

PANTHER NEWS



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May 1	Hot Lunch - Sticky Pork Rice Bowl
May 3	Grade 5 & 6 Heritage Fair & Hats on for Mental Health! Deadline for Fashion Show Tickets
May 4	Hot Dog Day
May 5	Fashion Show
May 8	Hot Lunch - Chicken Ranch Wrap
May 8 - 14	Order June Hot Lunches - Limited Items Available!
May 10	Booster Juice Day
May 11	Grade 5 & 6 Heritage Fair Field Trip
May 12	Subway Day
May 15	Hot Lunch - Sloppy Joes
May 16	Spring Photos
May 16 & 17	Kinder Grad Photos & Spring Photos for Pre-K
May 17	Gr. 6 PAT - English Part A
May 18	Hot Dog Day
May 19 - 23	No School for Students and Staff
May 24	Elem Pizza Day & Deadline to Register for Date Night
May 25	Jr/Sr High Pizza Day
May 25 & 26	Walk for Kids Sake
May 26	Popcorn Day & Date Night
May 29	Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag & Parent Advisory Council
May 31	Track & Field BBQ Lunch Deadline

May 2023 Important Dates

May 1 - 7
Mental Health Week

May 8 - 12
Teacher Appreciation Week

Athletic Highlights

May 2
Jr. High WC Badminton
Tournament

May 5 & 6
Sr. High Handball Zones

May 18
Sr High Track & Field Area
Meet

May 24
Sr High Track & Field Zone
Meet

May 26
Jr High WC South Track &
Field Meet

May 30
Jr High WC Track & Field Meet

June 8
Elementary Track & Field Day
Pre-Order BBQ Lunch!

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

Last Call for Fashion Show Tickets!

You can still get your tickets through the PowerSchool and Online Payments Parent Portal. If you have students in our school, please purchase your tickets by logging into your account, clicking student fees from the menu and choosing Fashion Show Tickets. Members of the public (that do not have a PowerSchool account) can purchase tickets through this [public ticket sales link](#). Tickets are \$10 each or a table of 8 for \$80. Limited seating is available. **Ticket sales end May 3!**

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 from 1 - 3 p.m. 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.

Golf Academy Starts May 2

Golf Academy is starting on Tuesday, May 2nd and will run until Thursday, June 22nd. Gr. 1-4 students will golf Tuesday afternoons and Gr. 5-12 will golf Thursday afternoons. Both groups will be leaving the school at 12:45 and returning around 3:00 p.m. Clubs can be dropped off at the north doors of the elementary equipment storage room. Students are welcome to store their clubs at the school for the duration of the program.

Walk for Kids Sake

Thanks to all the students who have signed up to fundraise for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Walk for Kids' Sake! You can learn more about why this program is so important in this [video link](#). All students will get to participate in the walk on May 25 & 26. Watch for pledge packages coming home in May for students who have signed up to fundraise for this important initiative and for a chance to win some great prizes! Extra pledge packages are available if students still want to sign up.

June Hot Lunch & Track BBQ Lunch

Due to exams and the large number of field trips and activities happening in June, hot lunch will be limited to hot dog days and popcorn for Grade 1 - 8. There will be a special BBQ lunch for Track & Field Day on June 8 available to order from May 8 - May 31 via the PowerSchool and Online Payments parent portal. This is available for all students.

Drama Production - Save the Date

Our drama students are excited to showcase their talents in "The Alibi" on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the High School gym. Watch for more information and tickets to go on sale in May!

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.

Spring & Kinder Grad Photos Coming Soon!

Spring photos for grades 1 - 12 are scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16**. Kinder Grad Photos and spring photos for Pre-K are scheduled for Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17.

Picture Day is Coming.



*Frame not included.
Composite design may vary by school.

