

# PANTHER NEWS



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Jan 8	Welcome Back to School & Hot Lunch - Lasagna
Jan 8 - 14	February Hot Lunch Available to Order
Jan 10	Hot Lunch - Baked Spaghetti (from Dec)
Jan 11	Immunizations & Hot Dog Day
Jan 12	Popcorn Day
Jan 15	Hot Lunch - Pizza Buns
Jan 15 - 19	Joslyn Snow Winter Classic Registration
Jan 16	Gr. 4 & 5 Hookey Hockey Trip
Jan 17	Elementary Pizza Day
Jan 18	Jr/Sr. High Pizza Day & Mismatched Spirit Day!
Jan 19	No School For Students/Ski & Snowboard Club
Jan 22	Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag
Jan 24	Booster Juice
Jan 25	Hot Dog Day
Jan 26	Subway Day & Pajama Day & Arts Alive!
Jan 25 & 26	Jaleesa Grzech Author Visit: Kindergarten to Gr. 4
Jan 29	Hot Lunch - Chicken Burger & Parent Advisory Council
Jan 20 - Feb 2	Artist in Residency: Kindergarten to Gr. 8

## January 2024

### Exam Schedule

See page 4  
[Grade 9 Midterm exam schedule.](#)

See page 5  
[High School Final Exam Schedule.](#)

### **Jan 22**

Last day of classes for Gr. 10 - 12

### **Jan 31**

Semester 2 starts

# 2023/24 Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey

Alberta Education is sending out an assurance survey the week of January 22, 2024 by mail to families that have students in grade 4, 7, or 10. The survey can be completed by paper or online. This survey provides feedback on the quality of education provided by school authorities and their schools. This survey allows parents to engage with the education system and help shape local priorities and initiatives. School authorities and schools use this information to understand how they are doing and plan for the future. Teachers, students and parents are asked to complete this survey

We encourage parents with children in grade 4, 7 or 10 to complete the survey as the information you provide informs our planning and results provincially as well as locally. Please refer to page 3 to read more about the Alberta Education Assurance Survey.

## Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic

Save the date for the Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Class on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:45 to 7 p.m. Registration for students to play in game is open from January 15 - 19. Sign up via the PowerSchool parent portal. Students must have **FULL HOCKEY EQUIPMENT** to be able to play in the game. Further details will be provided following registration in regards to format and team assignment. All proceeds from this event support the Joslyn Snow Memorial Scholarship. If you would like to donate an item or items to the raffle table, please contact Sheri Kimmel by email at [sheri.kimmel@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:sheri.kimmel@wolfcreek.ab.ca).

## Artist in Residency

Imagination Academy is excited to be the visiting Artist in Residence at Bentley School this year. The week of January 29-February 2, Kindergarten to Gr. 8 classes will participate in an Art Workshop to learn about Linocut Printmaking. Students will be creating art by carving into soft plastic, learning about brayers and then using a real printing press to print their final artwork. We can't wait to see all the creative and unique artwork your kids create! We are looking for 1 parent volunteer per classroom. If this interests you, [please sign up here](#).



### Riders of the Month

Congratulations to Khloe in Gr. 5 and Lucas in Gr. 3 who were December Riders of the Month. All riders of the month receive a 6" sub sponsored by Subway.

# Alberta Education Assurance Survey

## Information for parents and guardians

### About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.



### Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.



### How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It **is not** used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.



### How will students take the survey?

- Students complete the survey at school.
- Before the survey begins, your child's teacher or school staff will explain to the students that the survey is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers. They will also explain that there are no repercussions for opting out of participating and that they may skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Responses are submitted anonymously. Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, grade, school and school authority only.

Details about the assurance measures and how to obtain results are available online at [www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey](http://www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey)

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school principal.



