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April 3 - 6 & 11 - 14	Swimming Lessons for Gr 1 - 6
April 3	Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag
April 6	Hot Dog Day Jersey Day in Honour of Humboldt Broncos
April 7	Good Friday - No School for Students or Staff
April 10	Easter Monday - No School for Students or Staff
April 11 - 16	May Hot Lunches Available to Order
April 12	Booster Juice Day
April 14	Subway Day
April 17	Hot Lunch - Crispy Chicken Cheddar Wrap
April 20	Game On and Go Girls Forms Due for Gr. 5 Hog Dog Day
April 21	Popcorn Day Town Clean Up (In honor of Earth Day April 22)
April 21 & 22	Jr. High Handball Provincials
April 24	Hot Lunch - Pulled Pork on a Bun
April 26	Jr/Sr Pizza Day (Please note the NEW date!)
April 27	Elem Pizza Day (Please note the NEW date!) Red Deer Polytechnic Career Expo (Gr. 9 - 11)
April 28	No School for Students
April 29	School Reach Provincials in Calgary
May 5	Fashion Show - Tickets go on Sale April 11

April 2023 Important Dates

Grade 1 - 6 Swimming Lessons

April 3/5/12/14 (M/W/F)

Grade 2 – 11:00-12:00

Grade 4 – 1:00-2:00

April 4/6/11/13 (Tu/Th)

Grade 6 - 9:00-10:00

Grade 5 - 10:00-11:00

Grade 1 - 11:00-12:00

Grade 3 - 1:00-2:00

Chess Club

Grade 1- 4 Tuesday

Grade 9 - 12 Wednesday

Grade 5 - 8 Thursday

THURSDAY APRIL 6TH

JERSEY DAY

**IN HONOUR OF THE
HUMBOLDT BRONCOS**



**BRONCO BLIZZARDS WILL BE
SOLD FOR \$1.00**

**PROCEEDS GOING TO THE STRAZ STRONG FOUNDATION
WHICH HELPS PROVIDES ACCESS TO ADAPTIVE SPORTS FOR ALL**

SAVE
THE DATE

Bentley School Presents

*Under
the Stars*

Fashion Show

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Friday May 5th, 2023 7:00pm
Elementary Gym
Doors open at 6:30pm
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Admission \$10
Includes appetizers & mocktail.

Limited tickets available
for purchase starting Tues April 11th
through school homepage or Powerschool

Grad Fundraiser

The Gr. 12's will be selling flowers/tomatoes/strawberries in April from Holly's greenhouse in Rimbey. If you're interested you may contact any graduate or Mr. Hazlett via email at jason.hazlett@wolfcreek.ab.ca.

Grade 6 Camp Fundraiser

The Gr. 6 class will be selling chocolate almonds and other chocolate treats as a fundraiser for Gr. 6 camp. Chocolates will be available through any Gr. 6 student. Chocolates will also be sold at lunch hour on Tue/Thur during the month of April.

Items Available:

- Milk Chocolate & Almond Bars
- Caramel Bars®
- Caramel Whirls®
- Mint Meltaways®



If you have any questions or would like to be put in contact with a Gr. 6 student, please reach out to jill.howe@wolfcreek.ab.ca or phone the school (403) 748-3770. Thank you in advance for your support!

Popcorn Volunteers

In addition to hot dot days, we are looking for a few parents to help with popcorn days. If you are interested in helping, please [sign up here](#).

Grade 5 & 6 School Heritage Fair

The students have been working hard on projects and will be participating in a local school Heritage Fair on Wednesday, May 3rd at Bentley School. A Heritage Fair is an educational experience that develops and encourages awareness and interest in Canadian History. The school based heritage fair is put on through Canada's History. Students will also be going to the Regional Heritage Fair in Lacombe on Thursday May 11th.

Interested in Joining Parent Council?

Parent Council is looking for a few more members for next year, if you are interested in joining or want to find out more contact our chair Ashley Bajema at bentleyschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Town Clean-Up

Friday, April 21
Bentley School
students will be
doing the
annual spring
Town Clean Up

EARTH DAY
APRIL 22



In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 2023 Bentley School has decided to organize their annual town clean-up in conjunction with this day. Students will be picking up trash around town the afternoon of Friday, April 21. Please wear comfortable clothing that is okay to get dirty. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Land Solutions in Bentley** who donated numerous office supplies and furniture to our school. With limited dollars to access new furniture - this donation is very timely and appreciated so much!



GAME ON

All grade 5
youth
welcome!



