

PANTHER NEWS



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Feb 3 - 9	March Hot Lunch Available to Order Online
Feb 3 - 7	Valentine's Day Candy Grams on Sale
Feb 3	Hot Lunch - Sausage Pizza Hoagie
Feb 5	World Read Aloud Day
Feb 6	Hot Dog Day
Feb 7	Kindergarten Friday / Popcorn Day Winter Walk Day Ski Club (Evening Check In)
Feb 10 - 14	Skating (Kindergarten to Gr. 8)
Feb 10	Hot Lunch - Baked Spaghetti
Feb 12	Elementary Pizza Day Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic Staff vs Student Hockey Game
Feb 13	Immunizations / Jr & Sr High Pizza Day
Feb 14	Happy Valentines Day - Wear Pink or Red! Elder Visits
Feb 17-21	No School for Students
Feb 24	Hot Lunch - Chicken Ranch Wrap
Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day / Booster Juice Day
Feb 27	Hot Dog Day
Feb 27 & 28	Grad Photos
Feb 28	Subway Day / Elder Visits

February 2025

**Jr. A Boys Home
Tournament**
Feb 8

Sr. High Curling Areas
Feb 7 & 8

Sr. High Curling Zones
Feb 21 & 22

**Jr. B Boys Basketball
Year End Tournament**
Feb 28 - March 1 @
Bentley

Art Club
Gr. 4 - 6
Tuesdays at Lunch

Jr. Choir
K - Gr. 2
Thursdays at Lunch

Choir
Gr. 3 - 8
Thursdays at Lunch

Elder Visits
Feb 14 & Feb 28

REACH Tournament
March 15
Ponoka Secondary
Campus

Mid Year Reporting Gr. 7 - 9

As we reach the midpoint of the school year, we want to keep you informed about your child's academic progress. By Feb 5, teachers will have updated your child's marks, and comments to provide further insight into their learning journey.

We encourage you to log in to **PowerSchool** to review your child's progress. Within PowerSchool, you can view:

1. An **overall mark** for each subject.
2. Comments for each subject that highlight your child's successes and areas for growth.
3. Your child's success in **Growth as a Learner outcomes (gr 7 & 8)**, which reflect important habits such as cooperation, attitude, and their overall approach to learning.

Please note that while reviewing your child's marks, it is important to focus on the **overall mark** for each subject, as this is an **accurate reflection of your child's current achievement**. There are currently some **calculation errors in the back end of the system** that are affecting the accuracy of individual standards marks. The **Division Office Tech Services team** is actively working to resolve this issue, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as they address it.

If you have questions about your child's progress or need assistance accessing PowerSchool, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office. We are here to support you in ensuring your child's continued success. Additionally, **detailed instructions for navigating PowerSchool are included** to help guide you through the process.

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education.

Instructions - [How to Navigate PowerSchool](#)

Date Night Cancelled

Unfortunately, Date Night originally scheduled for Friday, February 7 is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. If you already signed up and paid for date night on February 7, you can expect to see a credit on your account. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic

Join us for the Joslyn Snow Memorial Winter Classic on Tuesday, February 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents of students who registered to play should watch for an email in regards to format and team assignment coming out soon. 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. We hope to see you all there!

Winter Walk Day

Students will be participating in Winter Walk Day on Friday, February 7 starting at 1:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking for four parent volunteers to come in and make hot chocolate and serve cookies to students after the walk. If you are able to help please sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8AD2AA3F9C61-winter>

Drivers Training

Bentley School will not be offering drivers training through Street Wise this year. Families who are interested in drivers training can reach out to them directly and do the classroom portion online. Visit their website at

<https://www.streetwisedrivingltd.ca/> for more information.

Qualifications: students must be 14 years old and have a learner's driver's license to participate in the driving instructional portion of the course.

Grad Fundraiser

The graduating class of 2025 would like to announce a VIP food sales fundraiser coming up in mid-February. Grad students will collect food orders from **February 14 to March 21**. All orders and payment (cash or cheques payable to Wolf Creek Public Schools). Delivery of product will be **shortly after Spring Break** to the high school. We will know the exact time as we get closer to the delivery date. Please chat with any graduates if you would like to place an order, or feel free to email Mr. Hazlett at jason.hazlett@wolfcreek.ab.ca and he will connect you with a student to place an order from.

Clubs & Athletic News

Jr. Choir (K - Gr. 2)

Mrs. Ranta and Ms. Liner will be running junior choir starting Thursdays in February for Kindergarten - Grade 2 during the lunch recess. There is no need to sign up, students can just attend if they wish. Reminders are on announcements.

Choir (Gr. 3 - 8)

Mrs. Schofer will be running choir starting Thursdays in February for Gr. 3 - 8 for interested students. There is no need to sign up, students can attend if they wish and are encouraged to attend regularly. Reminders are on announcements.

Art Club (Gr. 4 - 6)

Miss Howe is currently running an Art Club on Tuesdays at the lunch recess from 12:15 - 12:45 for interested students in Gr. 4 - 6. There is no need to sign up students can just attend if they wish. Reminders are on announcements.

