

PANTHER NEWS



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Important Dates

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| Nov 1 | Pajama Day |
| Nov 2 | Fall Retake Day & Hot Dog Day |
| Nov 6 | Hot Lunch - Pizza Mac & Cheese |
| Nov 6 - 12 | December Lunch Orders Available to Order Online |
| Nov 7 & 9 | Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Nov 8 | Agri-Trade Career Expo (Gr. 9 - 12) & Elem Pizza Day |
| Nov 9 | Remembrance Day Service & Jr/Sr High Pizza Day |
| Nov 10 - 13 | No School for Students or Staff & Remembrance Day |
| Nov 14 | Hot Lunch - Beef Cheddar Burger |
| Nov 16 | Hot Dog Day |
| Nov 17 | Mom's Pantry Order Deadline Dress Like a Teacher Day & Subway Day |
| Nov 20 | Hot Lunch - Crispy Chicken Wrap Date Night Sign Up Deadline |
| Nov 23 | Popcorn Day, Pajama Day & Date Night |
| Nov 24 | No School for Students |
| Nov 27 | Post Secondary Fair (Gr. 9 - 12) Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag Parent Advisory Council |
| Nov 29 | Booster Juice Day |

November 2023

Never miss another important date again!

Click here to view the full [Bentley School Calendar](#)

You can also check out the full [Panther Athletics Calendar](#) online

Elder Visits
November 6 & 20
If you are interested in this program, please contact Mrs. Schmidtke.





wear your
coziest PJS
to school



PAJAMA
day



WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST

&

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 23RD

BENTLEY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 9 • 11AM

ELEMENTARY GYM



**REMEMBRANCE DAY
SERVICE**

• LEST WE FORGET •

The Legion appreciates the opportunity to provide poppies to our students and gratefully accepts donations.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Lifetouch.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Thursday, November 02, 2023
Retake Day! Bentley School



What to Expect:



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Proofs are sent home
with your student



Order packages
and more on
mylifetouch.ca

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

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for November 7 & 9 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All interviews will be in person. Interviews are available to book through the homepage of our website. Appointments are 15 minutes only. Please help to keep our interviews on time and running smoothly. Marks for Grade 4 - 12 will continue to be available in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. For detailed instructions on how to view marks in PowerSchool, please [click here](#). Updates for Grade 1 - 6 will continue to be available via SeeSaw as well. The Scholastic Book fair will be running the week of Parent Teachers Interviews from November 6 - 9 and is open for parents to shop both evenings of Parent Teacher Interviews!



Scholastic Book Fair

We're excited to announce our Scholastic Book Fair is coming! You can shop from hundreds of items in-person or online through our Virtual Book Fair extension. Our Fair is open from November 6 - 9, and all purchases help us earn new resources for our school.

School Fees Notice

School fees are to be paid by Sept 30, any school fees not paid by the deadline are deemed outstanding. Parents will no longer be able to purchase lunch order items (hot lunch, booster juice, subway, hot dogs, popcorn, pizza) for their child until school fees are paid.

Jr/Sr Yearbook Fee: if you do not want your child to receive a yearbook this year or you only want to purchase one yearbook per family, please email bentley@wolfcreek.ab.ca indicating this and the fee will be removed.

Think AG Career Fair!

Agriculture for Life (Ag for Life) and Agri-Trade are excited to present this year's thinkAG Career Fair on November 8! Students in grades 9 – 12 are invited to participate in a one-of-a-kind career experience. Learn how your students' unique interests align with the agriculture industry through participation in interactive, thought-provoking explorations. Students will have the chance to listen to a line-up of agriculture professionals active in the field, participate in a Q and A session, and visit the Agri-Trade Equipment Expo showroom floor.

Ag for Life has been delivering impactful, educational programs and awareness, connecting students of all ages to the culture of agriculture since 2011. It is our mission to educate and inspire the next generation to pick up the torch and dive into this industry of growing opportunity, playing an integral role in society, the economy, and the environment. The thinkAG Career Fair hits curriculum outcomes within career and life management, propelling students forward in their lifelong career development journey through networking and career mentorship opportunities. Exposed to a range of career possibilities within agriculture, students can rub elbows with industry leaders and analyze the career paths of others to find their fit.



