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Jan 9	Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag
Jan 11	Booster Juice
Jan 12	Christmas Concert @ 1 p.m. (Hockey Academy cancelled) Hot Dog Day (Gr. 1 - 8)
Jan 13	PJ Day! Hot Lunch - Cheeseburger Pie (Rescheduled from Dec)
Jan 16	Hot Lunch - Beef Tortellini Soup
Jan 16 - 22	February Hot Lunches Available to Order
Jan 16 - 20	One World Drumming Residency Drum Sharing Circle on Jan 20 @ 1:30 Elementary Gym
Jan 17	Elementary Pizza Day (Rescheduled from Dec)
Jan 18	Jr./Sr. High Pizza Day (Rescheduled from Dec)
Jan 19	Subway Day
Jan 20	Popcorn Day (Gr. 1 - 8)
Jan 23	Hot Lunch - Sloppy Joes Parent Advisory Council
Jan 25	Elementary Pizza Day
Jan 26	Hot Dog Day (Gr. 1 - 8)
Jan 27	No School for Students Ski/Snowboard Club
Jan 27	Red Deer Polytechnic Trip to watch College Basketball
Jan 30	Second Semester Starts for Gr 10-12 Hot Lunch - Chicken & Rice Burritos
Jan 31	Jr/Sr Pizza Day (New Jan date!)

January 2023 Important Dates

High School Final Exam Schedule

[Click here for the
schedule.](#)

Gr. 9 Students will have regular classes during exam week (Jan 23-26) after their morning midterm.

Hockey Academy

Tuesday

Gr. 5 & 6 12:45 - 1:45
Gr. 7, 8 & 9 1:45 - 2:45

Thursday

Gr. 1 & 2 12:45 - 1:45
Gr. 3 & 4 1:45 - 2:45

Bentley
School's

12 DAYS OF Christmas



Date:
Thursday, January 12

Doors Open:
12:30 p.m.

Concert:
1:00 p.m.

Elementary Gym

Raffle Baskets:
1 ticket for \$5
5 tickets for \$20

Draw Date to be Determined

All proceeds support local
families in need!



Bentley School Gives Back

Gifts for Grandparents Toonie Drive

Thanks to our wonderful families and staff who donated to the Gifts for Grandparents toonie drive. A total of \$930 was collected and flower arrangements, created by Earthy Accents, were delivered, by students, to the Care Centre, Oxford Court and Westview Apartments just in time for Christmas. Thank you for supporting our Bentley School Gives Back program!



Families In Need Raffle

Thank you to our families who donated to our families in need raffle baskets this year. Fortunately, we were still able to support families in our school community this Christmas with this fund even though the concert was postponed! Tickets will be for sale at the rescheduled concert on January, 12 and extended throughout the month of January from the elementary office. Tickets are 1 book for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Draw date to be announced!

Parent Alert Preferences

Did you know you can change who and how you receive messages from Bentley School and Wolf Creek Public School? You can make the changes yourself in your PowerSchool and Online Payments Parent Portal. For detailed instructions, [click here.](#)

Registration for 2023-2024

Opens January 9, 2023 for Pre-K and Kindergarten

New student registration for Pre-K & Kindergarten to Gr. 12 opens January 9. If you currently have a student in Pre-K who is either Kindergarten age or returning to Pre-K, parents will receive an email with returning student registration instructions. Current, Kindergarten to Grade 11 students won't receive returning student instructions until August 2023.

Pre-Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2023-2024

- Returning Pre-Kindergarten students will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the 2023-2024 NEW BFPA Registration Form
- Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by December 31 of the upcoming school year in order to apply
- Programs are designed for children to attend two days per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Four days per week programming may be available following further consultation with families and is based on location and availability.
- A copy of the original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) must accompany your registration. If you need to order your child's birth certificate, click on the link to [Alberta Services](#).
- Pre-Kindergarten students are not eligible for busing.
- [Download the BFPA brochure here](#).
- For full program details visit:
<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/https-www-brightfuturesplayacademy-ca>

Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2023-2024

- Students currently in Bright Futures who are of Kindergarten age will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the 2023-2024 NEW K-12 Registration Form
- Children must be 5 years of age by December 31 of the upcoming school year in order to apply
- Programs are designed for children to attend two full days per week. Days offered will depend on the number of students registered. Please register by March 31 to help with program planning.
- Kindergarten class placements are based on a number of factors including, number of kindergarten registrations received, date of registration, program day availability and student needs, not just on parent preference.
- A copy of the original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) must accompany your registration. If you need to order your child's birth certificate, click on the link to [Alberta Services](#).
- Rural Kindergarten students are eligible to apply for busing.

