

PANTHER NEWS



December 2021

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Important Dates

Dec 1	Hot Dog Day
Dec 1	Gr. 6 & 9 Routine Immunizations
Dec 6 - 12	January Lunch Orders Available to Order Online
Dec 7	Popcorn Day
Dec 7	Bentley School Chest Society Holiday Fundraiser Pick Up
Dec 8	Hot Dog Day
Dec 9	Booster Juice
Dec 9	Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
Dec 10	No School for Students
Dec 13 - 17	Trickster Theatre!
Dec 14	Elementary Pizza Day
Dec 15	Jr/Sr High Pizza Day
Dec 16	Christmas Hat Day
Dec 17	Subway Day
Dec 21	Trickster Performance Available to Public
Dec 20 - Jan 3	Christmas Break
Jan 4	Student's First Day Back

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?

BENTLEY SCHOOL GIVES BACK

**FAMILIES IN NEED
RAFFLE**



DRAW TO BE MADE DECEMBER 15

You Could Win!

GRAND PRIZE: \$1,500 Cash

2nd PRIZE: \$750 Cash

3rd Prize: \$375

4th Prize: Grinch Basket

All proceeds support families in need in Bentley and surrounding community.

Tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$20

**Deadline to purchase tickets:
12 p.m. Dec 15**



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FOR MORE INFO CALL US AT 403-748-3770

BENTLEY SCHOOL
GIFTS FOR
Grandparents

TOONIE DRIVE

**HELP US GIVE BACK TO OUR
COMMUNITY**

Bentley School has partnered with other generous community donors to join Earthy Accents' initiative to create and distribute holiday floral arrangements to seniors within the Town of Bentley. We are doing a Toonie Drive to fund our contribution and toonie collection bins are in each classroom. Thank you for helping spread joy to seniors in our community!

Drop Off Location & Donation Deadline

Classroom Toonie Bin

Wednesday, December 15

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US AT 403-748-3770.

Trickster Theatre

The big week is almost here! As you have previously been made aware, from December 13 - 17 Bentley School will be immersed in Language Arts, Social Studies, Drama, and Art activities under the direction of Trickster Theatre. The week has been designated for the students to create an original theatre production that will be performed at the end of the week. We have chosen to base our production on the theme: **Spirit of Giving**. To help us explore this theme and create a theatre performance based on it, the members of Trickster Theatre will lead a series of workshops and rehearsals. We are looking forward to a very active experience, so please send your children dressed in comfortable clothing. This production is made possible through a grant through the **Alberta Foundation of the Arts**, the **Town of Bentley, Community Services Department** and the **Parent Advisory Council**.

Students will be able to watch each performance through a live stream on Friday. The final performance will be released to parents and the general public on Tuesday, December 21 through a link on the homepage of our website. Get comfy, get in the Christmas Spirit and get ready to watch the show from the comfort of your own home!

Bentley School Presents:

TRICKSTER THEATRE

Spirit of Giving

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Available to watch online from the homepage of our website:
<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/>

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Panther Staffing Update

Grade 4

Please join us in welcoming Darci Cole to our staff! Darci has been selected as the successful candidate to cover Leesha Bilodeau in Grade 4 who is starting her maternity leave at the end of November. Darci will be joining us full time for the remainder of the school year starting November 26. She has already spent some time in the classroom transitioning to her new role and connecting with students. Darci and her husband Matt live on a acreage West of Bentley and two of their three children attend Bentley School. Darci has previously taught at Bluffton School and is looking forward to returning to the classroom.

Grade 2/3 Intervention Specialist

Please join us in welcoming Janis Smith to our team. Janis will be leading the Gr. 2 and 3 intervention program as part of the funding our district received from AB Education to help support the impacts of COVID-19 on the education of our Division 1 students. Additional funding may be forthcoming to support Gr. 1 students as well. Janis comes to us from Mattie McCullough school where she worked in Gr. 2 and 3 the past few years. She has been taking additional classes from the University of London around supporting children with difficulties in reading and writing. Welcome, Janis!

Nutrition Program

Bentley School is excited to announce that in addition to the Breakfast Program already running at our school, our Nutrition Program will be back up and running starting in December. This is thanks to a Nutrition Grant from Alberta Education. Susan Owens will be running the Nutrition Program creating healthy snacks Monday-Wednesday in the afternoons to offer the following day to different grades. Lyn Garries will be covering Susan's EA position in Grade 6 in the afternoon as well as providing additional EA support for Grade 4.



Scholastic Book Fair Update

Thank you to families who supported the Scholastic book fair in November! The library was able to purchase \$1800 worth of new books for our school directly from the fair. Students are excited to get their hands on them!

Ski Club Update

Bentley School has made the difficult decision to postpone ski club for an additional year. Covid restrictions and cohorting requirements made it difficult to provide an affordable and accessible program for all students. We are looking forward to resuming the program in 2022-2023!

Chest Society Holiday Fundraiser Pick Up

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias, wreaths, etc. from the Bentley School Chest Society Holiday fundraiser. They will be ready for pick up from the High School on Tuesday, December 7 between 3 - 5 p.m. If you are unable to pick up during that time, please contact the school at 403-748-3770 to make alternate arrangements.

Panther Wear Orders

Panther Wear orders will be arriving in early December! Families will be notified when orders arrive to arrange pick up. We will connect with all parents before items are sent home with students.

We need help looking for.....

We are looking for **16-20 pieces of large cardboard** for the black light performance of Trickster Theatre. Mrs. Schofer's music program is looking for **30 five gallon pails** for a drumming activity - yes you heard that right! If you can help us out, please contact the school at 403-748-3770.

Final Exam Schedule

Jan 2022 final exam schedule for grade 10-12 students is posted on the school website under Student > Class & Exam Schedule

<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/students/exam-schedule>

Don't Miss Out!

