UP TO HUNGER
prize for the winning class!!**

CONTEST GOES UNTIL OCTOBER 28th



SOCK TOBER

collecting new socks
for the month of October

**all socks will be donated to those in need
within and surrounding our community**

Bentley School Leadership

INVITES ALL STUDENTS AND
STAFF FOR...



Halloween Door Decorating CONTEST

BE THE BEST DECORATOR ON THIS HALLOWEEN SEASON

Thursday
OCTOBER

 **28**

Leadership is hosting a door decorating contest for students and staff the week of October 25 - 28. Judging to take place Thursday, October 28!

WORKSHOPS

**Tuesdays in October & November
7-9pm via Zoom
with Tammy Auten-Dye,
local psychologist**

Oct. 5 - Strategies to Support Your Anxious Child

Oct. 12 - Self-Regulation: Beyond the Zones

**Oct. 19 - Building Attachment: How Relationships
Impact Children**

Oct. 26/Nov.2 - Childhood Anger

**Nov. 9/16 - Teenage Years: Supporting Teens
Through Anxiety, Depression, Puberty, Sexuality,
Life Transitions & more**

**Nov. 23 - Childhood Trauma: Getting Through
Growing Up**

To register:

karen.white@mcmancentral.ca

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KIDS HAVE STRESS TOO: PRESCHOOL



with Carolyn McLaren &
Heather Darnell

This 4 week program is designed to help parents, and caregivers become more aware of children's stress, and to help children cope with, and develop effective ways of dealing with stress. We'll also provide hands on activities and strategies that you can use to help children manage day-to-day struggles and stress, and ease the transition from home to child care, school and back home again.

TO REGISTER:

heather.darnell@mcmancentral.ca

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**Mondays 10-11:30
October 4&18
November 1&15
Via Zoom**