**Deadline to order is
November 17**

Don't miss out on ordering your Christmas baking supplies with **Mom's Pantry!**

Place order online at <https://momspantry.ca/>. Click on Shop Now. Once everything has been added to the cart, click on Group Pick Up and enter the Order Number and Group Passcode. Remember the Seller Name should be the student's name.

Order Number: 380916 Group Passcode: 35889

We wish to thank you for your supporting Bentley School. Delivery date will be first week of December. Please watch your email for the confirmed delivery date. Any questions please call Stephanie Smith at 403-896-9842. **All orders must be picked up on the day of delivery no exceptions!!**

Sincerely,
Bentley School Chest Society



Thank You from the Blessing Pantry

The Blessing Pantry would like to thank Bentley School and the Leadership team for, once again, doing the We Scare Hunger event during the month of October and collecting food for this great cause. We would also like to thank all of the students and families for their tremendous support in giving to the Campaign. This food goes a long way in helping those in need during the Christmas season and into the New Year. We appreciate you all, and are grateful to live in such a great and giving community.

Date Night Details

Leadership students are offering to babysit students ages 4 to Grade 5 on Thursday, November 23rd. Pre-registration is required. Sign up through the PowerSchool & Online Payments Parent Portal under the school fees tab. If you are signing up children who don't go to our school, [use this link](#).

ages 4 - grade 5

Date Night

DROP OFF THE KIDS!

\$10
per child

4:30 - 9:30PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

ADD A HOT DOG, CHIPS & JUICE BOX FOR \$4.00

Bus Status Gets a New App

A recent upgrade to the Bus Status 4 app may have caused the buses that you are subscribed to in becoming deselected. Please open the app and click on the star icon above My Buses to ensure that the bus routes of your children show in the list. If they are not selected, click on the bus icon that says All Buses. Scroll through the list of WCPS routes and click on the star beside each route that you would like notifications for until the star changes from an outline to a solid star. Parents, students and staff can all download the free Bus Status 4 app to their smart devices to get updates from drivers when they notify the Transportation Department that they are running late or if a route has been cancelled. Don't know how to download the app?

[Step-by-Step Instructions here!](#)

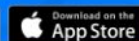
Download the



BUS STATUS App



Keep track of bus delays and cancellations, and receive push notifications for just the bus routes that matter to you.



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SCHOOL BUS

Riders of the Month

Congratulations to: Chase in Gr. 10,
Liam in Gr. 10 and Jake in Gr. 8 - Bentley
Bus 4

6" Sub Sponsored by Subway

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Orange Shirt Day

In honor of National Truth and Reconciliation Day, students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 created Orange Shirt Suncatchers. These shirts were made with the favourite colours of the students who made them, and are all unique to each student. This craft was designed to represent how the children at residential schools should have been treated, welcomed and accepted at school. At Bentley School, we promise to treat all students with PRIDE. We promise to acknowledge the hardships that Indigenous children and their families faced and continue to face due to residential schools. We promise to learn their truth in our efforts to move forward with reconciliation.

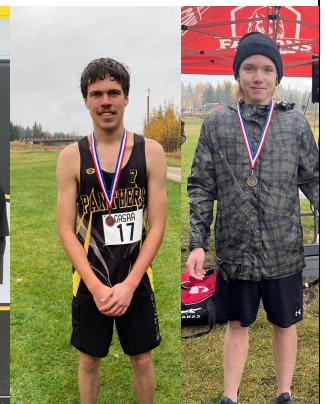


Cross Country Wrap Up

Our Jr. High Cross Country team wrapped up their season after competing in the Jr. High CWAJHAA cross country race at Prentice Creek Equestrian Centre near Rocky Mountain House on Thursday, October 19. Bentley School placed third overall for 2J schools and had 28 runners competing. Congratulations to Jevin who placed 1st for Gr. 7 boys, and Lauren who placed 1st for Gr. 7 girls. The Jr High Cross Country team also won the 2J banner at the Wolf Creek race at Deer Valley near Alix on Sept 26 with 50 runners competing before moving on to CWAJHAAs.

