

# PANTHER NEWS



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## Important Dates

Dec 2	Ski/Snowboard Club Registration Opens Hot Lunch - Soft Taco
Dec 3	Gr. 9 - 12 Post Secondary Fair
Dec 4	Booster Juice Day
Dec 5	Hot Dog Day
Dec 6	Popcorn Day / Elder Visits
Dec 9	Hot Lunch - Sweet & Sticky Chicken Wings
Dec 9 - 12	Candy Grams for Sale / Oral Health Program (K - Gr. 3)
Dec 9 - 15	January Lunch Orders Available to Order Online
Dec 11	Elementary Pizza Day
Dec 12	Jr/Sr. High Pizza Day Ski/Snowboard Club Registration Deadline Deadline for Gifts for Grandparents Toonie Drive
Dec 13	No School for Students
Dec 16	Hot Lunch - Sloppy Joes
Dec 18	Candy Gram Delivery
Dec 19	Hot Dog Day
Dec 20	Elder Visits / Subway Day / Elementary Movie
Dec 21 - Jan 5	Christmas Holidays

## December 2024

**Trickster Theatre**  
Dec 2 - 6

*"Walking in a Genre  
Wonderland"*

**Student Performance**  
Dec 6 at 1:15 p.m.

**Public Performance  
/Christmas Concert**  
Dec 6 at 6:30 p.m.

### Christmas Spirit Days!

**Dec 10**  
Wear Red Day

**Dec 11**  
Wear hat, socks & slippers

**Dec 16**  
Channel the Flannel -

**Dec 17**  
Wear Green Day

**Dec 18**  
Whoville Hair Day

**Dec 19**  
Ugly Christmas Sweater  
Day

**Dec 20**  
Christmas PJ Day

# Moms Pantry Orders

Thank you for supporting the Bentley School Mom's Pantry fundraiser! Orders will be available for pickup in the High School Food Studies Lab on Tuesday December 3, 2024 from 3-5 pm.

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



# Indoor Recess Policy

As part of our commitment to student safety, please note that indoor recess will be called when the temperature reaches  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , **with or without the wind chill**. This policy ensures that all students remain comfortable and safe during colder weather. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our children safe during the winter months.

# Hot Dog /Popcorn Day Volunteers

We are still in need of some volunteers for hot dog days and popcorn days in the New Year. If you can help, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8AD2AA3F9C61-50968038-hotdog#/>



# Winter Sports Season Bus Safety Reminder

With the winter sports season here, we want to remind parents/guardians of [Administrative Procedure 562](#), which outlines items not allowed on school buses to ensure the safety of all riders.

## Key Points:

- **Prohibited Items:** Large items like hockey or lacrosse sticks, curling brooms, skis, poles, snowboards, skateboards, scooters, large school projects, and certain band instruments (e.g., guitars).
- **Safety Rules for Skates:** Skates are permitted **only** if they have blade guards, are stored in a sturdy tote or sports bag (not a plastic bag), and fit securely under the seat.
- **Other Restricted Items:** Animals, firearms, explosives, flammable materials, and any item that blocks aisles or emergency exits.
- **Exception for Crutches:** Students needing crutches temporarily may bring them if the driver secures them safely.

## Alternate Arrangements

Students must arrange separate transportation for prohibited items.

This policy follows provincial safety guidelines and the Alberta Highway Traffic Act. Drivers are instructed to refuse unsafe items under AP 562. Thank you for prioritizing safety on our school buses!

## Ace Plan 2024-2025

The Ace Plan - Assurance, Collaboration, Engagement is a comprehensive education plan for Bentley School. To view our Ace Plan visit the website at: <https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/about/our-school>





*Walking in a Genre Wonderland*

*Friday, Dec 6 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Elementary Gym*



## **Families in Need Raffle Tickets for Sale**

Tickets are on sale from Dec 2 - 6 from the elementary office and prior to the performance.

1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20

Draw to be made following the performance.

All proceeds support families in need in our school community.



BENTLEY SCHOOL  
GIFTS FOR  
*Grandparents*

**TOONIE DRIVE**

**HELP US GIVE BACK TO OUR  
COMMUNITY**

We are, once again, partnering with Earthy Accents to provide Christmas arrangements to the residents of The Care Centre, Oxford Court and Westview Apartments in Bentley. Toonie Collection bins will be in each classroom. Toonies will be accepted until Thursday, December 12

**Drop Off Location & Donation Deadline**  
Classroom Toonie Bin  
Thursday, December 12

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US AT 403-748-3770.