Game On in school program will be a fun filled 4 sessions where we will discuss concepts revolving around healthy lifestyle practices. Game On will be filled with lots of active games and sports. Youth are engaged in life skills, communication, and emotional health discussions designed to engage participants in the pursuit of life long healthy lifestyles.



4, 60 min
WEEKLY SESSIONS

IN SCHOOL
PROGRAMS

All grade 5 youth
welcome!



Healthy bodies  Healthy minds

Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds in-school program will be a fun-filled 4 sessions where we will discuss concepts revolving around positive self expression. Youth will have an opportunity to learn the importance of healthy friendships, healthy eating, mindfulness, self care and movement. Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds promotes positive relationships, self esteem, and allows for an outlet of creativity for youth.



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Go Girls and Game on!

Big Brothers, Big Sister facilitators are coming to the school for the month of May to run the Go Girl program and Game on Program for grade fives. A reminder to parents to get their permissions forms signed and sent back in by April 20th!



John Hasselfield Student Grant

The *John Hasselfield Endowment Foundation Grant Program* is available to all students currently enrolled in public education to help them pursue their passions! Program guidelines can be found on their website at

<http://www.johnhasselfield.com/applyandselect.html> and applications are accepted throughout the calendar year. For more information visit <http://www.johnhasselfield.com/>

PURSUE YOUR PASSION

**JOHN HASSELFIELD ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION
STUDENT GRANTS**

Scholarships available for:

- Education
- Athletics
- The Arts

Past recipients have earned scholarships for: Flight school, art camp, basketball training, writing camps and more!

More information and application form available at:
www.johnhasselfield.com
www.facebook.com/johnhasselfieldendowment

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED YEAR-ROUND

May 1st is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day



Please take a moment to recognize the school bus drivers who support your students getting to and from school. Drivers are the first school contact to greet the students in the morning and the last professionals the children engage with at the end of their school day. A good school bus ride can lead to a great school day and set up the student for success. A moment to say “Thank You” can brighten the driver’s day.

If you would like more information on School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, please reach out to the Wolf Creek Public Schools transportation department at 403-785-0726 or email transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca.



REGISTRATION FOR 2023 -2024 IS OPEN



Wolf Creek Public Schools
**BRIGHT
FUTURES**
PLAY ACADEMY



BRIGHT FUTURES PLAY ACADEMY

Two & four half day programs
available for 3 & 4 year olds
Mon/Wed or Tue/Thur mornings

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12

KINDERGARTEN

Will your child be 5 years old by December 31 of this year? Two full day programs available with transportation. Days offered are based on registration numbers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Certified Classroom Teacher and Experienced Support Staff
- A focus on Excellence in Developing the Whole Child
- Developing Skills Intellectually, Artistically, Emotionally, Physically and Socially
- Access to Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech and Lanuage Services
- Family Orientated Programming and Partnership with Community Programming

DON'T MISS IT!
REGISTER NOW

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

About Us

Bentley School is located in the town of Bentley, Alberta, on the west side of Gull Lake. The school serves approximately 438 students from grades K to 12. There are also 29 students participating in the Bright Future Play Academy.

Email: bentley@wolfcreek.ab.ca

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

<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/><https://www.brightfuturesplayacademy.ca> PHONE: 403-748-3770



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.*

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.

**Cross boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application and the cross boundary application. Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.*

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL
OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 1, 2023

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. 1332

Website - <https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>



REGISTER NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN!

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR



YOUR CHILD IS TURNING 5 BY DECEMBER 31, THEN IT'S TIME FOR KINDERGARTEN

PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND TWO FULL DAYS PER WEEK. REGISTER NOW!

RURAL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR BUSING

PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 31 TO HELP WITH PROGRAM PLANNING

REGISTER ONLINE AT: bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/registration

Have any questions, please call 403-748-3770

Rider of the Month

Congrats to:

Kal - Gr 2 - Bentley 4

Brayden - ECS - Bentley 2

6" Sub Sponsored by Subway

Ski Club Wrap Up

Bentley School wrapped up its Ski and Snowboard Club on Friday, March 10 with a full day of skiing at Canyon with Miss. Meinema who joined us as our special guest! It was chilly but the snow conditions were great! We had 90 students participating in the program this year. Whether you are new to skiing or snowboarding, or hit the slopes regularly - the club is for everyone. Thank you to the students, families and our amazing group of volunteers who make the club possible. We are looking forward to next year!



Basketball wraps up for the Season! Congratulations to the coaches and players on a great season!



