

# PANTHER NEWS



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Mar 1	Ski Club & Grad Photos Kindergarten Extra Friday (Mon/Wed)
Mar 4 - 8	Skating Gr. 1 - 8
Mar 4 - 10	Order April Hot Lunch Online
Mar 4	Hot Lunch - Beef & Cheese Burrito
Mar 7	Hot Dog Day
Mar 8	Kindergarten Extra Friday (Tue/Thur) & Popcorn Day
Mar 11	Hot Lunch - Pulled Pork Sandwich
Mar 11 & 12	Oral Health Program (Kindergarten to Gr. 2)
Mar 12	Parent Teacher Interviews Open for Booking
Mar 13	Elementary Pizza Day
Mar 14	Jr/Sr High Pizza Day & Wacky Hair Day
Mar 15	No School for Students & Ski Club
Mar 18	Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day Hot Lunch - Chicken Ranch Wrap Parent Advisory Council
Mar 18 - 22	Scholastic Book Fair
Mar 19	Parent Teacher Interviews
Mar 20	Booster Juice Day
Mar 21	Parent Teacher Interviews & Hot Dog Day World Down Syndrome Day - Lots of Socks!
Mar 22	Kindergarten Extra Friday (Mon/Wed) & Subway Day

## March 2024

**Swimming Lessons for K - Gr. 6**  
April 2 - 11  
See details inside.

**Drivers Training**  
Feb 26  
Feb 29  
Mar 5  
Mar 7  
Mar 12

**Jr. High Curling Bonspiel**  
March 21

**Spring Break**  
March 25 - April 1

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 21 for Pre-Kindergarten to Gr. 12. Parents in Grade K - 3 can check Seesaw for updates in regards to their child's learning. Students marks for Gr. 4 - 12 are updated in PowerSchool on a continual basis. For detailed instructions on how to view marks in PowerSchool, [click here!](#) All interviews will be conducted in person in 15 minute intervals. Interviews open for parents to book on Tuesday, March 12 from the homepage of our website.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Bentley School is excited to welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Parent Teachers Interviews from March 18-22. Students will visit the fair once to browse the books and another day to purchase. The book fair will be open on the evenings of parent teacher interviews from 4 - 7:30 p.m.



# Bentley School Skating

Bentley School students in Gr. 1 - 8 will be skating as part of their PE class with Mrs. Stephenson the week of March 4-8. Parent Permission forms are available online. Please be sure to sign the permission form in the PowerSchool and Online Payments Parent Portal prior to skating. There is no cost for this activity.

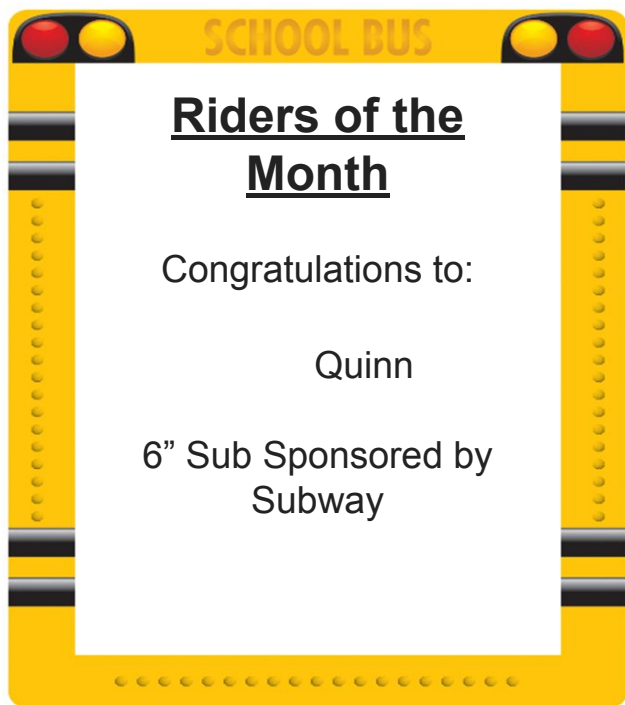
Please note that all students need an approved CSA helmet and skates. If you do not have these items, please contact your home room teacher or Mrs. Stephenson at [pam.stephenson@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:pam.stephenson@wolfcreek.ab.ca) as the school does have a limited supply of items to borrow. No sticks and pucks are permitted on the ice during these times. We also need parents to help tie skates, if you are available to help, please sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8AD2AA3F9C61-47478055-skating#/>

