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Important Dates

September 2023

Sept 5 & 6	Staggered Start - See Schedule
Sept 7	First Full Day for All Students
Sept 11 - 17	October Lunches Available to Order
Sept 11	Quebec Trip for Gr. 7 - 9 Parent Information Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
Sept 13	School Wide Picnic (Bring your own lunch)
Sept 15	Student Demographic Updates Due Bentley School Spirit Day! (wear your panther wear or school colors of black & gold) Welcome Back Breakfast for Staff and Students Welcome Back Assembly & Pie the Teacher
Sept 20	Fall Individual and Class Photos
Sept 21	Terry Fox Walk/Run @ 1p.m. (families welcome!)
Sept 22	No School for Students
Sept 25	Parent Advisory Council
Sept 27	Bentley School Open House (in conjunction with the Community Festival)
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day! Quebec Trip Non-Refundable Deposit Due
Sept 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day
Oct 1	Deadline to Order Bentley School Spirit Wear
Oct 6 - 9	No School for Students & Thanksgiving Holiday

Students should listen for announcements in regards to volleyball tryouts!

Sept 9
Sr. Girls Home Tournament

Sept 16
Jr. A Girls Home Tournament

Sept 30
Jr. A Boys Home Tournament

Stay tuned to our athletic calendar for important practice dates and times.

[Athletic Calendar](#)



Registration for Returning Students

Every family (new and returning) should have received an email in regards to a returning student profile update for the 2023-2024 school year. We require parents to follow the instructions on the email and submit the information asap. Once this online process is completed, the information is then updated into your child's demographic within PowerSchool. It is important that schools have correct and current phone numbers, contacts, addresses, etc. If you did not receive an email asking you to update your child's student profile, please check your spam/junk folder. The returning student registration information forms must be completed online by **September 15, 2023**. Parents are required to log into their PowerSchool Parent Portal, click on the School Engage tab and complete the online student demographic form. If you are having issues submitting the form or have any questions, please contact Bentley School at 403-748-3770. These forms are mandatory for parents to complete every year.

Bentley School Spirit Wear

Check out our new selection of **Bentley Spirit Wear**! The online store is open and ready for orders. Order deadline is **Oct 1, 2023**. All logos are included. Orders will be delivered at the school approximately 3-4 weeks after the order cut off date.

Planning to Volunteer this Year?

At Bentley School, we love our volunteers! We need help with track meets, picture days, popcorn days and in the classrooms.

All volunteers are required to complete:

[Volunteer Application Form](#) - Must be completed yearly

[Criminal Record Declaration Form](#) - Valid for 3 years

[Vulnerable Sector Check Application](#) - Valid for 3 years and is only required if the volunteer will be working closely with children in situations where he/she will be alone with individual children and groups of children, without direct supervision and oversight from staff; and In a natural position of trust and authority given the relationship between children and school volunteers

All prospective volunteers are subject to screening and possible interviews with school administrators. These forms will be kept on file at the school.

Hot Lunch Program

Bentley Schools hot lunch program will begin in October. Hot Lunch by Lora will be offered every Monday of each month. Subway and Pizza by the Slice will be offered once per month. Hot Dogs days will offered to Gr. 1 - 8 on Thursday twice per month. Booster Juice and popcorn will also be available as a snack option once per month. Order through the PowerSchool and Online Payments parent portal during the designated week for the following month. For example, **October lunch orders are available to order from September 11 to 17 though the PowerSchool and online Payments parent portal. No late orders will be accepted.** Stay tuned to the website calendar, Facebook or Instagram, or the school newsletter for order dates. Disclaimer: Hot lunch dates may be scheduled to change under special circumstances.

Volunteers Needed for Hot Dog & Popcorn Days!

We are seeking parent volunteers to come in to assist with hot dog days and popcorn days. Please click the link to sign up: [Sign up Here!](#)

Breakfast Program

Bentley School is the proud recipient of Breakfast Club of Canada funds. This grant, along with other community donations enable us to provide nutritionally balanced breakfast items and grab and go snack items to students throughout the day. We have a very special crew of grandparents who will be coming in every morning to make toast and put out snacks. Thank you Lorna Landry, Shirley Talsma, Marlaine Stephenson, Donna Park and Jean Landry and Trudy Odenbach who will be volunteering one day a week!

Open House

In conjunction with the Town of Bentley's Fall Festival Bentley School will be welcoming families to an open house on Wednesday, September 27, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Not only will you get to meet your children's teacher and visit their classroom but you can expect this to be an exciting evening of fun family challenges and more!

