

PANTHER NEWS



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Important Dates

Oct 1	Hot Lunch - Garlic Bread Pizza Buns
Oct 3	Hot Dog Day Pie the Teacher in the Face Terry Fox Fundraiser
Oct 4	Earth Rangers Assembly & Popcorn Day Terry Fox Run & Turkey Curling
Oct 7 - 13	November Hot Lunches Available to Order
Oct 7	Hot Lunch - Baked Spaghetti
Oct 8	Deadline to Order Lifetouch Photos
Oct 9	Booster Juice & AHS Oral Consent Forms Due
Oct 10	Bus Safety Presentations (K - Gr. 2)
Oct 11 - 14	No School for Students & Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 15	Hot Lunch - BELT Wraps
Oct 17	Hot Dog Day
Oct 18	Elder Visits Start & Subway Day
Oct 21	Hot Lunch - Bacon & Cheeseburger Tater Tots
Oct 23	Elementary Pizza Day
Oct 25	No School for Students & Halloween Dance
Oct 28	Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag
Oct 30	Jr/Sr High Pizza Day Lifetouch Retakes

October 2024

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Gr. 9 - 12

Oct 8 & 10
Teacher Scheduled Interviews for Specialized Programming/Supports

Oct 17
Opens for Booking

Oct 24
Parent Teacher Interviews for Gr. 9 - 12

Kindergarten to Gr. 8 & BFPA

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November 5 & 7
Parent Teacher Interviews for Kindergarten - Gr. 8 & BFPA

Principal's Message

Dear parents and students,

As the new principal, I am thrilled to share some of the amazing highlights from our first month of the school year. September has been a busy and exciting time as we've kicked off various activities and events.

Our volleyball season is well underway, and it's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and teamwork as we hosted four successful tournaments. Our cross-country running teams have been training hard and have competed at several meets. We were proud to see our high school golf team represent us at zones and then have a student go on to provincials, and we're eagerly looking forward to the upcoming junior high golf tournament.

Spirit Week was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together, show their school pride, and build a sense of community. Additionally, we had our first assemblies for both elementary and junior/senior high students, which set a positive tone for the year ahead.

Thank you all for your warm welcome and continued support. I am excited to be a part of this wonderful school community and look forward to the rest of the school year.

Warm regards,
Landan Stones

Principal
Bentley School

Parent Teacher Interviews

To accommodate the semester timetable for the high school, Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled at different times for Gr. 9 - 12 and Kindergarten to Grade 8 this year.

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All interviews will be in person from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Interviews will be available to book from the homepage of our website. Appointments for regular interviews are 15 minutes only. Please help to keep our interviews on time and running smoothly. Parents of students with specialized programming/supports may be contacted for an early interview. 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](#). Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 can watch for a term 1 progress report available in SeeSaw. The Scholastic Book fair will be running the week of Parent Teachers Interviews from November 4 - 7th!

Elder Program

We would like to invite our Indigenous students to become a part of our school's Elder Program. Students in the program will meet with a Maskwacis Cree Elder where together they will focus on connecting with their culture, language and Indigenous identity. During this time, students will learn valuable cultural teachings through the use of crafts, stories, songs, and discussion. The program will begin on October 18th and will continue for the rest of the year on alternating Friday mornings. Please reach out to Alysha Thompson at 403.748.3770 ext 4589 to learn more.

This October

BE A HUNGER HERO



*No Child Should
Ever Go Hungry*

**BRING IN YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND
STAND UP TO HUNGER**

PIZZA PARTY FOR THE CLASS WHO BRINGS IN THE MOST ITEMS

CONTEST GOES UNTIL OCTOBER 31st

BENTLEY SCHOOL

25 **FRIDAY**
OCT 2024

HALLOWEEN

Dance

6:00 PM - 9:00PM

ADMISSION \$5 OR \$20 PER FAMILY

STUDENTS UNDER GRADE 6 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME

CANTEEN AVAILABLE

BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO BE ENTERED TO WIN A PRIZE

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Immunizations

Every year, Alberta Health Services Public Health School Immunization Program reviews immunization records for children in Grades 1, 6, and 9 to see what vaccines are recommended for them. Information packages will be sent home to applicable students. The package includes a consent form and information for each vaccine that is recommended for your child. Your child can only be immunized in school with your permission (consent). Your child will not get any vaccines at school unless you have signed and returned the consent form included in the information package. AHS will be on site Thursday, November 7 at Bentley School for routine immunizations. For more information visit: myhealth.alberta.ca.

Bus Safety

Students in Kindergarten to Gr. 1 will be learning about bus safety in October. Students will watch a bus safety video and then Transportation Services will take the students outside to learn how to safely cross the road and board the bus. Once the kids are on the bus, they show them all the safety equipment, followed by a rear-door evacuation, and end with a short ride around town. Bentley School bus safety presentations are scheduled for Thursday, October 10.

Terry Fox Fundraiser

Bentley School will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run/Walk on Friday, October 4 starting at 1 p.m. Families welcome! Students will walk/run a designated route at different intervals for each grade. Donations can also be made online at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/BentleySchool>. Prizes will be awarded to our top fundraisers! Please return all pledge forms the morning of October 4 to be considered for prizes. All students who fundraise will be entered into a draw to participate in our annual Turkey Curling event following the Terry Fox Run/Walk. Students will also be participating in a Pie the Teacher Fundraiser for Terry Fox on Thursday, October 3. Students can bring in change and get in on the bidding action to pie a teacher in the face!