	Monday Mar 4	Tuesday Mar 5	Wednesday Mar 6	Thursday Mar 7	Friday Mar 8
8:45: - 9:45	PE 8		PE 8		
9:45: 10:45	PE 7	PE 1 (10-11 AM)	PE 7	PE 1 (10-11 AM)	
11:00- 12:00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch				
1:00 - 2:00	PE 5	PE 3	PE 5	PE 2	PE 2
2:00- 3:00	PE 6	PE 4	PE 6	PE 4	PE 3

# Scientists in Schools Presentations

For the past two years, Scientists in School supported Bentley School by providing sponsored workshops courtesy of Vesta Energy. The wonderful news is that our grant has been renewed for this school year, and Vesta Energy has adopted our school once again! Scientists in Schools opens our classroom to the wonders of science, engineering and technology to everyone, fostering environmental stewardship, and encouraging children across Canada to discover the relevancy of science in their everyday world. At Scientists in School, we are passionate about nurturing scientifically, technologically and environmentally literate children and youth who ‘think like a scientist’ – they are curious about the world around them, ask questions, have the courage to act responsibly, respect facts and data, and come up with creative solutions to problems. Our passionate and diverse presenter, staff and Board team brings a wealth of professional and academic experience in STEM and education. In a typical year, our close to 400 highly-trained passionate presenters deliver 25,000 workshops. The majority have academic or professional backgrounds in STEM, and are diverse role models to young scientists they inspire annually. By sparking curiosity, confidence and imagination in the next generation, our presenters provide memorable opportunities for all children to see themselves as scientists. Thank you Vesta Energy for bring this opportunity to our students once again!



## Handball

Jr High Handball practices will be Monday and Wednesday's from from 3:30-5:00 pm in the high school gym, starting March 11. Jr High provincial tournament is April 19 & 20 in Edmonton.

Sr. High Handball practices will be Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the high school gym, starting March 11.

League starts April 11 to April 23  
Sr High Tournament: April 12 & 13  
Zones Tournament is May 3 & 4  
Provincials is May 10 & 11



## White Frog Cafe Fundraiser

The Bentley School Chest Society is selling coffee (ground and whole beans), chocolate covered coffee beans and cookie dough from White Frog Cafe, Sylvan Lake. Orders can be placed through google form at <https://forms.gle/STfvezSEYno7wKtKA>

Deadline is **March 20** to have your order placed. Orders will be available for pickup **April 12**. Please watch April newsletter for pickup times. Orders can be paid by e-transfer to [bentleyschoolchestociety@gmail.com](mailto:bentleyschoolchestociety@gmail.com). Any questions please call Stephanie Smith at 403-896-9842.

## Grad VIP Food Fundraiser

Gr 12 students are busy fundraising for grad this year. If you are interested in ordering from VIP menu (sausage, beef jerky, wings, burgers, meatballs, steaks, bacon, pork chops, chicken, ribs and perogies. To place an order, please contact a grade 12 student or email Mr. Hazlett at [jason.hazlett@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:jason.hazlett@wolfcreek.ab.ca). Deadline to order is **March 21**, delivery date is **April 11**. To see the full menu and prices, please click on the following link. [VIP Order Form](#)



# World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The Gr. 6 classes will be selling chocolate almonds and other chocolate treats as a fundraiser for Gr. 6 camp. Chocolates will be available through any Gr. 6 student in Mrs. Baile and Miss Masko's classes. Chocolates will also be sold at lunch hour on Tuesday & Thursdays during the months of February and March.

Items Available:

Milk Chocolate & Almond Bars

Caramel Bars®

Caramel Whirls®

Mint Meltaways®



If you have any questions or would like to be put in contact with a Gr. 6 student, please reach out to [shyla.baile@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:shyla.baile@wolfcreek.ab.ca) or [jessica.masko@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:jessica.masko@wolfcreek.ab.ca) or call (403) 748-3770.