School Fees

School fees have been applied to all students and are due **September 30, 2023**. We accept cash, cheques (Payable to Wolf Creek Public Schools) & online payments through the parent portal and a debit machine is located at the high school office.

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Pay your school fees online

Step 1: <https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca>

Step 2: Click on PowerSchool & Online Payment

Step 3: Sign in using your PowerSchool username & password

Base Fees:

Kindergarten: \$90 (includes \$50 school fee, \$40 technology fee)

Gr 1-6: \$40 (includes \$40 technology fee)

Gr 7-10: \$160 (includes \$80 option fee, \$30 yearbook, \$40 technology fee, \$10 leadership fee)

Gr 11: \$80 (includes \$30 yearbook, \$40 technology fee, \$10 leadership) + optional fees

Gr 12: \$80 (includes \$30 yearbook, \$40 technology, \$10 leadership) + optional fees + grad fee TBA

Optional Fees for Gr. 9 - 12:

(these fees will be added to base fee if your child is taking one of these courses)

Math 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, 30-2 Workbook: **\$40**

PE 10-3/20-3/30-3: **\$40**

PE: 10-5/20-5/30-5: **\$40**

Foods 20/30: **\$40**

Woods 20:30: **\$50**

Additional fees may be added throughout the year to cover the cost of field trips, swimming lessons, sports fees or clubs.



Lifetouch

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Bentley School



What to Expect:



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Pictures are
sent home with
your child



Review pictures
& purchase on
mylifetouch.ca

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture if requested by the school.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-ca.
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.

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Elder Program

We would like to invite our FNMI families and students to become a part of our Elder Program. Kids in the program will meet with an Elder in the FNMI community on a regular basis to connect to their culture together. The program will begin the week of September 26th. Please reach out to Kadyn Schmidtke at 403.748.3770 ext 4120 to learn more.

Welcome Back Breakfast

Students and staff can look forward to a Welcome Back Breakfast on Friday, September 15. Students in Gr. 1-8 will have breakfast delivered to their classrooms by 8:30 a.m. and students in Gr. 9 - 12 can dish up in the foods lab starting at 8:30 a.m.!

Academies on Hold

Unfortunately, our golf and hockey academy programs are currently on hold as we review our enrollment and budget needs.

Terry Fox Run/Walk

Bentley School will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run on September 21, 2023 starting at 1 p.m. Families welcome! Students will walk/run a designated route at different intervals for each grade. Watch for pledge forms coming home in September. Donations can also be made online at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/BentleySchool>. Prizes will be awarded to our top fundraisers!

Chromebook Purchase Options for Parents

Wolf Creek Public Schools is proud of the many ways that our staff and students utilize technology in order to enhance teaching and learning in our schools. We have a long history and a proven track record of working with our school communities in order to be able to positively leverage the potential of digital technology tools to support learning. Everyday our schools utilize technology to:

- Allow students to show their learning in a wide variety of ways
- Connect students with each other within their classroom, within the division, within the province and around the world;
- Connect students and teachers with experts in various fields such as authors, astronauts, scientists;
- Support students with a wide variety of learning styles and needs;
- Access digital resources and assessments;
- And more!

Bring Your Own Device Program

Wolf Creek Public Schools believes that students should be able to bring their own device to school to support their learning. We are proud to have been promoting this kind of learning support for our students since 2009. Students across our division benefit from ready access to school owned technology; but we have found over years of observation that students feel most comfortable with, and often are able to best support their learning with, a device that they personally own.

Our parents have been very supportive of this evolution of a bring your own device approach in Wolf Creek. In many schools as parents seek to provide support for their children as they learn in today's classrooms, our teachers and administrators have been fielding parent questions around "what kind of a device should I purchase for my child"?

For more details on [Chromebook Purchasing Options for Parents](#), please visit this link or refer to the [Wolf Tech Always Learning](#) for things you need to be aware of when purchasing a chromebook for your child.

Orange Shirt Day

September 30 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day

To honour the legacy of residential schools, all Wolf Creek Public Schools will observe **“Orange Shirt Day” on Friday, September 29th, 2023.**

Below are some links to check that may be helpful if you are interested in ordering a shirt. This is not mandatory. The 2023 Orange Shirt Day shirts were designed by Ponoka St. A’s high school student, Charliss Santos. The Official Orange Shirts can be purchased through:

- [Orange Shirt Society \(OSS\)](#)
- [Turtle Lodge Trading Post](#)
- Other Orange Shirt Day shirts and materials can be ordered through:
 - [Dreamcatcher Promotions](#)
 - [University of Alberta](#)
 - [Western Variety Wholesale](#)
 - [Colouring it Forward](#)

Remember to order your shirts early enough to accommodate shipping times!



