

# PANTHER NEWS



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## Important Dates

Dec 1	Ski/Snowboard Club Registration Opens Elementary Assembly & Pep Rally
Dec 4	Hot Lunch - Soft Taco
Dec 4 - 10	January Lunch Orders Available to Order Online
Dec 7	Hot Dog Day
Dec 8	No School for Students
Dec 11 - 13	AHS Oral Health Services for K - Gr. 2
Dec 11	Hot Lunch - Baked Spaghetti
Dec 11 - 15	Candy Grams for Sale
Dec 13	Elementary Pizza Day
Dec 14	Jr/Sr. High Pizza Day
Dec 15	Ski/Snowboard Club Registration Deadline & Popcorn Day
Dec 18	Hot Lunch - Loaded Tater Tots
Dec 19	Small Town Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Dec 20	Small Town Christmas Public Performance & Booster Juice
Dec 21	Hot Dog Day
Dec 22	Subway Day & Elementary Christmas Movie
Dec 23 - Jan 7	Christmas Holidays

## December 2023

Gr. 9 - 12 students will be participating in a **High School Spirit Challenge** throughout the month of December to try and win lunch for their team in January! Check inside the newsletter for the calendar of events.

Check inside the newsletter for **Christmas Spirit Days** for elementary and jr. high!

# Bentley School Gives Back

Due to economic times, Bentley School has decided to take a break from our annual Families in Need Raffle at the Christmas concert this year. The generosity of our community, in past years, has been so great that we can continue to support our Families in Need this Christmas without actively fundraising. The seniors residing at the Care Centre, in our community, are also being supported through the Adopt a Grandparent fundraiser by the Bentley Farmers Market so we won't be collecting donations for our annual Gifts for Grandparents. We will plan to give Christmas arrangements to the Oxford Court residents and Westview Apartments residents, as well as to the Care Centre, in honor of our annual Gifts for Grandparents fundraiser. We have partnered with Earthy Accents to achieve this and anyone wishing may donate, at the store, toward these arrangements, are welcome to do so.

This year, we are encouraging our families to join us by participating in a holiday gratefulness challenge. Each week in December, we will share something we are grateful for and highlight a local nonprofit to help raise awareness and showcase what they bring to our community. We will encourage our parent community to do the same by posting a photo or description of something they are grateful for, whether it's a loved one, pets, a special place, etc. and request that supporters tag a family member or friend in the post to invite others to get involved as well. Use the hashtag: [#bentleyschoolgratefulchallenge](#)

## Moms Pantry Orders

Thank you for supporting the Bentley School Mom's Pantry fundraiser. Orders will be available for pick up in the High School Food Studies Lab the week of December 4. Please watch for emails for the delivery date and times.

All orders are delivered frozen. There is NO FREEZER SPACE AVAILABLE FOR STORAGE. If you are unable to pick your order up, please make arrangements to have someone pick up your order on your behalf.

Thank you,

Bentley School Chest Society



*Mom's Pantry*

# CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAYS

**01**

DEC

**SANTA'S COMING**

WEAR RED TODAY!

**05**

DEC

**TOASTY TUESDAY**

WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS SOCKS, SLIPPERS & HATS!

**07**

DEC

**CHANNEL THE FLANNEL**

WEAR FLANNEL OR PLAID TODAY!

**12**

DEC

**YOU'RE A GRINCH**

WEAR GREEN TODAY!

**14**

DEC

**FESTIVE FUN**

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS ATTIRE!

**21**

DEC

**UGLY SWEATER DAY**

WEAR AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER!