Thank you in advance for your support  
Sincerely,

The Grade 6 Classes



## Grade 6 Camp Fundraiser

### \$3.00 Each



### Options

Milk Chocolate Almonds

Almond Chocolate Bar

Crispy Chocolate Bar

Milk Chocolate Wafer Bar

Caramel Chocolate Cubes

Mint Chocolate Cubes

\*Cheques Payable to Wolf Creek Public Schools\*

**BENTLEY SCHOOL**

# **APRIL HOT LUNCH**

**Available to Order From**

**MARCH 4 - 10**

**Booster Juice**

**Hot Lunch Mondays**

**Subway**

**Pizza**

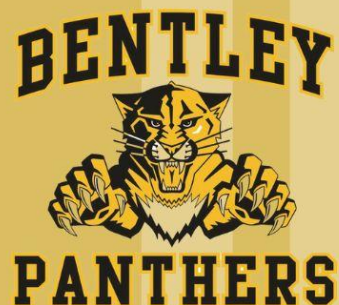
**Hot Dog**

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.



# Swim to Survive Lessons

A recent Lifesaving Society study found that almost all Canadians (98%) agree that swimming is a life skill that every child should learn. Yet another study revealed that a surprising 60% of Canadian children don't take swimming lessons. Bentley School is excited to offer this opportunity to our Kindergarten to Grade 6 students. Permission forms and the \$40 fee are online and must be completed prior to participating in the program along. Watch for paper copy of the information required by the pool coming home as well. All forms are mandatory. Swim to Survive meets the majority of students needs:

- Swim to Survive has the flexibility to meet a wide range of student skill and interest levels.
  - Weak and non-swimmers focus on developing Swim to Survive skills.
  - Core survival skills are presented in a manner that interests both swimmers and non-swimmers.
  - Stronger swimmers focus on participating in challenge items that engage their interest and teach them new skills.
- Students respond well to “swimming is not just about learning strokes”. They willingly working on basic skills (i.e. kicking, sculling) especially when presented in a style that promotes fun (friendly competition, cooperative games, fitness). The stronger their skill level, the more interested they are in challenge items (i.e. entries, synchro, water polo, underwater swims).
- The use of buoyant supports such as lifejackets and AquaJoggers succeed in putting students on an even playing field. Having the additional floatation support allow weaker swimmers to participate equally with their peers. No one misses out on group activities based on their limited skill levels.
- The standard for successful performance is within reach of all students.

## GRADE K - 6 SCHEDULE

### April 2/4/9/11 (Tue/Thur)

9 a.m. Gr. 5/6 & 6  
10 a.m. Gr. 4 & 5  
11 a.m. Gr. 2/3 & 3  
1 p.m. Gr. KC & 1M

### April 3/5/8/10 (M/W/F)

11 a.m. Gr. 2  
1 p.m. Gr. KR & 1R



# Registration for 2024-2025

## Open for Pre-K and Kindergarten

New student registration for Pre-K & Kindergarten to Gr. 12 opened 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



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 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/>



**Who needs to register for Bus transportation for the 2024/25 school year?**

All urban (in town students - Ponoka, Lacombe, and Blackfalds).

All students new to transportation (ECS or changing schools and are new to busing).

All students who are moving to a new address.

All Cross Boundary students must re-register every year.

**Who does not need to register?**

Rural students who have not had a change in address or school location.

**Unsure?**

If parents are not sure if they need to register, or are unsure which school they need to register at they can reach out to our office

[transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca)

**What do you need to do to register?**

Street address if urban, Legal land description and complete 911 address if rural.

Applications are submitted online through the Parent Portal or SchoolEngage.

<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>

# TUESDAY MARCH 21



FOR  
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY!

**What Can You Do?** Wear your most colorful, fun socks in celebration of people with Down syndrome and the many ways that they make our world brighter.

**Why rock your socks on 3.21?** Down syndrome (or Trisomy 21) means that there are 3 copies (instead of 2) of the 21st chromosome which is why we celebrate on 3.21. Usually people have 46 but individuals with Down syndrome have one extra and they have 47.