June 2023 Final Exam Schedule

Date	Time	Course	Room #	Supervisor
Mon, May 15	9:00 am - 11:40 am	ELA 9 Part A PAT	A206	Mrs. Annable
Tues, June 13	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Soc 30-1 & 30-2 Part A Diploma	A110	Mr. Moore
Mon, June 19		Last Day of Regular Classes & Locker Clean Out!		
Tues, June 20 to Tues, June 27		Final Exam Week Students can go home after their exam!		
Tues, June 20	9:00 am - 3:00 pm 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 9:00 am - 10:15 am	Soc 30-1 & 30-2 Part B Diploma Social 10-1 & 10-2 Final Exam Gr 9 English Part B PAT	A110 A215 A206	Mr. Moore Mr. Hazlett Mrs. Annable
Wed, June 21	National Indigenous Day No Exams! Study Sessions!	Math 20 Study Session - 8:30-9:40 Chem 30 Study Session - 9:45-10:50 Social 30 Study Session - 10:55-12:00 Physics 30 Study Session - 12:45-1:50 Biology 20 Study Session - 1:55-3:00 Science 9 Study Session - 8:30-9:40 PE 9 - 9:45-10:50 Math 9 Study Session - 10:55-12:00 Social 9 Study Session - 12:45-1:50 Tutorial 9 - 1:55-3:00	A214 A110 A215 A110 A110 A110 Gym A214 A110 A206	Mrs. Bolin Mr. Button Mr. Hazlett Mr. Button Mr. Button Mr. Button Mr. Schroeder Mr. Bolin Mr. Hazlett Mrs. Annable
Thurs, June 22	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 9:00 am - 10:20 am	English 20-1 & 20-2 Written Final English 20-1 & 20-2 MC Final Math 9 Part A PAT	A215 A215 A110	Mrs. Annable Mrs. Annable Mrs. Bolin
Fri, June 23	9:00 am - 3:00 pm 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 9:00 am - 10:20 am	Chemistry 30 Diploma Biology 20 Final Exam Science 14 & 24 Final Exam Math 9 Part B PAT	Library A110 A110 A215	Mr. Moore Mr. Button Mr. Button Mrs. Bolin
Mon, June 24	9:00 am - 3:00 pm 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 9:00 am - 10:20 am	Physics 30 Diploma Math 20-1 & 20-2 Final Exam Social Studies 9 PAT	Library A214 A215	Mr. Moore Mrs. Bolin Mr. Hazlett
Tues, June 25	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 9:00 am - 10:15 am	Math 10-3, 20-3 & 30-3 Final Exam Science 9 PAT	A214 A110	Mrs. Bolin Mr. Button
Wed, June 28		No School for gr 9-12 students		
Thurs, June 27		No School for gr 9-12 students		

Minimum time for an exam is 1 hour, students must remain in the exam area.

Gr 9-12 Exam Week - students may leave after their exam is finished, teachers may schedule study sessions in the afternoons so please connect with your teachers.

Marks and comments are online for students and parents to view, download or print. Physical report cards will not be sent home.

Spring Fever Date Night!

PARENTS... Are you in need of a Date Night ???

The Leadership Team is hosting a fundraiser called “**Date Night,**” on **Friday, May 26 from 4:30-9:00 pm**. We are offering to look after your children for the evening. This will give you the opportunity to go on a date, have a quiet night at home, work in the yard or go shopping! We are willing to look after children ages 4 - Grade 5.

- The admission is \$10.00 per child.
- Drop off is no earlier than 4:30 pm.
- Pick up must be no later than 9:00 p.m.
- Children must be able to use the washroom on their own.

Family-rated movies will be shown, activities will be available in the gym and classrooms will also have activities for your child(ren) to do (crafts, games, etc.). Leadership students and staff will be supervising these activities. We will also offer the option to prepay and have a hot dog, juice and chips for your child at the cost of \$4.00 per child. Your child will not be able to pay for a snack at Date Night. If you are not buying a hot dog package, please make sure your child has had supper before you leave.

Funds raised go to support Leadership initiatives at the school. **Online pre-registration is REQUIRED by Wednesday, May 24.** To register, login to the Power School and online payments parent portal and click on the school fee icon to register and pay for each child. If you would like to register a child who does not go to our school, please use the link that will be available on the homepage of our website. If you have further questions, please contact Miss Bertin at the school (403-748-3770).

Thank you for your support.

Leadership Team

Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week is May 1 - 7. The focus on mental health promotion continues throughout Mental Health Week. Mentally healthy students are resilient and better able to learn, achieve success and build healthy relationships.

This year, the Canadian Mental Health Association's focus for Mental Health Week is "**MY STORY**". It is about shining a spotlight on supports, programs and communities while showcasing the importance of securing universal mental health care, what it can look like and how mental health care can be expressed and nurtured (ie. art, photos, music, sounds, dance, movement, nature, etc.) Visit [CMHA Mental Health Week](https://www.cmha.ca/mental-health-week) for more information and to download additional resources.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a special hat to school on May 3, 2023 to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health!