Questions? Having trouble registering during school hours? We will be happy to help! Please call the office at 403-748-3770 and ask for Mrs. McDiarmid or Mrs. Lush.

Bentley School



PRE-KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 12

REGISTRATION:

Please visit the Bentley School Registration page for full details:

<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/registration>

2023 - 2024 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

OPENS JANUARY 9 FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN &
KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 12!

Please Note: A copy of original birth certificate and any other pertinent legal documentation, such as custody or guardianship orders, **MUST** accompany registration.



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**ENROL
NOW**

Kings & Queens College Basketball

Join Mr. Schroeder on Friday,
January 27th at Red Deer
Polytechnic to watch men's and
women's College Basketball!
Queens at 6 pm and Kings at 8
pm. Tickets are \$5 for students.
Parent transportation required.

SCHOOL BUS

Rider of the Month

Congratulations to:

Eran Miskey - Gr. 6 - Bus
Bentley 4

**6" Sub Sponsored by
Subway**

January 2023 Final Exam Schedule

Date	Time	Course	Room #	Supervisor
Thurs, Jan 12	9:00 AM	English 30-1/2 Diploma Part A	A110	Mr. Moore
Thurs, Jan 19	9:00 AM	Math 30-1/2 Diploma	A214	Mr. Moore
Fri, Jan 20	9:00 AM	English 30-1/2 Diploma Part B	A110	Mr. Moore
Fri, Jan 20		Last Day of Classes Gr 10-12		
Mon, Jan 23	9:00 AM	Social 20-1 & 20-2 Final Exam English 10-1 & 10-2 (Written) Science 9 Midterm	A215 A206 A110	Mr. Hazlett Mrs. Annable Mr. Button
Tues, Jan 24	9:00 AM	Biology 30 Diploma Physics 20 Final Exam Math 10C Final Exam Math 20-3 & 10-3 Final Exam LA 9 Midterm Exam	A214 Learning FI A206 & A215	Mr. Moore Mrs. Annable & Mr. Button
Wed, Jan 25	9:00 AM	Chemistry 20 Final Exam Science 10 Final Exam Social 9 Midterm Exam	Learning FI A206 & A215	Mrs. Bolin & Mr. Hazlett
Thurs, Jan 26		Science 20 Final Exam English 10-1 & 10-2 (MC) Math 9 Midterm Exam	Learning FI A206 & A215	Mrs. Annable & Mr. Button
Fri, Jan 27	9:00 AM	Science 30 Diploma No School - PD Day!	Student Common	Mr. Moore
Mon, Jan 30		Semester 2 Begins		

Notes:

Gr. 9 Students will have regular classes during exam week (Jan 23-26) after their morning midterm.



Thank you to Land Solutions in Bentley for their donation of \$350 to replenish school supplies for students in the New Year!



Also to Vesta Energy and Aztec Engineering for their donation of \$1,000 to our school Art program! We look forward to updating our supplies in the New Year!

Golf Academy Donation

We received a cheque from the Gull Lake Junior Golf League for \$368.80 to cover 50% of the bus costs from our fall 2022 golf academy program. The money was raised during “Ernie’s One Arm” golf tournament on August 27, 2022. Ernie is a friend and employee of Gull Lake Golf Course. He lost his left arm as a child in an accident. His tournament is a highlight of the season at the Gull Lake Golf Course. All participants in the tournament are required to golf one handed. He has been very generous over the years hosting this event and donating the proceeds of his tournament to the Gull Lake Junior Golf League. Through these funds the league has purchased golf clubs, balls and tees for the juniors to use while attending our league and participating with schools. Special thank you to Eamon and Carla McCann of the Gull Lake Golf Course for their support of our Golf Academy program at Bentley School. They have a passion for introducing and teaching students the game and we appreciate their continued partnership!