THURSDAY

MARCH 14

★ WACKY ★  
HAIR DAY  
★



# St. Patrick's Day

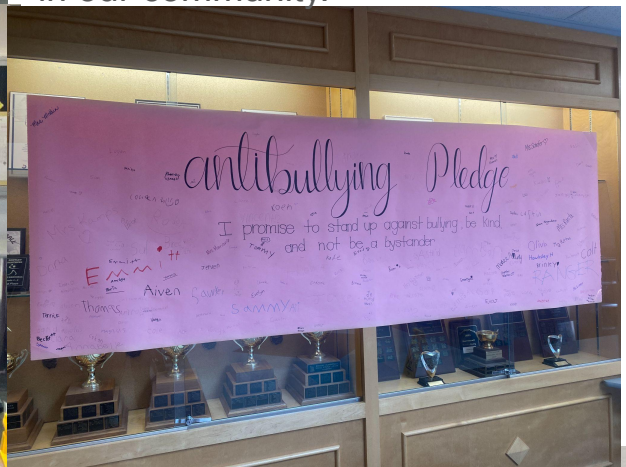
monday  
18<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH

WEAR YOUR GREEN CLOTHING

# February Highlights



In honor of anti-bullying day on February 28 students wore pink shirts and signed the anti-bullying pledge. For the month of February elementary students focused on kindness and created a kindness tree filled with examples on ways to show kindness at home, at school and in our community.



# Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic a Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic last month! It was great to see so much of the community in attendance. Over \$1700 dollars was raised for the Joslyn Snow Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thank you to the players, coaches, refs, announcers, raffle winners and everyone in attendance for cheering everyone on. Special thank you to the following donors for their donations to the raffle table including, the Ranta family, Sharron Juuti, Heidi McKinlay & Marci Madden, Jeremy & Darla Park, Corrine & Terry Kamps, Schofer Family, Bentley School Staff, Bentley School, Ruttan Mechanical, Toni Genge, That Mom Carmen, Pam & Kyle Stephenson and family, Trudy Odenbach, Alysha Thompson, Itty-Bitty Barn Creations (Kris Simpson), Marsha & Stephen Lush, Karla Wyld, Lane & Kathleen Moore, Angel Eyes Photography and Worms Trucking and Landscaping. We appreciate your support in honoring students who are awarded this scholarship each year in Joslyn's memory.





# Blanket Drive

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our blanket drive for the month of January. Because of your generosity, we were able to donate 29 blankets, helping provide a little extra warmth to those in need. This week leadership students dropped off blankets on park benches around the city of Red Deer, and donated toiletries to Safe Harbour Shelter.



## Winter Walk 2024!



Thank you to Mrs. Schmidt, Ms. Flug & Mrs. Duberville for making hot chocolate for students!

# Imagination Academy

Thank you to Meghan and Leanna from [Imagination Academy](#) for coming out to Bentley school in February for an artist in residency workshop. All lessons began with a visual presentation introducing the students to the topic and objectives, providing motivation for the art lesson. Students learned about different lines, patterns and textures. Our chosen topic was an Animal Story where students learned about Cree Animal Symbolism and how to draw a variety of animals within an Alberta landscape. Using their imagination, students explored various ideas through sketching, and selecting their favorite elements to incorporate into their own dynamic print. Students got to experience the different materials and the processes required to complete a linocut print, including how to carve a printmaking plate with a stylus, how to use ink and a brayer and even how a printing press works! All the students did a fantastic job on the printmaking art project and we were all impressed with the student creativity!





# 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.





# Smash Bros. Tournament

March 9th

- **Smash Bros Ultimate**
- **Free Mario Kart 8**
- **Street Fighter Third Strike**

**\$1000 in prizes!!**

**Register now!**

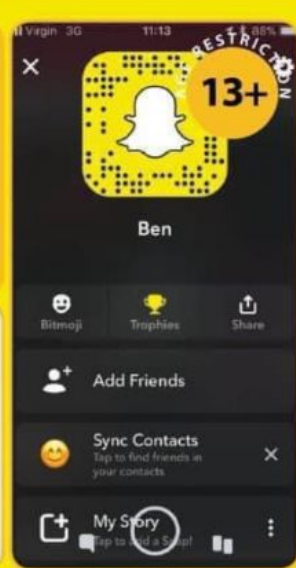
<http://start.gg/tournament/bentley-brawl>

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Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images for a limited number of seconds, chat with users before messages disappear, and share images with their friends list through a 'story'.