## Gr 9 January 2024 Midterm Schedule

Date	Blocks	Classes	Rooms	Supervisors
Tues, Jan 23	9:00 AM Block 2 Block 3 Block 4 & 5	<b>Social 9 Midterm</b> PE 9 Art 9 Tutorial & Study Session	A206 / A210 Gym A206 / A210 A206 / A210	Mr. Hazlett Mrs. Lush Mr. Hazlett & Mr. Button All staff
Wed, Jan 24	9:00 AM Block 2 Block 3 Block 4 & 5	<b>Science 9 Midterm</b> Social 9A / Math 9B LA 9A / Science 9B Tutorial & Study Session	A206 / A210 A210 / A214 A206 / A110 A206 / A210	Mrs. Lush Mr. Hazlett / Mr. Peers Mrs. Annable / Mrs. Lush All staff
Thurs, Jan 25	9:00 AM Block 2 Block 3 Block 4 & 5	<b>LA 9 Midterm (Written Response)</b> Social 9B / Math 9A LA 9B / Science 9A Tutorial & Study Session	A206 / A210 A210 / A214 A206 / A210 A206 / A210	Mrs. Annable Mr. Hazlett / Mr. Peers Mrs. Annable / Mrs. Lush All staff
Fri, Jan 26	9:00 AM Block 2 Block 3 Block 4 & 5	<b>Math 9 Math Midterm (No Calculators)</b> PE 9 Art 9 Tutorial & Study Session	A206 / A210 Gym A206 / A210 A206 / A210	Mr. Peers Mrs. Lush Mr. Hazlett & Mr. Button All staff
Mon, Jan 29	9:00 AM Block 2 Block 3 Block 4 & 5	<b>LA 9 Midterm (Multiple Choice)</b> Social 9A / Math 9B LA 9A / Science 9B Tutorial & Study Session	A206 / A210 A210 / A214 A206 / A110 A206 / A210	Mrs. Annable Mr. Hazlett / Mr. Peers Mrs. Annable / Mrs. Lush All staff
Tues, Jan 30	9:00 AM Block 2 Block 3 Block 4 & 5	<b>Math 9 Midterm (Calculators)</b> Social 9B / Math 9A LA 9B / Science 9A Tutorial	A206 / A210 A210 / A214 A206 / A110 A206 / A210	Mr. Peers Mr. Hazlett / Mr. Peers Mrs. Annable / Mrs. Lush All staff
Wed, Jan 31		<b>Semester 2 Begins</b>		

### Notes:

Gr. 9 Students will have regular classes during exam week (Jan 24-30) after their morning midterm.

Last day of options is Monday, Jan 22, afternoons will be tutorial and study sessions for students

Students need to bring necessary items to write exams - pencil, eraser, pen, charged chromebook, calculator, etc

Passing the exams is a simple  
 two-step process: believe in yourself  
 and back it up with hard work!

## January 2024 Final Exam Schedule

Date	Time	Course	Room #	Supervisor
Wed, Jan 10	9:00 AM	English 30-1/2 Diploma Part A	A110	Mr. Lush
Mon, Jan 22	9:00 AM	Math 30-1/2 Diploma	A214	Mr. Lush
Mon, Jan 22		<b>Last Day of Classes Gr 10-12</b>		
Tues, Jan 23	9:00 AM	English 30-1/2 Diploma Part B English 10-1 & 10-2 Written Social 9 Midterm	A110 A206 A210	Mr. Button Mrs. Lush Mr. Hazlett
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Social 20-1 & 20-2 Study Session	A210	Mr. Hazlett
Wed, Jan 24	9:00 AM	Social 20-1 & 20-2 Final Exam Science 9 Midterm	A210 A206	Mr. Hazlett Mrs. Lush
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Science 10 Study Session	A110	Mr. Button
Thurs, Jan 25	9:00 AM	Biology 30 Diploma	A205	Mr. Lush
		Physics 20 Final Exam	A214	Mr. Peers
	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Math 15 Final Exam	A110	Mr. Button
		LA 9 Midterm Exam - Written	A206	Mrs. Annable
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Chemistry 20 Study Session	A110	Mr. Button	
	Science 10 Study Session	A110	Mr. Button	
Fri, Jan 26	9:00 AM	Chemistry 20 Final Exam	A214	Mrs. Lush
		Science 10 Final Exam	A110	Mr. Button
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Math 9 Midterm Exam - Part A (no calculators) Science 20 Study Session	A206 & A210 A110	Mr. Peers & Mr. Hazlett Mr. Button
Mon, Jan 29	9:00 AM	Science 20 Final Exam	A110	Mr. Button
		English 10-1 & 10-2 (MC)	A206	Mrs. Annable
		LA 9 Midterm Exam - MC	A206 & A210	Mr. Hazlett
Tues, Jan 30	9:00 AM	Science 30 Diploma Math 9 Midterm Exam- Part B	A205 A206 & 210	Mr. Lush Mr. Peers
Wed, Jan 31		<b>Semester 2 Begins</b>		

Last day of options is Monday, Jan 22, afternoons will be tutorial and study sessions for students  
 Students need to bring necessary items to write exams - pencil, eraser, pen, charged chromebook, calculator, etc

Stay positive, work hard.  
 Make it happen.