THANK YOU!

Ski/Snowboard Club 2022 - 2023

We are super excited to back on the hill this year and so are the students with over 90 students registered in the program. WOW! Any changes to lessons or attendance must be made to the school office one week in advance or no changes can be made. A complete information package will be emailed to parents in January. Thank you to our parent volunteers who make this trip possible for our students. We are looking forward to a great ski and snowboard season!

*Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Ruttan, Mrs. Cole &
Mrs. McDiarmid*

January 27 (afternoon check in)	
Bus departs Bentley School	11:45 a.m.
Arrive at Canyon Skill Hill	12:30 p.m.
Meet at Lesson Meeting Area	1:00 p.m.
Rental Returns	5:00 p.m.
Bus departs Canyon Ski Hill	5:30 p.m.
Bus arrives at Bentley School	6:15 p.m.

One World Drumming Residency

Bentley School is pleased to be hosting the The One World Drum Co. for a one week music residency January 16 - 20 for students in Gr. 1 - 8. The One World Drum Co. is committed to sharing the rich and incredible culture of West African drumming with students of all ages. They offer age-appropriate programming that will engage students and expand their cultural awareness in a fun and enlivening way with a residency that supports our school culture, curriculum and community atmosphere. The drums are calling the families of the Bentley School students to come and share in the rhythms and the teachings of West Africa. [Come join us on Friday, January 20 at 1:30 for some amazing music that your children have been learning over the week with our facilitator David Kovatch of The One World Drum Co!](#)

Canada Dental Benefit

The Government of Canada is offering the interim Canada Dental Benefit is intended to help lower dental costs for eligible families earning less than \$90,000 per year.

Parents and guardians can apply if the child receiving dental care is under 12 years old and does not have access to a private dental insurance plan.

Depending on your adjusted family net income, a tax-free payment of \$260, \$390, or \$650 is available for each eligible child. This interim dental benefit is only available for 2 periods. You can get a maximum of 2 payments for each eligible child. Benefit payments are administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The first benefit period is for children under 12 years old as of December 1, 2022 who receive dental care between October 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

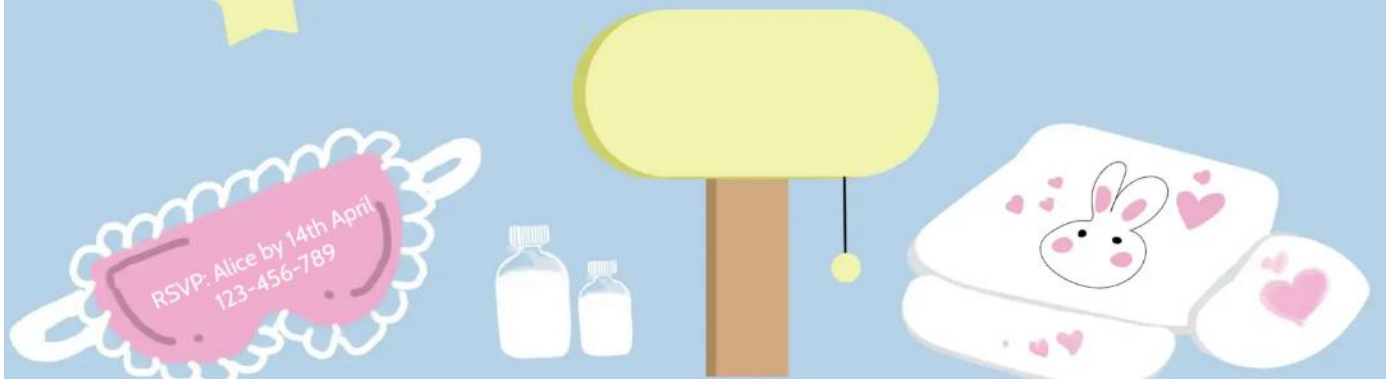
To learn more about the interim Canada Dental Benefit visit the Government of Canada website at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/dental-benefit.html>



PAJAMA DAY

Friday, January 13



Stay tuned for a date for our annual Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic staff vs student hockey game!

SHARE THE WARMTH THIS WINTER!