# What parents need to know about **SNAPCHAT**



## SNAP MAP

In 2017, Snapchat introduced a new feature called 'Snap Map', which allows users to see the EXACT location of the people on their friends list in real-time and watch stories from around the world. Users can view a map called a 'Snap Map'. This feature completely exposes your child's location and users can potentially follow your child from their home to their school.

## 'SNAP STREAKS'

'Streaks' tell users how many days in a row they have spoken or sent 'snaps' to one another. What's dangerous about this? It forces young people into putting a false sense of importance on a superficial number to the extent that it becomes something that can make or break a friendship. For example, if a person forgets to message or send a picture to their friend, breaking their 200-day streak, this could cause a confrontation between the friends. This can put an incredible amount of pressure on children to keep streaks.



## SCREENSHOTS

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear after a maximum of 10 seconds, users can still screenshot or save them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is a possibility in the app and send an image to someone they trust.



National Online Safety

## Top Tips for Parents



### THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP

Ensure that your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted and teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences, as if the message lasted forever.

### TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature.

### EDUCATE ABOUT RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, then it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks prior to using Snapchat.

### REPORTING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If your child is receiving inappropriate content, it's important that you report it. First block the sender to prevent any further messages. You can then report this by sending an email to [safety@snapchat.com](mailto:safety@snapchat.com). If the problem persists, contact CEOP at [ceop.gov/report](http://ceop.gov/report).

### RESTRICT WHO CAN VIEW THEIR STORY

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in their friends list can see their story. We recommend that children only have their close friends and family on the app.

### THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP

Ensure that your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted and teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences, as if the message lasted forever.

### ENTER 'GHOST' MODE ON SNAP MAPS

We highly recommend enabling Ghost Mode on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change your settings to 'Ghost Mode'.

### HOW TO DEACTIVATE SNAPCHAT

If your child wanted to delete their Snapchat account, simply deleting the app from their phone is not enough. To deactivate the account, users will have to log in to their account on desktop or on their mobile device (not through the app). Here, you:

- 1) Go to [support.snapchat.com/delete-account](http://support.snapchat.com/delete-account)
- 2) Here, click on 'Delete my account'
- 3) You will then be asked to enter your username and password again



### DISAPPEARING ILLEGAL CONTENT

Snapchat 'deletes by default' which means every opened snap image or video is automatically deleted. If your child has seen criminal activity on Snapchat, you should report it immediately - See 'Reporting Inappropriate Content' above.

Sources: <http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/internet/social-media/what-is-snapchat-a-safety-guide-for-parents-11344052742537> <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/snapchat-snap-map-latest-news-parents-protect-privacy-children-safety-grooming-messaging-videos-a7823521.html> <https://natsafety.net/snapchat-parent-review/> <https://support.snapchat.com/en-US>



# CONNECT PARENT GROUP

April 9, 2024   
6:30 PM   
Online via Zoom 

## What Is Connect?

Connect is a 10-week program to support parents of pre-teens and teens with difficult behavioural and emotional struggles, such as anger, aggression, depression, conflict with parents and teachers, and getting into trouble with friends.

Each session provides parents with a new perspective on parent-teen relationships and adolescent development. Parents watch roleplays, engage in conversations, and learn new choices for responding to their teen's difficult behaviour.

**Register Now:**  
Lindsey Diebolt  
403-896-6543  
lindsey.diebolt@mcmcentral.ca

*Alberta* Provincial Family  
Resource Networks

## YOUTH OF LACOMBE

# MARCH BREAK

2PM-6PM  
THE KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM AT THE LMC  
FREE FOR GRADES 7 TO 12  
DIFFERENT PROGRAMS HELD EACH DAY  
SNACKS PROVIDED

- MARCH 25** NAILED IT PAINT  
MARY C MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY & AHS
- MARCH 26** D&D AND OTHER GAMES  
WOLF CREEK BGC
- MARCH 27** BINGO & TRIVIA  
FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK
- MARCH 28** ESCAPE ROOM  
FCSS & BBBS

COME FOR ONE DAY  
OR COME FOR THEM ALL!  
REGISTRATION REQUESTED  
REGISTER BY QR CODE:

