

PANTHER NEWS



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Jan 6	Welcome Back to School & Hot Lunch - Taco Pie
Jan 6 - 12	February Hot Lunch Available to Order
Jan 9	Hot Dog Day / Kindergarten Farm Safety Presentation
Jan 10	Farm Safety Presentations (Gr. 1 - 6) Popcorn Day / PJ Day
Jan 13	Hot Lunch - Pizza Buns
Jan 15	Elementary Pizza Day
Jan 16	Arts Alive! Jr/Sr High Pizza Day
Jan 20	Hot Lunch - Cheddar BBQ Burgers
Jan 20 - 26	Joslyn Snow Winter Classic Registration
Jan 23	Hot Dog Day
Jan 24	Dress Like A Teacher Day Subway Day / Elder Visits Last Day of Classes for Gr. 10 - 12
Jan 27	Hot Lunch - Poutine Wedges & Chicken Bites / Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Jan 29	Booster Juice
Jan 31	No School for Students Ski / Snowboard Club (Afternoon Check In)
Feb 3	Semester 2 Starts Gr. 10 First Aid Course (8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

January 2025

Exam Schedule

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

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[High School Final
Exam Schedule](#)

Jan 24

Last day of
classes for
Gr. 10 - 12

Jan 31

No School for
Students

Feb 3

Semester 2 Starts
Gr. 10 First Aid
8:30 a.m. to
3:15 p.m.

Registration for 2025-2026

Opens January 6, 2025 for Pre-K and Kindergarten

New student registration for Pre-K & Kindergarten to Gr. 12 opens January 6. 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 2025.

Pre-Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2025-2026

Returning Pre-Kindergarten students will receive an email with registration instructions.

- New students must select the **2025-2026 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.
- For full program details visit:
<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/https-www-brightfuturesplayacademy-ca>
- \$150 enrolment fee is due in June.

Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2025-2026

- Students currently in Bright Futures who are of Kindergarten age will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the **2025-2026 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 2025-26 OPENS JAN 6



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 Lanuage Services
- Family Orientated Programming and Partnersership 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/>

Gr 9 January 2025 Midterm Schedule

Date	Blocks	Classes	Rooms	Supervisors
Mon, Jan 27	Block 1	Social 9 Midterm	A110	Mrs. Lush
	Block 2	PE 9	Gym	Mrs. Lush
	Block 3	Science 9	A110	Mrs. Lush
	Block 4	LA 9	A206	Mrs. Baile
	Block 5	Math 9 Midterm - Part A (no calculators)	A206 & A210	Ms. Webb
	Block 6	Options	All Classrooms	All Staff
	Block 7	Options		
Tues, Jan 28	Block 1	LA 9 Midterm Part A (written)	A206 & A210	Mrs. Baile
	Block 2	PE 9	Gym	Mrs. Lush
	Block 3	Science 9	A210	Mrs. Lush
	Block 4	Social 9	A210	Mr. Hazlett
	Block 5	Math 9	A214	Miss. Webb
	Block 6	TA	A210	Mrs. Lush
	Block 7	Tutorial	A206 & A210	All Staff
Wed, Jan 29	Block 1	Science 9 Midterm	A206 & A210	Mrs. Lush
	Block 2	Health 9	A210	Mrs. Lush
	Block 3	Social 9	A210	Mr. Hazlett
	Block 4	LA 9	A206	Mrs. Baile
	Block 5	Math 9 Midterm Part B (calculators)	A206 & A210	Ms. Webb
	Block 6	Options	All Classrooms	All Staff
	Block 7	Options		
Thurs, Jan 30	Block 1	LA 9 Midterm Part B (multiple choice)	A206 & A210	Mrs. Baile
	Block 2	PE 9	Gym	Mrs. Lush
	Block 3	Science 9	A210	Mrs. Lush
	Block 4	Social 9	A210	Mr. Hazlett
	Block 5	Math 9	A214	Miss. Webb
	Block 6	TA	A210	Mrs. Lush
	Block 7	Tutorial	A206 & A210	All Staff
Fri, Jan 31		No School		
Mon, Feb 3		Semester 2 Begins		

Notes:

Gr. 9 Students will have regular classes during exam week (Jan 27-30) after their morning and/or afternoon midterms.

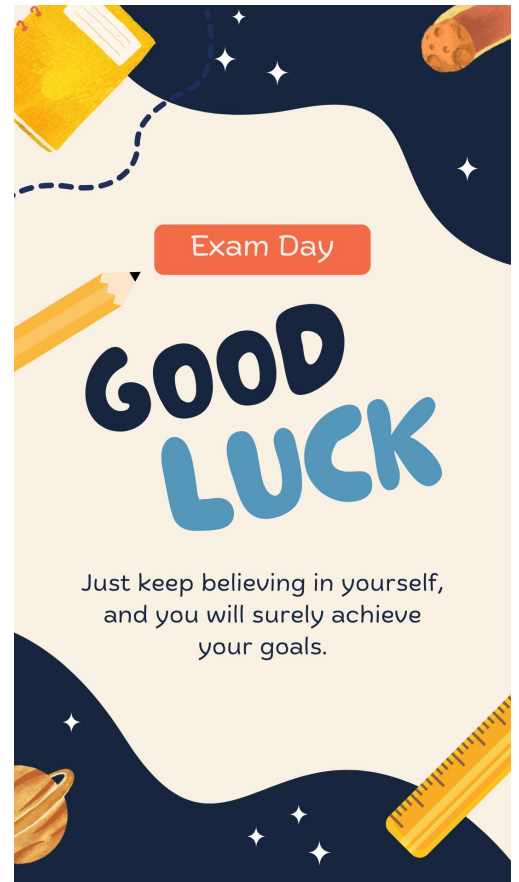
Students need to bring necessary items to write exams - pencil, eraser, pen, charged chromebook, calculator, etc

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

January 2025 Final Exam Schedule

Date	Time	Course	Room #	Supervisor
Tues, Jan 14	9:00 AM	English 30-1/2 Diploma Part A	A110	Mr. Lush
Fri, Jan 17	9:00 AM	Math 30-1/2 Diploma Math 30-3 Final Exam	A205	Mr. Lush
Mon, Jan 20	9:00 AM	English 30-1/2 Diploma Part B	A110	Mr. Lush
Fri, Jan 24	9:00 AM	Physics 30 Diploma Last Day of Regular Classes	A205	Mr. Lush
Mon, Jan 27	9:00 AM	Science 30 Diploma Social 20-1, 20-2 & 20-4 Final Exam English 10-1 & 10-2 Written English 10-4 Final Exam	A205 A210 A206 A206	Mr. Lush Mr. Hazlett Mrs. Baile Mrs. Baile
Tues, Jan 28	9:00 AM	Physics 20 Final Exam Science 10 Final Exam Science 14 & 10-4 Final Exam	A214 A110 A205	Ms. Webb Mr. Button Mrs. Lush
Wed, Jan 29	9:00 AM	Chemistry 20 Final Exam English 10-1 & 10-2 MC	A214 A110	Mr. Button Mrs. Baile
Thurs, Jan 30	9:00 AM	Math 15 Final Exam Math 10-3 & 10-4 Final Exam	A110 A110	Ms. Webb Mr. Button
Fri, Jan 31		No School		
Mon, Feb 3		Semester 2 Begins		

Students need to bring necessary items to write exams - pencil, eraser, pen, charged chromebook, calculator, etc
Students are allowed to go home after their exams.



Arts Alive!

Join us for **Arts Alive** on **Thursday, January 16!** This special evening celebrates the incredible talents of our students in the arts, music, and more.

 **Date:** Thursday, January 16

 **Doors Open:** 5:30 PM | **Show Starts:** 6:00 PM

 **Admission:** \$5 per person

 **Catering:** Provided by our Foods Class

It's a night to appreciate creativity, good music, enjoy good food, and support our students' hard work. We look forward to seeing you there!



BENTLEY PANTHERS

ARTS ALIVE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30
SHOW STARTS AT 6:00
\$5 ADMISSION
+ CATERED BY FOODS CLASS
+ WOODWORKING DISPLAYS
+ ART DISPLAYS + LIVE MUSIC

Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic

Save the date for the Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Class on Wednesday, February 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration for students to play in game is open from January 20-26. 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.

Farm Safety Presentations

The Farm Safety Centre began "Safety Smarts" delivery in 1998. Safety Smarts is an established and proven farm safety educational program delivered to rural elementary students in their classrooms. Engaging and age-appropriate farm safety topics including safe play areas, water & ice safety, quad & dirt bike safety, machinery safety, livestock safety, hearing safety and personal responsibility are presented to students virtually via Zoom as students progress from Kindergarten through grade 6. Presentations for our school are scheduled for January 9 for Kindergarten and January 10 for Grade 1 - 6.

Ski Club Schedule

A Canyon representative will welcome Grades 5+ students on the bus with a safety talk. All students should arrive dressed in snow pants and coats. Lift tickets will be handed out as students exit the bus. Grades 1-4 arriving with a parent can pick up their passes at the Bentley School table inside the building. After receiving passes, students should head to the rental shop or main floor to prepare. Once equipped, proceed directly to the snow school lesson area. "Never Evers" and Level 1 lessons typically begin immediately, while intermediate and advanced lessons usually start an hour later. Check the whiteboard at the hill on the trip day for exact lesson times.

Friday, January 31 (afternoon check in)	
Bus departs Bentley School	11:45 a.m.
Arrive at Canyon Ski Hill	12:30 p.m.
Meet at Lesson Meeting Area to confirm lesson	1:00 p.m.
Rental Returns	5:00 p.m.
Bus departs Canyon Ski Hill	5:30 p.m.
Bus arrives at Bentley School	6:15 p.m.

Gifts for Grandparents

We are thrilled to share that our Toonie Drive for *Gifts for Grandparents* raised an incredible **\$458.50!** Thanks to your generosity, we were able to spread joy this holiday season. On December 19, Mrs. Nash & Mrs. Peers, along with a few students, delivered beautiful flower arrangements from *Earthy Accents* to the residents of *The Care Centre, Oxford Court*, and *Westview Apartments*. Your support made this meaningful gesture possible, brightening the day for so many in our community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this initiative a success.



BENTLEY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH

Available to Order From

JANUARY 6 - 12

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.

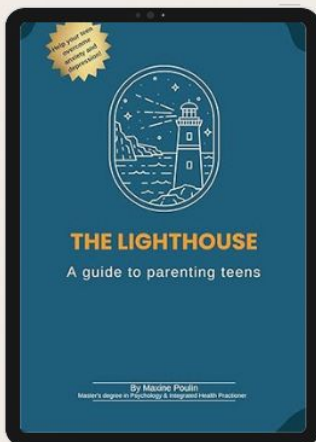
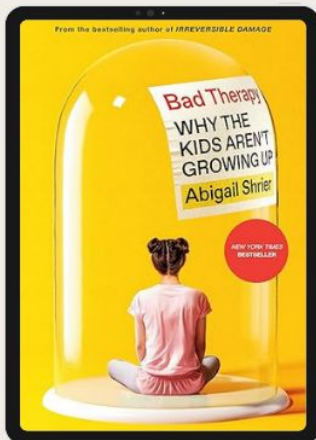
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January Parent Council Meeting

Parent Council used their ASCE (Alberta School Engagement Grant) money to purchase 18 new books on parenting teens as part of their initiative to promote parent engagement. The books are *The Lighthouse: A guide to parenting teens* by Maxine Poulin and *Bad Therapy: Why Kids Aren't Growing Up* by Abigail Shrier. Attend any Parent Council meeting this year for your chance to win one of these insightful books! Keep an eye out for additional random draws at other Bentley School events. **The next Parent Council meeting is January 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School. See you there!**

BENTLEY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



WIN A FREE BOOK

The Parent Council has used their ASCE (Alberta School Engagement Grant) to purchase 18 new books on parenting teens as part of an initiative to promote parent engagement. Attend any of the last three Parent Council meetings for your chance to win one of these insightful books! Keep an eye out for additional random draws at other Bentley School events.

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 27 @
6:30 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL**

Childcare will be provided.

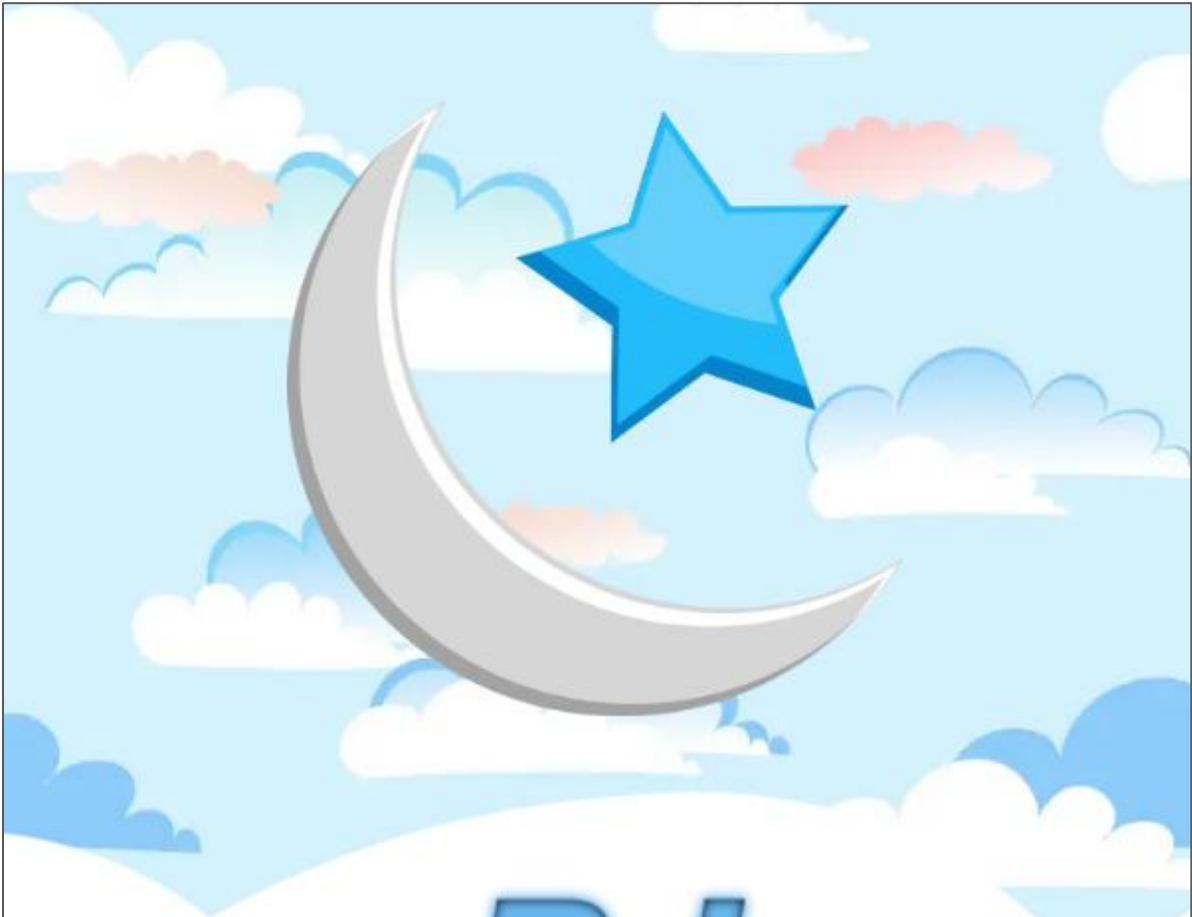
SHARE THE WARMTH THIS WINTER!

WINTER BLANKET DRIVE

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



ACCEPTING DONATIONS THROUGHOUT
THE MONTH OF JANUARY



PJ

-DAY-

ON FRIDAY JANUARY 10TH

COME TO SCHOOL WEARING YOUR COZIEST PAJAMAS

JOSLYN SNOW MEMORIAL

WINTER *On Ice* CLASSIC

February 12, 2025

BENTLEY ARENA

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Admission is Free

50/50 & Raffle Table on Site

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

**Student Registration Opens
Jan 20 - 26**

Staff vs. Student Hockey Game

What a Wonderful Week!

The first week of December was a blast! Students, staff, and our amazing volunteers had so much fun collaborating with Trickster Theatre to create our Christmas Concert, Walking in a Genre Wonderland. The energy and creativity were unforgettable, and we couldn't have done it without our incredible parent community and everyone who pitched in to help with cleanup after the show.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to everyone who contributed items to our Families in Need Raffle Baskets and congratulations to our lucky raffle winners:

K - 3 Family Night Basket: Jenn Liner

Gr. 4 - 6 Gift Card Tree: Andrea McLaughlin

Gr. 7 - 8 Death by Chocolate: Greg Rogers

Gr. 9 - 12 Warm Wishes: Jolie McKain

Support Local Staff Basket: Shannon Yurystowski

Woodland Basket Family Donation: Darla Stavropoulos

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to your generosity, we raised \$2,340 to support local families in need this holiday season.

Thank you for making this event so special and impactful. Together, we're spreading joy and kindness in our community!



....more photos on the next page!



Christmas Highlights 2024



AP 132: CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER



**COLDER
THAN -40°C**
With or Without
the Wind Chill.



**BUSES CANCELED,
BUT SCHOOLS ARE OPEN**



**COLDER
THAN -45°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.

Community News!



Babysitting Course Saturday, Jan.11/25

9- 5:00 pm
Bentley

Ages: 11 & up

\$45

Basement town office

Please bring a doll for
practical
lunch, snacks & drinks



We need a Min. of **6** to run,
Max. **12**



Contact: Carolyn McLaren
403-704-3315

parentingproactively101@gmail.com



**FREE
FAMILY
SWIM**

JAN 4 1:15-3:15

Lacombe Kinsmen Aquatic Centre

No registration required!

ICE SKATING

FREE

SPONSORED SKATE

December 30
2:00 - 3:00

Lacombe Arena
Arena #1

Alberta Provincial Family Resource Networks

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Lacombe & Area Family Resource Network

CONNECT PARENT GROUP



January 21, 2025 

6:30-8:30 pm 

Lacombe FRN 

#1102, 4878a 46 St.

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:

Carolyn McLaren

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Alberta 

Provincial Family
Resource Networks