# Christmas Spirit Days

# DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Trickster Theatre	3 Trickster Theatre	4 Trickster Theatre	5 Trickster Theatre	6 Performance Day	7
8	9 Candy Grams On Sale	10 Wear Red Candy Grams On Sale	11 Hat/Sock/Slipper Day Candy Grams On Sale	12 Candy Grams On Sale	13 PD Day No School	14
15	16 Channel the Flannel	17 Wear Green	18 Whoville Hair Day Candy Grams Delivered	19 Ugly Xmas Sweater Day	20 Xmas P.J Day	21 Christmas Holidays
22 Christmas Holidays	23 Christmas Holidays	24 Christmas Holidays	25 Christmas Holidays	26 Christmas Holidays	27 Christmas Holidays	28 Christmas Holidays
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# Gr 9-12 Christmas Challenge

## CHRISTMAS @ Bentley High

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Elves in Shelves	3 Write Home for the Holidays	4 What's a partridge and Why is it in a pear tree?	5 Decorate a Door	6 Trickster Theatre. Dress Rehearsal	7
8	9 White Elephant Gift Exchange	10 Wear Red	11 Cozy Clothes (Hats socks and slippers day)	12 The Day before, the Nightmare on Christmas	13 P.D. No School for Students	14
15	16 Channel The Flannel & B.Y.O.M Hot Chocolate	17 Wear Green for the Team	18 Whoville Hair Day	19 Ridiculous Christmas Sweater Day	20 P.J. Day	21
22	23	24	25  Merry Christmas!	26	27	28

Each Day students can earn points for their teams by participating in the daily spirit event!

Students can also earn 1 point for each food bank donation, and 1 point for each \$2.00 monetary donation.

December 16 - 20 feature school wide contests, but you have to be caught up to play!

The Team with the most points at the end of the month wins a New Year Feast!

# 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 9 - Thurs Dec 12th

**Delivery on Wednesday, December 18th**





# 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. Please read the full [information package](#) prior to registering for the program. Registration opens December 2 through the PS and Online Payments Parent Portal. Registration deadline is December 12.



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

REGISTRATION OPENS: DEC 2

AN INFORMATION PACKAGE IS  
AVAILABLE ON THE HOMEPAGE OF  
OUR WEBSITE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DEC 12

# We Scare Hunger Food Drive



On behalf of the Bentley Schools Leadership students, they would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous donations to our Be a Hunger Hero food drive this October! Your support has made a meaningful difference in our community by providing much-needed food to the local Blessing Pantry.

Thanks to your kindness, we were able to collect over 1200 items — a true reflection of the incredible generosity of our community. Every item donated will directly help families and individuals facing hunger.

A special congratulations goes to Mrs. Morrison's Grade 3 class, who brought in the most items and celebrated with a well-deserved pizza party!

Thank you again for making this drive such a success and for showing that together, we can make a positive impact.

# Book Fair Thank You!

Thank to everyone that supported the Scholastic Book Fair in November! With your support we were able to purchase just over \$1500 worth of new books for our school library! The students are excited to read them. Congratulations to Beckett Lenz, winner of the door prize. He won \$25 worth of free books for himself and his classroom.





# Author Visit - Christy Jordan-Fenton

On Tuesday, November 5, we welcomed best-selling author and storyteller Christy Jordan-Fenton to present to our Grade 4-8 and Grade 9-12 students. Christy is the co-author of *Fatty Legs*, *A Stranger At Home*, *Not My Girl*, and *When I Was Eight*. Her books have been nominated for two BC Book Prizes and many other awards, have won three First Nations Communities Read Titles, and are considered essential reading in many school curricula.

Christy brings a trauma-informed, decolonizing, and strengths-based approach to exploring residential school history, cultural reclamation, and reclaiming personal narratives as tools for healing. With the blessing of her late Inuvialuit mother and best friend, Olemaun Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, who attended an Arctic residential school in the 1940s, Christy shares stories that highlight the strength and resilience of Indigenous children who had to become their own heroes.

Christy is passionate about decolonizing narratives for personal and community healing. She advocates for “Reconcili-Action” which is mindful of how settler engagement impacts youth self-identity and elder mental health. Additionally, she is a member of the Yellow Thunder ceremonial family of the Kainai Blackfoot.



# Remembrance Day Service

A big shout out to Mr. Hazlett and everyone who helped organize or played a role in our Remembrance Day service in November. It was great to see participation from every division throughout the ceremony. The way everyone came together to honor the sacrifices of Canadians in past and present conflicts really stood out. Through your words and reflections, you helped remind us all of the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of those who have served. Your efforts to recognize and remember these important moments in our history are truly appreciated.

Thank you for ensuring that we all take time to remember and reflect on the true meaning of this day. A total of \$253.80 was collected for the Legion Poppy Fund.





# AP 132: CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER



**COLDER  
THAN  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$**

With or Without  
the Wind Chill.



**BUSES CANCELED,  
BUT SCHOOLS ARE OPEN**



**COLDER  
THAN  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$**

With or Without  
the Wind Chill.