# Registration for 2024-2025

## Opens January 8, 2024 for Pre-K and Kindergarten

New student registration for Pre-K & Kindergarten to Gr. 12 opens January 8. If you currently have a student in Pre-K who is either Kindergarten age or returning to Pre-K, parents will receive an email with returning student registration instructions. Current, Kindergarten to Grade 11 students won't receive returning student instructions until August 2024.

### Pre-Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2024-2025

- Returning Pre-Kindergarten students will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the 2024-2025 NEW BFPA Registration Form
- Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by December 31 of the upcoming school year in order to apply
- Programs are designed for children to attend two days per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Four days per week programming may be available following further consultation with families and is based on location and availability.
- A copy of the original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) must accompany your registration. If you need to order your child's birth certificate, click on the link to Alberta Services.
- Pre-Kindergarten students are not eligible for busing.
- [Download the BFPA brochure here.](#)
- For full program details visit:  
<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/https-www-brightfuturesplayacademy-ca>

### Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2024-2025

- Students currently in Bright Futures who are of Kindergarten age will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the **2024-2025 NEW K-12 Registration Form**
- Children must be 5 years of age by December 31 of the upcoming school year in order to apply
- Programs are designed for children to attend two full days per week. Days offered will depend on the number of students registered. Please register by March 31 to help with program planning.
- Kindergarten class placements are based on a number of factors including, number of kindergarten registrations received, date of registration, program day availability and student needs, not just on parent preference.
- A copy of the original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) must accompany your registration. If you need to order your child's birth certificate, click on the link to [Alberta Health Services](#).
- Rural Kindergarten students are eligible to apply for busing.

### Questions?

Having trouble registering during school hours? We will be happy to help! Please call the office at 403-748-3770 and ask for Mrs. McDiarmid or Mrs. Lush.





# REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025 IS OPEN



## 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 Language 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.

PHONE: 403-748-3770

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

**BENTLEY SCHOOL**

# **FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH**

**Available to Order From**

**JANUARY 8 - 14**

**Booster Juice**

**Hot Lunch Mondays**

**Subway**

**Pizza**

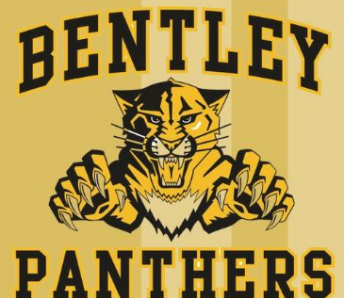
**Hot Dog**

Gr. 1 - 8 only

**Popcorn**

Gr. 1 - 8 only

Order through the PowerSchool and online  
Payments parent portal. No late orders will be  
accepted. This program is sticly voluntary if you  
wish to sign up each month.





# Family Literacy Week - Author Visit

In honor of Family Literacy Week, Author Jaleesa Grzech will be visiting our school on January 25 & 26 to read some of her stories and lead discussions and activities to support nourishing our children's mental health for students in Kindergarten to Gr. 4. Her books will be available at a discounted rate to pre-order via the PowerSchool and Online Payments Parent Portal from January 15 - 19 and will be delivered to students on the day of their class' presentation. Books will also be available to purchase in person on January 25 & 26.

**Parents are encouraged to attend with their child!** This event is made possible through our Bentley School Parent Advisory Council. They received a grant with a goal to increase parent engagement and what better way to do this than through sharing the love of literacy with your child during Family Literacy Week!

## About The Author

Jaleesa Grzech is passionate about supporting children's mental health. With over ten years of teaching experience in the classroom and raising two children of her own, she has seen first hand how challenging it can be for kids to process and express their BIG emotions in healthy ways. She believes that emotional literacy is not something that kids simply have - it must be modeled and taught over and over throughout time.



In 2018, Jaleesa began writing and illustrating children's books that allow kids to learn about and share their emotions early on. Her intention was to create simple, meaningful stories that connect caregivers to kids and allow for safe conversations around sharing how we are feeling inside.

In 2019, Jaleesa received a literary arts grant from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts. She has now finished writing her next two books that focus on anger and fear and give readers specific strategies to cope with and express these emotions in healthy ways. These books were published in January, 2023.

Jaleesa enjoys small town living in Eckville, AB with her husband and two daughters. In her free time she enjoys yoga, audiobooks, camping and travelling.