WINTER BLANKET DRIVE

accepting donations throughout
the month of January

PLEASE DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED BLANKETS AND HELP
US SHARE THE WARMTH WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS THIS WINTER!



DROP OFF LOCATION:

Outside the Elementary and Highschool Office

December Highlights



My child is sick. Should they stay home?

While there are no longer any pandemic protocols in place, **Wolf Creek Public Schools will return to following the public health guidelines that were in place for schools prior to the pandemic.** This includes recommending that students and staff stay home when they are sick, or become sick while at school, and contacting Alberta Health Services when absences due to illness are higher than usual.



Send to School

- Have a runny nose or a little cough but no other symptoms.
- Haven't taken any fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, and haven't had a fever during that time.
- Haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Stay home

- Have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees even after taking medicine.
- Have a persistent cough.
- Throwing up or have diarrhea.
- Eyes are pink and crusty.
- Has or has been exposed to an illness where isolation from others is recommended.



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It's not just a winter wonderland!

When are buses cancelled and schools closed due to Inclement Weather?



In Wolf Creek Public Schools, **Administrative Procedure 132 (AP 132)** guides decisions for school closure, due to inclement weather. The Division takes precautions with respect to the welfare of students and staff coming to or going from school. When road or weather conditions jeopardize the safety of students and staff, schools will be closed and bus runs cancelled.

AP 132

How is the decision made to cancel buses and close schools?

1. Temperature in excess of -40 degrees Celsius with or without the windchill.
2. Dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility (e.g. heavy snowfall, blowing snow, freezing rain, heavy fog).

When is the decision made to cancel buses and close schools?

The Transportation Manager and Superintendent make the decision after appropriate information is gathered from each of the school areas.

This decision will typically be made prior to 6:00 am but may be made earlier if clear and compelling information is available from Environment Canada.



Communicating to families & staff

Communications to parents/guardians and staff are sent out **via email, text and phone call** when the decision is made to cancel buses and close schools.

Notices will also be posted on the Division website, on radio stations and on Wolf Creek's Social Media Channels (Facebook & Twitter). **PLEASE ENSURE you are monitoring those social media channels and your email whenever inclement weather is expected, occurring or in the forecast.**

Why are schools closed when buses are cancelled?

- Given we are a rural school division we know that when buses don't run it often means the majority of students will not be in school. Staff then are unable to cover any new material with students.
- If buses aren't running and schools are open some families feel compelled to get their children to school. This can at times promote people to take risks that could be avoided.
- WCPS staff still attend their school sites, unless deemed unsafe to do so.
- If schools remained open for students, and road conditions are poor, it can lead to logistical issues when some staff aren't able to be in the building at the usual time in the morning.



Community News!

**BENTLEY
STAY & PLAY
FRIDAY
MORNINGS**

9:30 - 11:30

**BASEMENT OF
BENTLEY TOWN OFFICE**

**Come socialize with other families with children 0-6
Come Play with different activities each week!**

**Contact Carolyn McLaren
for more information:
403-704-3315**

FREE






Jan.13/23

H O M E

A L O N E

Jan.28/23

**9-4
Basement
of Bentley
town office**

Ages 9 & up

This course will prepare your child to feel safe at home.

- Basic first Aid
- How to handle Emergencies
- Home Safety
- How to feel and stay safe

\$45

includes manual and course

Please bring snacks/lunch

Must have a min of **6** students to run
max **12**

**To register contact:
Carolyn McLaren
403-704-3315**






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JAN.25/23 WEDNESDAY

POTLUCK PLAY



**If you have children 0-18
This event is for you!**

Come join us for supper and time to visit, play games or just hang out!
this is a great way to come out as a Family and meet other families!

spaghetti and meatballs

Please Register by:

Jan.23/23

Carolyn: 403-704-3315

carolyn.mclaren@mcmancentral.ca



Community News Continued

SESSIONS

WITH TAMMY AUTEN-DYE,
LOCAL PSYCHOLOGIST

7-8:30 pm on Zoom

January 19 - Self-Regulation

January 26 - Teenage Anxiety

February 2 - Depression: Silent Suffering

February 9 - Childhood Mental Health

To register:

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