Jr/Sr. High Curling



Sr High Mixed Curling team wins silver in both the areas & zones bonspiels!

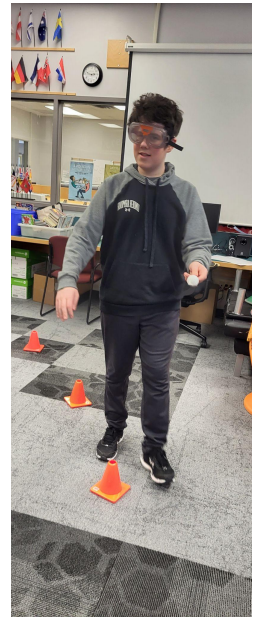


Jr. High Curling Team

School Reach



Congratulations to our Bentley Panthers SchoolReach intermediate team for winning gold and to our jr. teams for placing second and fourth at the regional tournament on Sat, March 4 in Ponoka. Good luck to our intermediate team and both jr. teams as they compete in provincials on April 29



Community News



EASTER FILL A FRIDGE

Applications Open
Serving Lacombe & County, Bentley, Clive & Alix & Mirror
403-782-6637 or online

Applications
OPEN - March 13, 2023
CLOSE - April 3, 2023



*Due to the kind donations for the
Fill A Fridge we are able to offer this program in Spring 2023*



Community Services - FCSS





Youth Groups

KIDS EMPOWERED (AGES 5-8) ***April 6, 9:00 A.M. - NOON***

Helps children engage with their feelings, build self-esteem, learn how to talk about mental health concerns and how to build trust.

DISCOVERING ME (AGES 9-12) ***May 19, 9:00 A.M. - NOON***

Youth will learn about self-esteem, how to celebrate themselves, how to self-regulate emotions, how to cope and how to be a good friend.

YOUTH BOUNDARIES (AGES 13-17) ***April 11 & 13, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.***

Helps youth who struggle with self-esteem, healthy relationships and creating healthy boundaries. This 2 part workshop focuses on building strengths and the exploration of self and healthy relationships.

All sessions are held at The Outreach Centre (4101 - 54 Avenue).

**To register, contact Kayla at 403.347.2480 or
kayla.godkin@theoutreachcentre.org**

Has your child had their annual eye exam? It's important to do before they start school!

Eye See...Eye Learn™

is a program that provides kindergarten-aged students with a comprehensive eye exam from an optometrist. There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. **If required, kindergarten-aged students also receive a free pair of eyeglasses.**



How kindergarten-aged students participate*

Step 1 Parents can find a participating optometrist at optometrists.ab.ca. Click on Find an Optometrist and Eye See...Eye Learn™, then enter your postal code to find a doctor close to you. **Call and book an appointment.**

Step 2 See your optometrist for the eye exam. Have your health card ready. There is **Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19.**

Step 3 If required, kindergarten-aged students will **receive a free pair of eyeglasses.** Ask to see the frame selection available. The optometrist will order your glasses for you.

***Free glasses are covered by a one year manufacturer's warranty.**

Who can participate?

Eye See...Eye Learn™ is available to all kindergarten-aged students in Alberta. It's important to address eye health and vision problems before children begin school.

Children are eligible from August until they begin grade one.



Eye exam coverage

There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. It's a painless, non-invasive process that could change their lives!



Did you know?

- 80% of learning is visual.
- 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem.
- An eye exam detects health problems such as crossed eyes or lazy eye.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having learning or behavioural disabilities.
- The earlier an eye health or visual problem is identified, the more likely it can be corrected.
- Children often don't know they have a vision problem, as they believe what they are seeing is normal.
- It is not uncommon for parents to believe they would know if their child has a vision problem, because these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.

What is an optometrist?

Your optometrist (doctor of optometry) is a primary source for all your vision, eye health and eyewear needs. They have the knowledge, tools and equipment necessary to diagnose, treat, prescribe medications or refer to a specialist, if needed.

How well can your child see?



Eye See...™
Eye Learn!

You can't see the world through your child's eyes, but your optometrist can. During your child's eye exam, your optometrist will assess:

- Visual acuity (how well they can see)
- Lazy eye, crossed eyes
- Nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism
- Colour vision
- Eye coordination, tracking and depth perception
- Eye health

Please check with your optometrist regarding their clinic's safety protocols and the current Alberta Health guidelines.

For more information about

Eye See...Eye Learn™

contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists at 1-800-272-8843 or visit optometrists.ab.ca/esel



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