**Never miss another important date and subscribe to our
online school calendar!**

[School Calendar](#)

Casino Volunteer Needed

The Friends of Bentley Nursery School Society is URGENTLY seeking one more volunteer for our casino to cover a shift on Saturday, September 9 from 7:45 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.! If you can help please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/aca93000?useFullSite=true>

Bus Status Gets a New App

Bus Status has a new App, just in time for the new school year! Ensure you download the new App from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) and select your preferences before September 29 to continue to receive notifications.

The new App has improved speed and reliability. It will look and function the same as the current Bus Status app.

The Bus Status app currently installed on your phone will not update automatically to the new version of the app. You must go to the App Store or Google Play to download the new app to receive notifications after September 29.

Don't know how to download the app? [Step-by-Step Instructions here!](#)



Bentley School Junior High
Travel 2024
Grades 7-9

Let's Go
Travel



Quebec City
Montreal
Ottawa

DEPOSIT: NON REFUNDABLE
\$404.00 DUE: September 29, 2023

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING:
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 4:30 PM
BENTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Package Includes

Flights
Hotel
Breakfast & Supper
Tour Guide & MORE!

BOOK NOW

MAY 15-21, 2024

For more information:

nikki.allen@wolfcreek.ab.ca 



Bentley School's Code of Conduct

All students and of Wolf Creek schools are required to sign their agreement to the Wolf Creek Public Schools Code of Conduct yearly as part of their returning student demographic update form.

Wolf Creek Public Schools requires all schools attend to their School Codes of conduct as per Section 33 of the Education Act which stipulates that the student Code of Conduct be made publicly available and be reviewed every year by all staff, students and parents.

The Code of Conduct provides all stakeholders the specifics about how each of our Wolf Creek schools are focusing on being welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments.

It outlines what is **acceptable behavior** and what is **unacceptable behavior**. The Code of Conduct also provides information about the consequences of unacceptable behavior, which takes into account the students age, maturity and individual circumstances.

The Code of Conduct also explains what support is to be provided for students who are impacted by inappropriate behavior as well as for students who engage in inappropriate behavior.

You can review it with your child here:

<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/students/code-of-conduct>





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Wolf Creek Public Schools

September 5, 2023

Dear Parents,

RE: Fair Notice

The safety of our children is a top priority for us all. We, as a school system, have been involved in intensive safety training and collaboration with our community partners – the police, Alberta Health Services (Addictions & Mental Health) and Children’s Services. Together we have created and signed a community protocol for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

This letter is to inform you that we, as a school system, adopted policy in January 2003 that mandates schools to have a “zero tolerance” stance for not investigating all threats and threatening behaviours (Admin Procedure 167). The purpose of the investigation/assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. Please be assured that if your principal is aware of threatening behaviour, he/she will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that protocol is being followed and that the goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with **fair notice** that we, as a school community, will not accept “no response” to a threat making behaviour. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side.

Sincerely,

Tim De Ruyck
Superintendent
Wolf Creek Public Schools

Community News!

BENTLEY MINOR SOCCER INDOOR REGISTRATION!

If you are looking for something for your child(ren) to do this fall/winter, Bentley Minor Soccer is accepting registrations for indoor! Hurry up and get signed up, as registration will close September 12th! Information and registration link below:

Season length: October 28, 2023 until March 2, 2024

Game Days and Location: Games will be played at the Dome in Red Deer and the Camrose Community Center in Camrose; always on SATURDAYS

Format: 7v7 non boarded at the Dome; 6v6 Boarded at Camrose

U9 Program: 5 weekends of play, 3 games a day, for a total of 15 games; max roster of 12

U11 and up: minimum of 14 games; travel will be limited; double headers may be scheduled; max roster of 15

Practices: will take place at Bentley School, day/time to be determined by coaches and school sport schedules. Practices will likely not start before 7pm unless there are no school sports scheduled for that day.

Eligibility Years:

U9: 2016/2015

U11: 2014/2013

U13: 2012/2011

U15: 2010/2009

Cost:

U9 - \$150

U11 and U13 - \$225

U15 - \$250

(Note: there may be a small additional fee if new jerseys need to be ordered)

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://www.rampregistrations.com/public/participantreg?v3=7bde0465c2>

For any additional questions, please contact the Bentley Minor Soccer Association at bentleyminorsoccer@shaw.ca.