**22**

DEC

**ELEMENTARY MOVIE & PJ DAY**

















WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS ☆☆☆





# December High School School Spirit Challenge

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>FREE LUNCH ANY ONE?</i></p> <p>Win lunch for your team in January! Your participation wins points for your team. The team with the highest score by December 22 wins free lunch!</p> <p>Teams will be randomly made up of grades 9-10 kids. (If any grade 11 or 12 students want to participate, please see Mrs. Annable to be put on a team.)</p>				<p>(Day 2)  1</p> <p><b>Santa's Coming</b> Wear red today!</p>
<p> 4</p> <p>Bring in food for the food bank until Dec 15</p>	<p> 5</p> <p><b>Toasty Tuesday</b> Wear your Christmas socks, slippers &amp; hats!</p>	<p> 6</p> <p><b>Channel the Flannel</b> Wear your flannel!</p>	<p> 7</p>	<p> 8</p> <p><b>Trivia Challenge</b> (during tutorial)</p>
<p> 11</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT</b> (during TA)</p>	<p> 12</p> <p><b>You're a Grinch</b> Wear green today!</p>	<p> 13</p> <p><b>Festive Fun</b> Wear your favorite Christmas attire!</p>	<p> 14</p> <p><b>Ugly Sweater Day</b> Wear an ugly Christmas sweater today!</p>	<p>(Day 1)  15</p> <p><b>Trivia Challenge</b> (during tutorial)</p>
<p> 16</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT</b> (during TA)</p>	<p> 19</p> <p><b>I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas</b> Wear your pajamas!</p>	<p> 20</p> <p><b>Ugly Sweater Day</b> Wear an ugly Christmas sweater today!</p>	<p> 21</p> <p><b>School-wide Activity</b> in the Afternoon</p>	<p>(Day 2)  22</p>

SCHOOL BUS

**Riders of the Month**

Congratulations to:



Cree - Gr. 4 - Bus Route Bentley 4

6" Sub Sponsored by Subway

## Hard Hats Needed!

Mrs. Schofer's Gr 4s are in need of hard hats for the Christmas Concert. We need the ones that you would wear on a construction site and would only need to borrow them for December. We will take good care of them!

Please email Mrs. Schofer at [erin.schofer@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:erin.schofer@wolfcreek.ab.ca) if you have some we can borrow.





Bentley School Presents

# SMALL TOWN

# Christmas

THE CHRISTMAS EVENT OF THE YEAR

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 20  
1:00 PM  
ELEMENTARY GYM



Parents or guardians unable to attend on the 20th can attend dress rehearsal on the 19th at 1 pm.

# REACH Update

SchoolReach is up and running again this year. The concept is similar to the game of Jeopardy except students play as a team of four. Teams will compete in tournaments in the New Year. Mrs. Nash is working with the two high school teams. Team members are Rodney, Matthew, Declan, Chase, Callan, Nick, Jade, Toran, Gracie, Keira, Oakland & Winston. They practice Thursday at lunch time. Mrs. Crawford is helping the junior team consisting of Cohen, Leah, Payton, Ariana & Makayla. Reach practice for the junior team is Monday at lunch. On Thursday, December 21st there will be a special Christmas themed practice with snacks.

## High School Canteen

Canteen at the high school is open every lunch from Noon to 12:15 pm for junior and senior high students. Thank you to the students: Hailey, Kimberly, Kara, Anna, Makenna, Rio, Gracie, Keira, Hayley and Carly for helping out and the EA's for overseeing. As an appreciation, on Wednesday, December 20th, these students will be provided with a hot dog/corn dog lunch and snacks.

## Bentley School Chest Society Casino

Bentley School Chest Society Casino that is coming up January 25 & 26, 2024. We are looking for volunteers to work shifts. If anyone is available could they please contact Jan Bickford to sign up for a shift at 403-341-0069. Shifts that need volunteers are:

Thurs, Jan 25

1 pm - 7:15 pm \* 3 people needed

7 pm - 1:00 am \* 3 people needed

11 pm - 1:00 am \* 1 person needed

Fri, Jan 26

1 pm - 8:15 pm \* 4 people needed

## Hockey Academy

Unfortunately, due to budget and staffing allocations Bentley School will not be able to offer a hockey academy program this year.



# Ski & Snowboard Club

Interested students in Gr 1-12 have the option of participating in a Ski/Snowboard Club between Bentley School and Canyon Ski Hill in Red Deer in the New Year. For full program details, please refer to the [information package](#). Registration opens December 1 through the PS and Online Payments Parent Portal. Registration deadline is December 15.