Reach Practice

SchoolReach is similar to the game Jeopardy except students play as a team of four. Junior practices (Gr. 7 & 8) are being held during the lunch hour on Thursdays in the elementary library. Unfortunately, there was not enough interest for an immediate (Gr. 9 & 10) or a senior team (Gr. 11 & 12) this year. The junior team will be competing in regionals on March 15, 2025 at Ponoka Secondary Campus. Watch for permission forms for those students who signed up to participate.

Handball Sign Up

Sr. High (Gr. 10 - 12) students interested in playing handball can sign up at the high school office February 3 - 14. Watch for tryout dates to be announced.

Jr. High handball sign up is on hold due to a scheduling conflict with high school we are looking for more coaching for Jr. High teams. If you are interested in coaching, please reach out to Mr. Lush at stephen.lush@wolfcreek.ab.ca.

Badminton Sign Up

Jr. (Gr. 7 - 9) & Sr. High (Gr. 10 - 12) badminton sign up is the week of March 3-7. Practices will start once the basketball season ends. Students can listen for announcements and will be able to sign up at either school office.

Bentley School Skating

Students will participate in skating at the Bentley Arena with Mrs. Stephenson as part of the PE class and with Mrs. Robinson in Kindergarten. Students will walk down to the arena with staff to participate in skating. Grades will go skating during the week of February 10 - 14. Dates and time are also on the school website calendar.

	Mon Feb 10	Tues Feb 11	Wed Feb 12	Thur Feb 13	Fri Feb 14
9:30 - 10:20	PE 7	K (with Mrs. Robinson)	PE 7	K (with Mrs. Robinson)	
10:20 - 11:10	PE 8		PE 8		
11:10 - 12:10	Gr 5		Gr 5		
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch				
1:00 - 2:00	PE 1	PE 3	PE 1	PE 3	PE 2
2:00 - 3:00	PE 4	PE 2	PE 4	PE 6	PE 6

Skates, gloves or mittens and a CSA approved hockey helmet, ice skating helmet or ski/snowboard helmet are required for this activity. A limited number of helmets and skates are available at the school. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if your child does not have these items.

Skates being transported on a bus, must have guards on them and they must be in a backpack or sports bag (not a plastic grocery bag).

Sticks and pucks are not allowed.

We are looking for volunteers to help tie skates, if you can help, please connect with your child's homeroom teacher. All volunteers must complete the application form and criminal record declaration forms available at the office or online at: <https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/parents/volunteer-information>

The deadline to complete the permission form is **Thursday, February 6, 2025.**

There is no cost to this activity.

Ski Club - Night Ski

Grade 5+ students can store equipment in the BFPA (Pre-K) room on Friday.

Supervision is available in the elementary library until bus departure. Students must arrive in snow pants and coats.

Lift tickets will be distributed as students exit the bus. Grades 1-4 with a parent can pick up passes at the Bentley School table inside. After receiving passes, head to rentals or the main floor to prepare. Students still in lessons will meet at the snow school lesson area.

Friday, February 7 (evening check in)	
Bus departs Bentley School	3:30 p.m.
Arrive at Canyon Ski Hill	4:15 p.m.
Meet at Lesson Meeting Area	5:00 p.m.
Rental Returns	8:00 p.m.
Bus departs Canyon Ski Hill	8:30 p.m.
Bus arrives at Bentley School	9:15 p.m.

Intramurals

Admin is exploring the possibility of starting intramurals for elementary. Watch for more information as it becomes available. We will be starting with Dodgeball for Gr. 5 & 6. Students should listen for announcements for more information.

World Read Aloud Day - Feb 5

World Read Aloud Day is a global celebration of the power of reading aloud, bringing stories to life and fostering a love of literature. Observed in over 173 countries, this special day encourages people of all ages to pick up a book, find an audience, and share the joy of storytelling. To mark the occasion, guest readers, along with junior and senior high school students will be reading aloud to elementary students, creating a meaningful connection through the magic of books. If you are interested in being a guest reader, please reach out to the office at 403-748-3770.

Friday, February 7, 2025



Join us!

Bentley School
1:15 PM
Everyone Welcome!

Hot chocolate and
cookies will be
served afterwards!

*Open the door
and go for it!*

Get more active outdoors this winter.

winterwalkday.ca



WinterWalkDay



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#WinterWalkDay



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**

Staff vs. Student Hockey Game

Valentine's Day



50 cents
each

**CANDY
GRAM
SALE**

Delivery
on Feb
14th



PREORDER MONDAY FEBRUARY 3RD - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

OUTSIDE THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE

Made with PosterMyWall.com

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14TH

wear pink or red



Riders of the Month

Congratulations to:

Caylee - Gr. 10
Bus 04

6" Sub Sponsored by
Subway

Ice Cream Canteen

Treat yourself to something sweet from the elementary ice cream canteen every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch.

\$1 per item

Thanks to the Gr. 5 class for running the canteen. All proceeds support extracurricular activities at the school.



Let Kindness Grow

**CKNW KIDS' FUND
PINK SHIRT DAY**

Bentley School

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

PRESENTED BY



#LetKindnessGrow

BENTLEY SCHOOL

MARCH HOT LUNCH

Available to Order From

FEBRUARY 3 - 9

Booster Juice

Hot Lunch Mondays

Subway

Pizza

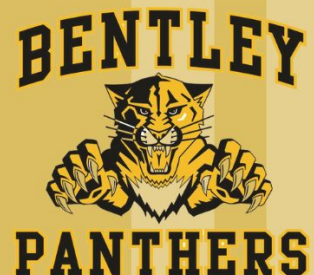
Hot Dog

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.



BENTLEY SCHOOLS

*World's Finest
Chocolate*
FUNDRAISER

GR. 6 CAMP

\$3 each

Chocolate Almonds
Pure Milk Chocolate
Milk Chocolate Almond Bars
Milk Chocolate with Crisp Bars
Milk Chocolate with Caramel Bars
Dark Chocolate Bars



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. Goldsmith's class. Chocolates will also be sold at lunch hour on Tuesday & Thursdays during the months of February and March.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

please reach out to michelle.goldsmith@wolfcreek.ab.ca or call 403-748-3770.



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 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/>

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.



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, 2025 (late fees apply)

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!

2025-26 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



Interview with Mrs. Alysha Thompson

By Maria D Grade 5

Mrs. Thompson is our School Social Worker or FSLW and she works very hard at her job. She lives in a house in Lacombe with 6 family members including herself. She has four kids and a husband. As a kid she attended school in Eckville. Her favorite part of her job is meeting different kinds of kids. Her least favorite part is having to do so much paperwork. When she is not at work she loves to go snowboarding, do crafts, watch her kids play sports, or read. One of the proud accomplishments she can recall is moving and settling her whole family.



She does a lot at the school, some of them are treating kids with kindness, saying hi in the morning, and being there for people. She can describe herself as a good listener, organized, quiet, kind, and shy. One of the happiest memories she has is going camping with family. In ten years she thinks and hopes that she will be traveling. In the summer she loves camping and in the winter she loves snowboarding or watching hockey. Something that makes her happy is family or books. She does not really have any favorite songs or movies but she likes anything funny. If she could travel anywhere in the world she would go to Greece or Italy. Lastly, the person that inspires her the most is her mom because she never gives up. Mrs. Alysha Thompson is wonderful and helps the school a lot. She helps so much and is definitely noticed everywhere.

Arts Alive Highlights!

On January 16 at the Bentley School we had the opportunity to celebrate some of our students creativity in music, woodworking, art and food at our Arts Alive event! Thank you to everyone that came out to support our students. Thank you to Mr. Hazlett for organizing the woodworking displays, Mrs. Baile and her foods class for making the yummy snacks and Mr. Button for choreographing the entire event with his music students. It was a fun evening.



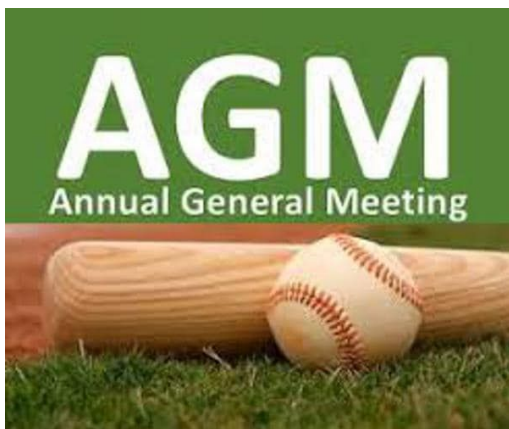
Dress Like a Teacher Day!



Community News

Bentley Minor Ball AGM

Bentley Minor Ball AGM is **Feb 3 at 7 PM** at the seniors drop in centre in Bentley. There will be a few openings on the ball board this year, that need to be filled. Come to the meeting and please consider volunteering so the ball season can run.



**BENTLEY
MINOR SOCCER**

**AGM & REGISTRATION NIGHT
FEBRUARY 27TH 2025 AT 7PM**
BENTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RM. 100

U5- MON OR WED AT 5:30
U7- MON/WED AT 5:30
U9- MON/WED AT 6:30
U11- TUES/THURS AT 6:30
U13- MON/WED AT 6:30
U15- TUES/THURS AT 6:30
U17/19- MON/WED AT 7:30

REGISTER EARLY
OPENS FEB 1ST 2025

SCAN ME

RAMP REGISTRATION LINK

A green poster for Bentley Minor Soccer. At the top is a soccer ball. The text "BENTLEY MINOR SOCCER" is in large white letters. Below that, "AGM & REGISTRATION NIGHT FEBRUARY 27TH 2025 AT 7PM" and "BENTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RM. 100" are in smaller white letters. A list of age groups and their schedules is provided. A "SCAN ME" button with a QR code is on the right, with "RAMP REGISTRATION LINK" written below it.

**Open to
Boys and Girls
Ages 5-18**

For more details
visit Bentley Minor Soccer
on Facebook OR
send us an email
bentleyminorsoccer@shaw.ca