Check out our NEW space in Bentley Elementary School! Register for After School Care and/or PD days!


REGISTER ONLINE TODAY !!

<https://app.bgcwolfcreek.com/>
www.bentley.bgcwolfcreek.com

403-704-5475



SCAN ME

WOLF CREEK BENTLEY

DID YOU KNOW?

Government Subsidy will be available for qualifying families starting in September

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Income	Current Subsidy Rates Grades K to 6
\$0-\$49,999	\$366.00
\$50,000-\$54,000	\$348.00
\$55,000-\$59,999	\$311.00
\$60,000-\$64,999	\$275.00
\$65,000-\$69,999	\$238.00
\$70,000-\$74,999	\$201.00
\$75,000-\$79,999	\$165.00
\$80,000-\$84,999	\$128.00
\$85,000-\$89,999	\$92.00

Information needed to apply

Program Name -
BGC Bentley Out Of School Care

Estimated Number Of Hours Needed -
50 - 100 Hours

Estimated Cost -
\$366.00 (maximum subsidy)

Apply Here in September
applychildcaresubsidy.alberta.ca

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL

Kids are more likely to remain healthy when you are involved in their education.

Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teacher.

Participate in community events that tie into what your child is learning, such as taking in the local museum.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE 40 DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS

Assets are 40 values, experiences and qualities that help kids succeed.

Children & teens want you involved.

Connect with teachers and regularly check in with your kids.

WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

- Connect with their teacher
- Volunteer
- Talk to your child about school
- Ask teachers how you can get involved

WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

- Offer your skills to the school
- Help with an activity
- Set up or clean up after a classroom party
- Help plan a safe grad
- Offer help with sport days
- Organize fundraising events

MORE RESOURCES

search-institute.org

keepconnected.searchinstitute.org/

community.hmhc.ca/

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



Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642



October 25
to
December 7
2023

Family Services of Central Alberta Presents:



For
Tweens

CONQUER

your
ANXIETY &
WORRIES

&
Parents

\$95/
Tween

- **Tween & Parent program**
- **Focusing on increasing knowledge, enhancing skills & gaining practical tools for tweens who experience anxiety**



Program information
& Registration at fzca.ca

WEDNESDAYS
6:00 - 7:30pm

TAMING WORRY DRAGONS

This 7-week program is designed to support children ages 5 - 8 years old as they explore and understand their feelings of anxiety, fear, and worry.

Parents are required to attend the concurrent parenting group focused on helping parents understand and support their children.

This program is not designed for children with a diagnosis.



~~WORRY~~ ~~ANXIETY~~ ~~FEAR~~

WEDNESDAYS

SEPT. 6 - OCT. 18, 2023

6:00 - 7:30 PM

\$95/CHILD
(no siblings)

5409 - 50TH AVE.

Register online at

www.fsca.ca

For more information please call

403 - 343 - 6400



Hannah Beach



HANNAH BEACH

An award-winning educator, author, emotional health consultant, keynote speaker and parent.
hannahbeach.ca

Parents Night Out & Professional Development Workshops available:
All presentations located at Carnival Cinema

Understanding What's Behind Your Kid's Challenging Behaviors: Practical Strategies for Change

6pm - 7:30pm
Doors open at 5:30pm

Children (ages 4-12) will be watching a movie (supervised) while parents are attending the presentation. Each ticket includes a drink & popcorn.

Emotional Health in Kids

2 Workshop Presentations times:

Morning Session 8:45 - 11:30am
Afternoon Session 12:45 - 3:30pm

Parents Night Out

October 5th \$25/Adult \$10/Child



Professional Development Workshop

October 6th \$60/Person

Presented by:



17th Annual Central Alberta Children's Festival

Save the Date!

May 31st & June 1st

School tickets can be used on May 31 only

Rotary Recreation Park

9:00am
4:30pm

Class Price
\$6/person



Tickets available
centralalbertachildrensfestival.ca



School House

Cultural Connection

L.A.

Red Deer Public Library

Tinker Town

Creative Arts

Live Music

ARTS

Music Playground

Imagine

Glitter Tattoos

Football Toss

MATH

Mathnasium

Whale of a Tail

DIY Science

SCIENCE

K'nex Building

Disk Golf

P.E.

Ninja Obstacle Course

Soccer

Become a Fur Trader

Red Deer History

SOCIAL

Norwegian Laft Haus

Pioneer Village

LEARNING
OUTSIDE CAN
BE FUN.
WONDER WHAT
WE CAN LEARN
AT THE PARK!?