Hats On!
FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Wear a special hat to school on May 3, 2023
to raise awareness of the importance
of good mental health. [CANWETALK.CA](https://www.canwetalk.ca)

can we talk? | The Alberta Teachers' Association | Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta | Global



Bus Lanes are for School Buses Only



Wolf Creek Public Schools reminds parents, for your safety and the safety of students, please **do not park in bus lanes**, or **use bus lanes to pass others**.



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

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

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.

**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

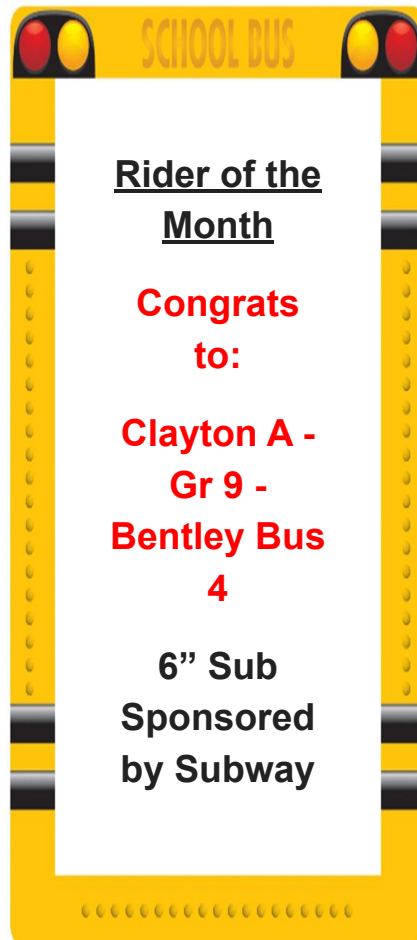
PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND TWO FULL DAYS PER WEEK. REGISTER NOW!

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



Badminton Highlights!

Winners from the Wolf Creek South Badminton Tournament

Grade 7 Girls Doubles
4th: Capri H and Andra S

Grade 8 Mixed Doubles
4th: Keagan A & Corlynn A

Grade 7 Mixed Doubles
1st: Mathew V & Alexis J
3rd: Thomas D & Peyton B

Grade 9 Girls Singles
4th: Kaylee K

Grade 8 Girls Singles
4th: Keira V
5th: Caylee W

Grade 9 Boys Singles
1st: Toran S

Grade 8 Girls Doubles
3rd: Jansyn S & Macy M

Grade 9 Boys Doubles
4th: Carson R & Rodney V

Grade 8 Boys Singles
4th: Roman H

Grade 9 Mixed Doubles
1st: Porter D & Peyton S

Congratulations to those moving on to Wolf Creek Championship tournament on Tuesday, May 2!



Winners from the High School Areas

Grade 10 Boys Doubles
1st: Tucker W & Lenny B
2nd: Max B & Cody W

Both teams moved on to compete in zones on April 26!



Annual Town Clean-Up

In conjunction with Earth Day on April 22, Bentley School students and staff hit the streets of Bentley for their annual town clean-up on April 21. Thanks to the Town of Bentley for supplying gloves and treats for all our students!



Handball Highlights!

It was a an exciting two days of jr high handball provincials in Sherwood Park in April. Congratulations to the:

Girls team 1 for winning gold in division one!

Girls team 2 for winning bronze in division one!

Boys team for winning gold in division two!

Thank you to the coaches - Mr. Lush, Mrs. Cowan, Brynn and Jocelynn for volunteering their time. Thank you to the players for their dedication and hard work. Thank you to the parents for your continued support of our school.

Panther PRIDE!





Luci Henry
Board Chair
Ward A



Kelly Lowry
Vice Chair
Ward D



Lana Thompson
Ward B



Trudy Bratland
Ward C



Brent Buchanan
Ward D



Darryl Stendie
Ward E

Board of Trustees

Advocating for schools, students and communities

The Wolf Creek Public Schools' Board of Trustees is advocating on various key areas and with the Alberta Provincial Election we will be advocating throughout the election campaign.

Mental Health: We share your concern over the rising mental health needs in students, families and staff. We know there is a direct connection between mental health and student success. We urge the government to commit distinct and sufficient funding to meet these needs.