Earth Rangers Assembly

Thanks to a sponsorship from Nova Chemicals, Bentley School is the lucky recipient of a free Earth Rangers School Assembly. The assembly is for Grade 1 - 6 students and will be held the morning of Friday, October 4. The Earth Rangers School Assembly is an inspiring, interactive presentation featuring live animals, games and trivia, captivating video content, and two enthusiastic educators who not only teach kids about the environmental issues our planet is facing, but empower them to take action. Our assembly is reinvented every year so it is always fresh, with the most up-to-date science and real-life work conservationists are doing in the field.

School Communication

Parents, please note that the communication system used by Wolf Creek Public Schools to send messages has recently changed. It has come to our attention that some messages from the school may be going to your spam/junk folder inboxes. Please check to see if you have messages in your spam/junk folder from Bentley School or Wolfcreek Public School and mark these messages as "not spam/junk" so your email knows to direct these messages to your inbox instead. Parents use a variety of email services so each individual will need to take this action on their own inside of Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, Outlook, etc. Thank you for your attention to this.

Adopt a School Fundraiser

Every year, schools across Canada have the opportunity to apply for the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's Adopt a School Fundraiser, in which each Indigo, Chapters, and Coles store fundraise on behalf of a single elementary school. We are thrilled to announce that our school was selected to participate in this year's fundraiser and will be supported by the Coles store at Peter Pond Mall in Fort McMurray! From September 13 - October 13, this store will be fundraising on our behalf. If you wish to support this effort our community can also make donations online between September 13 and October 6 by clicking this link:

<https://indigoloveofreadingfoundation.givecloud.co/fundraisers/bentley-school-1>. Our school will receive every dollar raised during these three weeks and will receive a 30% discount off books when shopping at Indigo, Chapters and Coles using fundraiser donations. Through the Adopt a School fundraiser, we are hoping to raise enough money to put one new book into the hands of each and every one of our students!

Adopt a School

To help fundraise for our school, we've partnered with
Coles
at Peter Pond Mall in Ft. McMurray



Bentley Parent COUNCIL

All parents
are urged to
attend.
Everyone is
welcome!

Date and Time

November 25, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

* There will be childcare provided at this meeting, so please come out and hear what is happening at your child's school, in our town and in the division.

What does parent council look like...

These meetings are a chance to hear from Bentley Administration on current events, hot topics or updates happening around the school. It is also a chance to hear from our Wolfcreek Trustee and Town Council.

As well, if individual parents have concerns or topics they would like discussed these can be added to the agenda for future meetings.

Topics at our next meeting:

November 25, 2024

- Introductions for new parents - we are hoping to see a larger turnout of parents. There is no obligation by attending, just come to be informed!
- Administration information update
- Wolfcreek Trustee update by Trudy Bratland
- Town Council update by Dale Grimsdale
- Discussion on how to spend ASCE Grant money



Oral Health Program

- The Oral Health Program will be coming to our school to offer free fluoride varnish for all children from kindergarten to grade 2.
- We will also provide free dental sealants for all grade 1 and 2 students who need them.
- If your grade 3 child received sealants from us last year, we will recheck and repair/complete them if needed. A consent package will be sent home with the grade 3 children who had sealants placed last year.
- You can expect a consent package to come home in the next couple of days.
- Please read, fill out, sign and return the consent forms to your school by **October 9**.
- The Oral Health team will be at your school **December 9-12 and June 11 & 12**. If you have any questions please call the Taryn Switzer at **403-356-6416**.



Donations Needed!

We are looking for donations for our new junior high hang out space. If you have furniture in good condition, couches, chairs, an air hockey table, foosball table, or other other applicable items or games, please call the school office at 403-748-3770.

BENTLEY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH

Available to Order From

OCTOBER 7 - 13

Booster Juice

Hot Lunch Mondays

Subway

Pizza

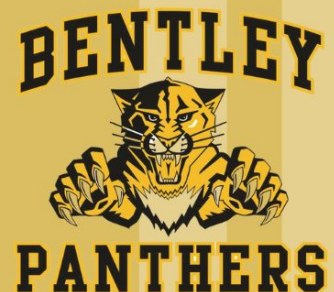
Hot Dog

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.



Free urgent dental treatment for children

The Dental Outreach of Red Deer (DOoR) program provides free dental treatment for children with:

- pain
- infection
- visible decay
- broken teeth
- no dental insurance
- lower income
- trouble paying

DOoR serves families with children from 5 to 18-years with lower income who do not have Alberta Child Health Benefit or other health benefits to cover dental treatment.



Phone to discuss treatment today.

**Call 403-356-6302 to speak to a member of the
DOoR Program for more information.**

September Highlights!



Cross County Highlights!

The Jr. High Cross Country team raced on Thursday, September 26 at Deer Valley Meadows in Alix. We had a total of 45 students participating in the race.

Congratulations to Logan who placed 1st and Brayden who placed 3rd for Gr. 7 boys, AJ who placed 3rd for Gr. 7 girls, and Lauren who placed 1st for Gr. 8 girls. The top 10 finishers will move on to to compete in CWAJHAA's race in October. Congratulations racers!



Athletic Highlights!



Senior High girls win silver at their home tournament, Sept 7



Jr. A girls win bronze at their home tournament Sept 14



Senior High boys win bronze at their home tournament after a power outage delay, Sept 21



Jr. A boys placed fourth at their home tournament Sept 28



The senior high golf team competed in the golf zone tournament, Sept 16. Congratulations to Easton who went on to compete at Provincials on Sept 23, placing 1st out of 1A school golfers!

Community News!

COPE PRESENTS: **ONLINE SAFETY**



Learn about the dangers
of social media,
information about
popular apps, and steps
that can be taken to
prevent sexual
exploitation online.

Tuesday, October 8
7-9pm
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