## **BENTLEY SCHOOL** **SKI & SNOWBOARD** **CLUB**

**REGISTRATION OPENS: DEC 1**

**AN INFORMATION PACKAGE IS  
AVAILABLE ON THE HOMEPAGE OF  
OUR WEBSITE**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DEC 15**



# Don't Miss Out!

## CANDY GRAMS

50  
CENTS  
EACH

**Make someone's day with  
a holiday candy gram!**

on sale outside the elementary office Mon, Dec 11 - Fri Dec 15th  
**Delivery on Wednesday, December 20th**





# BGC Wolf Creek Santa's Bids for Kids

BGC Wolf Creek will be hosting an online auction fundraiser from December 1st to December 4th. The auction will run for a duration of four days, and all the proceeds generated from donations made by Bentley businesses and individuals will directly benefit the BGC program in Bentley. This means that 100% of the money raised from Bentley donations will go towards supporting the program. Additionally, there are numerous items available from Ponoka, Lacombe, and Rimbey, and anyone can place bids on these items in the online auction. Check it out at:

<https://www.32auctions.com/SantasBidsForKids2023>. You can also access the auction through the QR code provided on the flyer.



**BGC WOLF CREEK PRESENTS  
OUR 4th ANNUAL  
SANTA'S  
BIDS FOR KIDS  
ONLINE AUCTION  
December 1st - 4th,  
2023**



Wolf Creek





# Busing Intention Survey

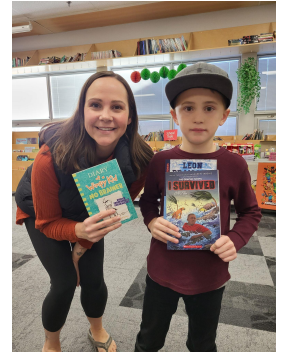
Changes are on the way to how eligibility is determined for students who will be riding the school bus. In Wolf Creek Public Schools, our transportation department recently sent out a survey to families that fall within the new requirement boundaries to get a better understanding of family intentions for busing for the coming school year. [Read the full details here.](#)





# Book Fair Thank You!

Thank to everyone that supported the Scholastic Book Fair in November! With your support we were able to purchase over 150 new books for our school library! The students are excited to get their hands on them. Congratulations to Caleb Schimann and Mrs. Morrison's Grade 3 class for winning \$25 worth of free books each. Special thank you to Mrs. Haarstad and our leadership students for helping to run the book fair We couldn't do it without their help!



# Remembrance Day Service

Thank you to Mr. Hazlett and the Gr. 9 class for organizing, and contributing to the Remembrance Day Service in November. Special thanks to our students for their magnificent artwork, Brooke Butcher for her musical contributions, the Bentley School choir for their beautiful performance, the wreath layers & special guests along with parents and community members in attendance. It was a beautiful service and tribute to our soldiers past and present. Great work, Gr. 9!





# Volleyball Wrap Up

Volleyball season has officially wrapped up for the year! Our small school had 8 volleyball teams running this season. It truly takes a village to coach all these teams and we want to thank Chad Kimmel, Korey Von Kuster, Stephen Lush, Jannah Bertin, Carmen Hyrynk, Sherri Kimmel, Laura McKain, Karen Smith, Natalie Ree, Hayley Lush, Pam Stephenson & Kelsey Ruttan for dedicating their time and expertise to coach our students. Our sr. high boys ended up 4th in the league, the sr. high girls ended up 3rd in the league and the jr. a girls team 2 ended up 5th in CWAJHAA and 4th in the league. All teams showed great sportsmanship and growth as individual players and as a team! Congratulations to all our athletes and coaches on a successful season.







# 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.





# Community News

FCSS in Lacombe is in partnership with Bentley Community Services has a number of resources for families to access including:

- New Coats for Kids
- Fill a Fridge
- Santa's Anonymous

More information and application forms can be found on their website at: [www.lacombefcss.net](http://www.lacombefcss.net) or contact Barb Carson at [community@townofbentley.ca](mailto:community@townofbentley.ca).



Donate



**Kin Canada**

Lacombe  
Kinsmen Club

## ***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](http://www.lacombefcss.net) Phone: 403-782-6637



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**A**

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LACOMBE COUNTY

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**APPLICATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 15**



**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](http://www.lacombefcss.net/donations) or in office at  
Lacombe FCSS, #201, 5214 50th Ave.  
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For more information contact us at :  
(403) 782-6637 or

Email: [wgriffin@lacombefcss.net](mailto:wgriffin@lacombefcss.net)



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

**Merry  
Christmas**