

PANTHER NEWS



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April 2	Welcome Back to School! Autism Awareness Day
April 1 - 7	Order May Hot Lunch Online
April 2 - 11	Swimming Lessons for K - Gr. 6 (see schedule inside)
April 4	Hot Dog Day
April 5	Kindergarten Extra Friday (Mon/Wed) Jersey Day - In Honor of the Humboldt Broncos
April 8	Taco in a Bag
April 10	Elementary Pizza Day
April 11	Jr/Sr High Pizza Day
April 15	Grilled Cheese & Chili
April 18	Hot Dog Day
April 19	Subway Day & Town Clean Up
April 19 & 20	Jr. High Handball Provincial Tournament
April 22 & 23	Gr. 6 Camp
April 22	Hot Lunch Pancakes & Sausages
April 23	Tue/Thur Kindergarten Field Trip - Aspen Greenhouse
April 24	Immunizations & Booster Juice Day Mon/Wed Kindergarten Field Trip - Aspen Greenhouse
April 25	RDP Career Expo (Gr. 9 - 11) & Popcorn Day Anything But a Water Bottle Day Spring Fling Family Dance
April 26	No School for Students

April 2024

Swimming lessons start the day we return from Spring Break

Don't forget a swimsuit and towel when we return on Monday! (K - Gr. 6 students)

See schedule on Page 3.



World
Autism
Awareness
Day
April 2



WEAR BLUE & YELLOW

**All students will receive an
Autism Awareness Bracelet**

BY DONATION

**Proceeds go towards furnishing
our Sensory Room**

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. 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

School Reach News

Bentley School participated in the SchoolReach Tournament in Ponoka in March. Bentley junior team finished 8th out of 10 teams. Everyone had fun and did great for their 1st tournament! The Bentley intermediate team finished 3rd and will be moving on to provincials in Calgary on April 13. Well done everyone!



SCHOOL BUS

Riders of the Month

Congratulations to:

Mia Gr. 3
Bentley 01

Brinn
Gr.2
Bentley 04

6" Sub Sponsored by
Subway

BENTLEY SCHOOL

MAY HOT LUNCH

Available to Order From

APRIL 1 - 7

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.



FRIDAY APRIL 5TH

JERSEY DAY

**IN HONOUR OF THE
HUMBOLDT BRONCOS**



**BRONCO BLIZZARDS WILL BE
SOLD FOR \$1.00**

**PROCEEDS GOING TO THE STRAZ STRONG FOUNDATION
WHICH HELPS PROVIDES ACCESS TO ADAPTIVE SPORTS FOR ALL**



April 22th. 2024

Earth Day

**Town Clean Up
Friday, April 19**

In conjunction with Earth Day, Bentley School students and staff will be doing their annual town cleanup starting at 1 p.m. in the afternoon. Please wear appropriate clothing.

Thanks to the Town of Bentley for supplying treats for students after their hard work!





Bentley School

*Spring
Fling*

FAMILY DANCE

April. 25th, 6:00-9:00 pm

Admission \$5/ \$20 per family

**Students under Grade 6 must be accompanied
by an adult**

Canteen available

**Proceeds support the Quebec
Travel Club**



Thursday, April 25th

ANYTHING BUT A WATER BOTTLE DAY

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX
AND BRING SOMETHING UNIQUE
TO DRINK YOUR WATER OUT OF

PRIZES FOR THE
MOST CREATIVITY



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



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 Lanuage 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

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RURAL SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS

Students who live in the country and are new to rural busing OR have moved to a new rural location are required to register for transportation.

All rural kindergarten students must be registered to ride the bus.

Your full legal land description AND complete blue sign (911 address) are required to register.

**Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us with your legal land description. If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.*

**Cross boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application and the cross boundary application. Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.*

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL
OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 1, 2024

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca Phone - 403-785-0726

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



REGISTER NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN!

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR



YOUR CHILD IS TURNING 5 BY DECEMBER 31, THEN IT'S TIME FOR KINDERGARTEN

PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND TWO FULL DAYS PER WEEK. REGISTER NOW!

RURAL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR BUSING

PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 31 TO HELP WITH PROGRAM PLANNING

REGISTER ONLINE AT: bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/registration

Have any questions, please call 403-748-3770



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

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>

March Highlights



Congratulations on a great basketball season!

Ski Club Highlights!



Wacky Hair Day Fun!



Community News



River City
SOFTBALL

RIMBEY SKILLS CLINIC
Apr 26-28, 2024
Rimbey Arena

Ages 8-16
Boys and Girls

<u>PITCHING/CATCHING</u>	<u>ALL SKILLS</u>
Friday Only 6:30-7:45 pm or 7:45-9:00 pm \$25	Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am-4:00 pm \$75/day or \$125 for both

Hot dogs, chips & drinks for sale Saturday and Sunday.

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