The Senior High Cross country team competed in a number of running events before moving on to Zones on October 11. Congratulations to Wacey who won the bronze medal at Zones. Wacey, Nick and Ethan all moved on to compete in provincials on October 21 in Trochu. Bentley School placed 7th out of 40 1J schools in the province! Wacey finished 18th in the province for Seniors and Nick finished 44th in the province for Juniors and congratulations to Ethan who won the Para event!

Thank you to Mr. Lush, Mrs. Stephenson, Mr. Wessner and Miss. Lush for coaching our cross country athletes this year. Great season runners!



Golf Season Wrap Up

Congratulations to our Jr/Sr. High golf teams on a job well done! Our Sr. high golf team competed in a tournament on September 18 at Camrose Golf Course and our Jr. High students competed in a tournament at the Lacombe Nursery Golf & Country Club on October 3. Bentley Students always conduct themselves incredibly well with the supervisors from other schools and they should all be very proud of themselves! Thanks to Mr. Hazlett for his time coaching both teams this year. Great work, golfers!



Save the Date!
Saturday, December 2nd

Santa, Wagon Ride, Hot Chocolate, Warming Fires

6 - 9pm

Town Office Parking Lot



Should you wish to contribute to the event or volunteer,
contact Santa's Helper Barb 403.748.2160



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.



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.

AP 132



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.





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Santa's Anonymous

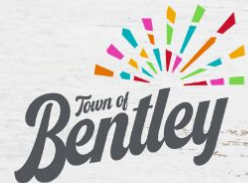
Opens November 15, 2023

APPLY ONLINE OR AT ANY OF THESE PARTNER AGENCIES: LACOMBE & DISTRICT FCSS, CLIVE FCSS, BENTLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES & THE ALIX RESOURCE CENTRE.

www.lacombefcss.net



Phone: 403-782-6637





2023
2024

New Coats for Kids
program enables qualifying families to
choose new winter coats for their
children. Applications available
October 16, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

Monetary Donations can be made online at
www.lacombefcss.net/donations or in office at
Lacombe FCSS, #201, 5214 50th Ave.

Lacombe, AB T4L 0B6.

For more information contact us at :

(403) 782-6637 or

Email: wgriffin@lacombefcss.net



Let's Talk Anxiety & Depression in our Youth/Young Adults

Join the Family Enrichment Centre and Alberta Health Services, for a one-hour virtual information session on supporting youth/young adults with anxiety and depression.

When: Tuesday, November 14th

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: Zoom (register for link)

- Many individuals are impacted by mental illness, whether it is through waiting for a diagnosis, operating day-to-day, or receiving treatment.
- Many factors can influence positive mental health, including a strong support network is important for all individuals involved.
- Education on mental health and coping resources can help change the conversation, so we can better support those we care for.

Call 403 864 5583 to register

Why is it important to talk with your children about drugs and alcohol?

- can protect them from participating in high risk behaviours as they get older.
- Demonstrates that you are open to having tough conversations and finding answers to their questions.
- Can influence their decision to experiment.

Direct and honest communication about tough topics will promote continued communication with your child.

Helping your children practice refusal skills

Practice refusal skills with your children so that they feel comfortable and confident in setting boundaries with peers. Examples of boundary-setting statements they could use:

- No thanks, I'm not interested
- I'm not drinking or using drugs tonight
- Sorry, I need to leave
- They could ask questions in response:
 - Why are you asking me to do this?
- Deflect and redirect:
 - Suggest other activities to participate in

Talking to your children about substance use

- Approach the conversation with curiosity and interest vs judgment and fear
- Model healthy behaviour
- Ask your child about their concerns and experiences and encourage questions
- Be honest about what you know, and don't know. Look up information together
- Promote trust by showing support and care
- Be clear on your expectations around substance use
- Connect them with a support worker if needed

Safety planning for when youth experiment

Experimentation and pushing boundaries is a part of growing up, especially in the teen years. Youth want to assert their independence, which promotes learning from mistakes.

When you have conversations with your children about alcohol or other drug use, you can encourage your child to do some safety planning - what would they do if they were uncomfortable? Who would they call in a time of need?

Have your child outline who they would call, and how you will talk about the incident in a safe and productive manner.

MORE RESOURCES

[Centre for Addiction & Mental Health](#)

[Parent Information Series - AHS](#)

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