As a Board, we recognize that public schools are often the first place where mental health issues are recognized in youth and children. WCPS has made nearly 1000 school social worker program referrals this school year alone, with 150 referrals to outside agencies. We advocate to government for additional therapist and specialist access for students and communities.

Funding: Funding is something that impacts everything from maintaining and operating schools to providing specialized student supports. Public schools have become experts in allocating limited funds across diverse school programs. But we know that annual rising costs absorb much of the increases in education funding brought in by the government.

We encourage the government to improve the funding model for K-12 education, ensuring equity across the system. It is crucial that public schools, which welcome all students and have no barrier to enrollment, are prioritized and provided the funding and resources necessary to ensure success for all students.

Cross Ministry Support: We know that increasingly student needs are extending beyond the classroom. Meeting these needs stretches classroom budgets, impacting overall student success, wellbeing and mental health. We encourage the Government of Alberta to build cross ministry partnerships to work with school boards to address these needs.

As a Board, targeted funding has been helpful, but too often the need outweighs the funding. Creating funded partnerships with other government departments such as Alberta Health to provide health specific support and funding for students and schools would ease pressure on schools.

The Alberta Provincial Election is an opportunity to join Trustees and advocate for schools, students and communities. No matter who you may support, it is an opportunity to talk to candidates, other parents and trustees about education, and the needs of students and schools in your community.

JOIN US

Ask Questions — Attend Candidate Events — Support Public Education

Community News!

PotLuck Play

May 24/23

6:00-8:00 pm

COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FOR
A FREE DINNER!

DO YOU CHILDREN 0-18?
THEN COME ON BY!
BASEMENT OF BENTLEY TOWN HALL

D.Y.I. Sub night



Contact:

Carolyn: 403-896-3915

frnlacombe@gmail.com



June 3/23

9-2

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

parentingproactively101@gmail.com



Babysitting Course
Saturday, June. 17
9- 5:00 pm
Bentley



Ages: 11 & up

\$45 Basement town office

Please bring a doll for
practical
lunch, snacks & drinks



We need a Min. of 6 to run,
Max. 12



Contact: Carolyn McLaren
403-704-3315
parentingproactively101@gmail.com



EXPAND YOUR Mind

Did you know that being creative, dancing, and listening to music are simple ways to boost your mental well-being by releasing feel good chemicals in your brain? Take time to turn up the music, have a great laugh and dance like no one is watching!

Fuel YOUR BODY

Nourishing your body with healthy food and water helps your body grow and stay strong. It can affect your mood, how you react and how well you can learn and focus.

Make a family goal to drink water to hydrate your body and keep your brain fueled and energized.

Move YOUR BODY

Move your body every day to improve your mental and physical health. The key is to make movement fun and try activities that you enjoy.

Get outside and move together as a family. Go for a walk, ride your bikes or visit a local park.

PRACTICE Mindfulness

Practicing mindfulness together can help build your family's connection with each other.

Try this simple strategy to relax and calm a busy mind.

Tune into your surroundings through your 5 senses.

Look around you, what do you see, hear, smell, taste, feel?



Build ASSETS

Did you know there are many things you can do to help your kids grow up great? A simple way to build assets and model kindness is to tell your kids why they matter to you.

Talk together about how being kind makes you feel. Kindness can reduce stress, fill your heart with joy, and assist you in feeling more helpful and hopeful.

Interested in more ideas on how to create positive connections and build a healthy family?

Follow us on social media @
Move Your Mood Alberta



Get Active this June with
ParticipACTION Community Better
Challenge

Everything gets better
when you move your body.

www.participaction.com

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



 MyHealthAlberta.ca

Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642

 811 Health Link
Health Advice 24/7

 Alberta Health
Services

Bentley Museum Society

Visitors Information Centre

Summer Student Temporary Employment

July 1 – August 31, 2023

2 Positions

Wage \$15.00 per hour

Minimum age 15 years

Job Duties: Manage Tourist information Centre.

Ensure Museum buildings are locked and secure.

Greet visitors and show the visitors around.

Conduct Tours if required.

Historical research of artifacts and typing of labels

General cleanliness and tidiness inside and out.

Receive artifacts and record corresponding paperwork and history.

Other duties that may be requested

Deadline for application: June 15, 2023

Please forward application to:

bentleymuseum@shaw.ca Attn: Employment Committee

or

Bentley Museum Society, P.O. Box 620, Bentley, AB., T0C 0J0

For more information please phone 403 506 2696