*Please join us!*

## **FAMILY LITERACY WEEK**

**JANUARY 22 - 26**

**Author, Jaleesa Grzech will be visiting our school on Jan 25 & 26 for Family Literacy Week to share her stories with Kindergarten to Gr. 4 students.**

**Book pre-order available Jan 15-19 via Power School parent portal**

*Share the love of reading with your child during  
Family Literacy Week*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

**8:50 AM KINDERGARTEN**

**11:00 AM GR. 3M**

**1:00 PM GR. 1M**

**2:00 PM GR. 2B**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

**11:00 AM GR. 2/3R**

**1:00 PM GR. 4S**

**2:00 PM GR. 1R**

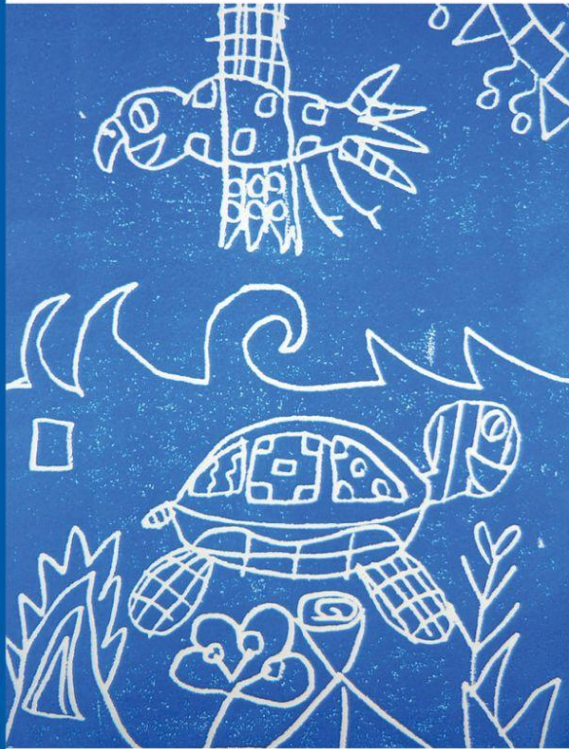
**ALL SESSIONS ARE 1 HOUR**

**This event is made possible through our Bentley School  
Parent Advisory Council Parent Engagement Grant**



# Artist in Residence with Imagination Academy!

January 29-February 2



## Linocut Printmaking Art Workshops

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**1 parent volunteer needed per class.**

We are looking for 1 parent volunteer per classroom. If this interests you, [please sign up here.](#)



SHARE THE WARMTH THIS WINTER!

# WINTER BLANKET DRIVE

accepting donations throughout  
the month of January

PLEASE DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED BLANKETS AND HELP  
US SHARE THE WARMTH WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS THIS WINTER!



**DROP OFF LOCATION:**  
**Outside the Elementary and Highschool Office**

# MISMATCH SPIRIT DAY

Thursday, January 18

LIFE IS TOO SHORT  
TO WEAR BORING  
CLOTHES

WEAR AS MANY  
MISMATCHED  
PATTERNS AS YOU  
CAN AND YOU  
MAY WIN A PRIZE



MISMATCH  
DAY





*Bentley School*

**ARTS ALIVE**

*Art Displays + Woodworking Displays  
+ Live Music + Baking for Sale*



**Admission  
By Donation**

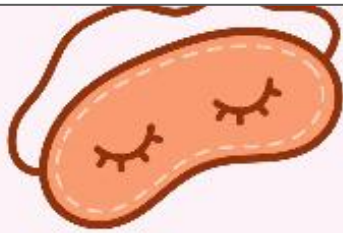
**January 26, 2024**

**5 - 8 p.m. Bentley High School**

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All Proceeds Support the Quebec Travel Club





wear your  
coziest PJS  
to school



**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 26**



JOSLYN SNOW MEMORIAL

# WINTER *On Ice* CLASSIC

February 13, 2023

**BENTLEY ARENA**

**4:45 - 7:00 PM**

**Admission is Free**

**50/50 & Raffle Table on Site**

**All Proceeds Support the Joslyn Snow  
Memorial Scholarship**

**Student Registration Opens  
Jan 15 - 19**

**Staff vs. Student Hockey Game**



# Christmas Highlights 2023







# 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



Some cooking, some learning, some crafting and lots of fun!

Dates: February 5, 12, 26 & March 4, 11, 18

Time: 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Age: Grade one/two

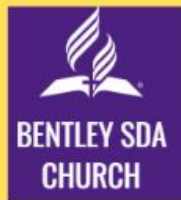
Investment: \$15

Contact Community Services

403.748.2160

Paid registration ensures a spot!

10 spots available



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Bentley High School