**BUSES CANCELED,  
SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED**



**ROAD  
CONDITIONS**

Heavy Snowfall, Blowing  
Snow, Freezing Rain,  
or Heavy Fog.



**BUSES CANCELED,  
SCHOOLS MAY BE CLOSED**

Please watch school and Division websites, Facebook, and your email, text and phone calls for notifications regarding inclement weather.



**Wolf Creek Public Schools**

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Creating Success For All Learners

# Community News!




**fcss**  
Lacombe & District  
Family and Community  
Support Services

**Kin Canada**  
Lacombe  
Kinsmen Club

## Santa's Anonymous

Donate or Apply online or at any of these partner agencies:  
Lacombe & District FCSS, Clive FCSS, Bentley Community  
Services & the Alix Resource Centre.

**Opens November 4, 2024**  
[www.lacombefcss.net](http://www.lacombefcss.net)



**fcss**  
Family and Community  
Support Services

LACOMBE, ALIX, MIRROR,  
BENTLEY & LACOMBE  
COUNTY

**FILL  
A  
FRIDGE**

LOCAL GROCERY CERTIFICATES ARE PROVIDED FOR  
QUALIFYING FAMILIES TO PURCHASE GROCERIES  
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

**APPLICATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 4**

[WWW.LACOMBEFCSS.NET](http://WWW.LACOMBEFCSS.NET)  
403-782-6637  
#201 5102 49 STREET LACOMBE

**DONATE TODAY!**

## Santa's Anonymous Application Form

## Fill a Fridge Application Form

**COPE PRESENTS:  
PARENT INFO SESSION:  
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & ONLINE  
SAFETY  
LACOMBE FRN DECEMBER 11TH 7-830PM**

- 1** What is Sexual Exploitation?  
How and where its happening
- 2** Online Safety  
what are the apps being used, how to protect youth and develop deeper understanding
- 3** Building on safe practices and knowing the signs
- 4** Discussion around the risk factors for youth and how to implement protective factors
- 5** What to do next if your child has experienced this and what support is available to help

Email: [COPE@mcmcentral.ca](mailto:COPE@mcmcentral.ca)  
Phone: 780-887-8484

**COPE PRESENTS:  
PARENT INFO SESSION:  
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & ONLINE  
SAFETY  
DECEMBER 9TH 6-8PM LACOMBE FRN**

- 1** What is Sexual Exploitation?  
How and where its happening
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what are the apps being used, how to protect youth and develop deeper understanding
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# KIDS KLUB CHRISTMAS

**DEC. 23/24  
3:15-5:15 PM PM  
BASEMENT OF BENTLEY  
TOWN OFFICE**

**WE WILL BE HAVE A SAFE  
AND FUN CHRISTMAS  
OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS.  
CHRISTMAS COOKIE  
DECORATING, ORNAMENT  
MAKING AND GAMES**

**To register:  
403-748-2160  
403-704-4600**



COMING THIS DECEMBER



## BENTLEY Fire Department

**Christmas Cheer drive by  
Friday Dec. 20/24  
6:30 pm**

## PotLuck Play Christmas

**Dec. 18 /24  
5:30-7:30 pm**




**COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FOR  
A FREE DINNER!**

**DO YOU CHILDREN 0-18?  
THEN COME ON BY!  
BASEMENT OF BENTLEY TOWN HALL**

**We will supply Turkey,  
Potatoes, stuffing and gravy  
Bring something to share &  
Wear your Christmas Sweater**



**Contact:  
Carolyn: 403-896-3915  
frnlacombe@mcmancentral.ca**





Parenting Proactively 101



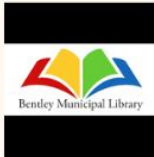
# Bentley Stay & Play



Christmas with Bentley Sr.s  
Dec. 6/24  
10:00am



**We will meet at the Bentley Care center and sing, make a craft and celebrate Christmas with the grandma's & grandpa's**



**Carolyn McLaren**  
parentingproactively101@gmail.com  
403-704-3315



## M O M S M A T T E R



**FRIDAY: DEC. 13 / 24**  
**BASEMENT OF**  
**BENTLEY TOWN**  
**OFFICE**  
**1:00 - 3:00**

**FREE**

**Cooking  
Decorating &  
Christmas  
Fun!**

**COME  
SOCIALIZE  
WITH OTHER  
MOMS WHILE  
CHILDREN  
PLAY!**



**Must Register:**  
**frnlacombe@mcmancentral.ca**  
**403-896-3915**



# Competitive Edge Sports Camps

# BASKETBALL

# CHRISTMAS CAMP

Competitive Edge Sports Camps are back this holiday season and offering a 2-Day basketball shooting clinic. The clinic will be hosted at Lacombe Composite High School once again.

**Head Instructor:  
Andrew Cunningham**

Grade 6 - 9  
Dec 27th  
-28th  
2pm to  
4pm



# Merry Christmas