

W E L C O M E B A C K !

Wainwright Elementary

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back! We are so excited for the new school year. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming year, with the focus on your child's success.

Here at WES, we strive to make Buffalo Trail's mission statement come to life each and every day, to be *"...committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team"*.

It is a privilege to include your child as one of our students. I welcome and encourage you, as parents, to share in your child's successes. Please be sure to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

We are excited and honoured to have your family be a part of our WES family. Take Care!

Save the Date!

Picture Days

September 26 & 27

Pictures will be in the library. See more information on the next page.

Fall Open House

September 22

Our families are invited to join us from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm!

Terry Fox Run

September 28

Starts at the C-Plex at 10:00 am. Families are welcome to join!



Safety Patrol

We would like to thank Mrs. Wakefield for taking over the AMA School Safety Patrol Program. The patrollers are volunteers in grades 5 & 6 who help keep our crosswalks safe in the morning and after school. More information will be sent home to students in those grades as soon as it is organized.

WES Events...



Fall Open House

On September 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm we will open our doors to our WES family once again. We hope everyone can join us to tour the school, meet your child's teacher, and learn more about the exciting year ahead. We have missed having our families in the building, and are looking forward to visiting with all of you!

Picture Days are being held September 26 & 27, 2022

All students will have their pictures taken. If your child won't be here on their designated day, they can have their pictures taken on the opposite day or will have the opportunity to get their picture taken on Retake Day on November 2nd.

Monday, September 26:

Students in Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have their pictures taken. Little Leaders and Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten will join us.

Thursday, September 27:

Students in Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten, Little Leaders and Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten will have their pictures taken.

Ordering Pictures

A proofs sheet will be sent home within 2 weeks of pictures being taken. Don't worry if you have a forgetful child, we will send a text to parents letting them know when proofs have gone home so you know to look for them. Orders can be placed online, or through the school with cheque or money order. We don't recommend cash because we mail the orders through Canada Post. There are more background and package options when ordering online for families looking for more options. Please phone the school if you have any questions (780) 842-3361. Retakes are being held November 2nd from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the school library.

Terry Fox Run

On Wednesday, September 28th students and staff will be taking part in the National Terry Fox School Run Day. In the morning, our grade 1 to 6 classes will head over to the Communiplex parking lot in time for our run at 10:00 AM. Kindergarten has a shorter run planned at another location, please see your classroom newsletter for more details.

Subway order forms were sent home this week and are due back to the school on September 20th. Orders will be delivered to the classrooms on September 28th. All proceeds from the orders will go to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. If interested in donating more to this cause go to

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/WainwrightElementary>.



September 12 to 16 is Spirit Week at WES. Our teachers have been busy planning fun activities for our entire school, that require no extra work for our parents! Follow us on Facebook to see all the great things happening next week and through the school year!



Afterschool Programs

Afterschool programs are held for students in grades 4, 5, & 6 throughout the school year. These programs are run and supervised by staff who are able to volunteer their time outside of work hours. All students in these grades are welcome to sign up, but must have their permission forms handed in to participate. If you have a child participating, we kindly ask that you are mindful of the pick-up times. Students can be picked up at the north end by the gym. The following programs have started or are set to start soon:

Afterschool X Country Running

Afterschool cross country running for Grade 4, 5 & 6 students starts on Wednesday, September 7. Running will take place afterschool on Mondays from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM, and during the lunch hour on Wednesdays. There is a race at Riverdale scheduled for September 23rd during school hours, more details will be sent home with students who wish to participate. The last day is October 17th. It is a short season, but lots of fun! See you there!