CANDY GRAMS \$50
EACH
Bentley School

**Make someone's day with
a holiday candy gram!
Students can place their orders
outside the elementary office at
lunch Mon, Dec 6 - Wed, Dec 15**

Delivery on Thur, Dec 16

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**CILANTRO
AND CHIVE**

FRESH • SIMPLE • EATS

Cilantro & Chive Ice Cream Sandwich Fundraiser

Bentley School will be on the receiving end of funds from Cilantro and Chive Lacombe's Ice Cream Sandwich Program from December until the end of February. \$1 from every ice cream sandwich sale at our Lacombe location will support the school's Families in Need Program. Watch for a special pre-order for students on the January lunch orders. Special delivery on January 13th!

Christmas Stocking Stuffers

**purchase a unique handmade
beaded bracelet**

\$5 each



**Mon, December 6th - Wed, December 15th
OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST**

**outside the elementary office during
lunch recess**

Parent Advisory Council

Bentley School Council is made up of a group of parents who meet approximately every other month (now virtually) along with the school administrators, trustee, and town council representative to share information about plans for the school year, hear about events, sports, awards, and learn about education trends and issues in Alberta. Occasionally, we plan to host a guest to present on special content. Together through feedback provided and constructive discussion, school council plays an advisory role and can positively influence the delivery of elementary and high school education at Bentley School. It's an opportunity to support our educators and staff, as well as build connections with your school, with other parents, and the greater community so that our children have the best possible education and school experience. All parents, guardians, and mature students are welcome to attend!

The next meeting is scheduled for: January 10 at 8 p.m. The link to join is available on the homepage of our website the day of the meeting.

Please note: Our school council executive positions are filled for the year, so there is no obligation to volunteer for a position.

Check out the results of the latest Panther Poll in this newsletter that will help guide the Parent Council moving forward and the **Parent Council Giveaway** on the next page for your chance to win! We hope to see you there!



PARENT COUNCIL GIVEAWAY



JOIN OUR NEXT VIRTUAL PARENT COUNCIL
MEETING ON JAN. 10TH AT 8:00 PM
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

For every parent who attends a Parent Council meeting this school year, their name will be entered into 1 of 2 draws:

- #1) For Elementary parents (K-6) – the winning parent will choose one of their child(ren)'s teachers. This teacher will receive \$50 towards a classroom purchase of their choice.
- #2) For Jr/Sr High parents (7-12) – the winning parent will win a \$50 gift card for their Jr. or Sr. High child.

**TWO \$50
PRIZES WILL BE
DRAWN AFTER
EACH MEETING!**

* If you have children in both Elementary & Jr/Sr High, you can decide which draw you want to put your name into.

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU
(VIRTUALLY) AT OUR NEXT MEETING!
NO VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS NEEDED.

Parent Panther Poll Summary

Bentley School Council would like to extend a big thank you to all the parent's that filled out last month's Parent Panther Poll. Your feedback was valuable as it has provided insight and will help guide our school council moving forward. One of our goals this year is to increase the voice of our parent community and increase awareness of our school council.

Based on the recent Parent Panther Poll we were able to gather the following information:

1. There were 44 participants in this month's Parent Panther survey of approximately 240 families that attend Bentley School.
2. Communication: The survey indicated that the best route for information sharing is preferred to be through school messages and emails, school newsletter and social media pages.
3. Parent Engagement/Volunteer: The survey indicated that parents would be willing to support our school by helping with beautification projects, fundraising and running special events. With current restrictions parent volunteer opportunities have been very limited and we are trying to find creative ways to provide that opportunity for parents to be involved in their children's school experience.
4. Parent Learning Opportunities: The survey indicated that anxiety in children, safe media, pandemic stress, and raising teens were most common topics of interest for learning. We will be looking at ways in which we can advocate for these needs through our school and the community.
5. Feedback was also collected on what parents would like to see as a mission or vision for our school council, topics of discussion for our meetings to help increase parent engagement and activities that would increase involvement with our Jr/Sr High parents.

Again thank you to all who provided feedback. We hope that you will continue to participate in next month's Panther Poll to help shape the future of Bentley School.

Students of the Month

Elementary Assembly

The Grade 6 class is continuing to host virtual assemblies for all elementary classes. In the month of November the students focused on remembrance and strength. During our last assembly the Grade 6's shared a book during the assembly called "You are Your Strong." The classes had great discussions about the many ways we can show strength in our everyday lives. We also reflected on remembering those who have served our country and their strength. The Golden Garbage can was awarded to Gr. 1M for doing such a great job keeping their classroom clean. The Golden Shoe was awarded to Grade 5R for keeping their boot racks tidy. Students of the month for Elementary were also recognized. In the month of December the assembly will focus on Giving.

Junior High Assembly

Last month the junior high hosted a virtual assembly to recognize students who have exemplified virtues of our PRIDE motto - partnership, respect, integrity, dedication, and effort. The following students were awarded:

7W: Joe Steenbergen, Kara Pearson, Winston Stavropoulos, and Jean Bayntun

7T: Rio Garries, Hailey Hilman, Carter Wilkins, and Bella Romanuik

8B: Jayden Guse, Declan Crawford, Nick Campeau, and Callan Corbeil





DRIVING SCHOOL

Driver's Training at Bentley 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: \$730 payable to Street Wise Driving School

Classroom Instruction Dates: TBA in the new year (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: 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Bentley High School Room A214 (Mr. Brown's room)

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 or email Mrs. Lush at marsha.lush@wolfcreek.ab.ca by Friday, Dec 17. We require a minimum of 10 students to make a class.

November Highlights!



Twin Day!

CWAJHAA Champs!



Rock Your Moccs!