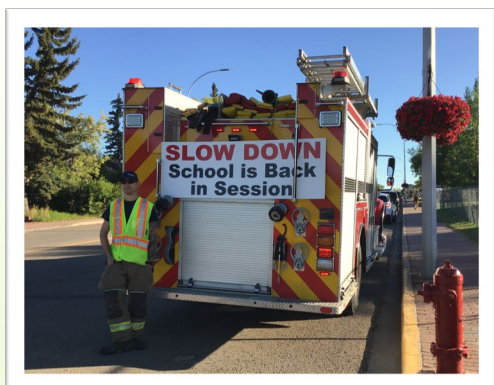
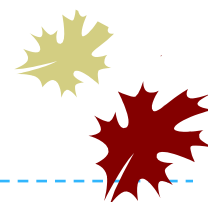
Volleyball

After school volleyball starts on September 13 and will run for six weeks after school on Tuesdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

At anytime if you have questions about afterschool programs, please email wes@btps.ca and will direct your question to the supervisor(s) running the program.

Hot Lunch Program

The new WEPA executive is busy organizing this year's hot lunch program and will send out more information as soon as it's ready.



We would like to thank Wainwright Fire & Rescue for taking time out of their busy schedules to remind everyone to slow down in the school zones during the first week of school. It definitely made for a great start to the school year!

Meeting Dates

School Council:

September 26th at 7:00 PM

Wainwright Elementary Parent Association:

September 14th at 7:00 PM

All meetings are being held at the school, please enter at the main door by the office.

For more information about getting involved in your child's school through the School Council, Wainwright Elementary Parent Association, or Kindergarten Association of Parents, please phone us (780) 842-3361.

You do not have to sign up for a position on the committees to help out at events, just show up to a meeting, find out what's happening and where help is needed, and volunteer where you can. It's that easy, and we would love to have you join us!



School Fees for 2022/2023

Within the next couple of weeks BTPS will assign school fees for the year. Invoices are emailed at the end of each month. Fees for students in kindergarten will be \$30 for the year, and for grades 1 to 6 will be \$60. These fees will go toward BTPS Supplemental Supports and BTPS Technology Fees.

Payment Methods:

- At the school with cash, cheque, or postdated cheques. We do not have a debit/credit machine.
- With PayPal through our website at <https://wes.btps.ca/pay-fees>. You will need your child's Alberta Student Number (ASN). If you don't know it, please contact the school office.
- E-transfer to wes@btps.ca. You don't need to set up a password because we have auto-deposit enabled. Please put your child's name and school year you're paying for in the message.

Milk Sales start September 12th. Students are able to purchase white or chocolate milk for \$1.00. We no longer have milk tickets, so students will need to bring money with them to school when they want milk.



Parent Portal

For anyone new to our school, the Parent Portal program is used by our teachers and Buffalo Trail Public Schools division office to report student grades, attendance, school fees, and if applicable, bus fees.

New families will automatically receive an email by the end of September with the information you need to set up your account.

Families who were with us last year, and have lost the email they received can contact the school office and we will help you get your account set up.

Once you have your account set up, you can go to your app store and download the PowerSchool Mobile App. The district code they'll ask you for is GFST. The app is a really convenient tool for checking to see how your child is doing in school.

Paper report cards are not sent out during the year, so, to see your child's grades throughout the year, or to print off a mid-year report card, you will need to have an account. To print a report card, you need to be logged into a computer, as it's not currently an option through the app.

Last year we did send out a year-end report card which we heard our families appreciated, so we will continue sending home a report card on the last day of school in June.







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September 2022

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11	12 Milk Sales Start Today, \$1.00 for White or Chocolate	13	14	15	16 T/Th Kindergarten Has School Today	17
18	19	20	21	22  OPEN HOUSE 6:30 to 7:30 PM	23 Cross Country Running Club Riverdale Race 	24
25	26  Picture Day	27  Picture Day	28 National Terry Fox School Run Day 	29	30 No School National Truth and Reconciliation Day Orange Shirt Day	1
2	3	Notes Not all activities taking place in the school will be in this calendar, please make sure you are reading the information coming home from your teacher to stay informed.				



2022-2023 BTPS SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

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LEGEND	
	Holiday
	Self Directed Teacher Day
	School Based PL
	BTPS Learning Day
	Central Office Closed
	Day-in-Lieu
	Convention / ATA PL Day
	First Student Day of Semester

The first day for students is **August 30th, 2022**. **February 1st, 2023** is the first day of Term 2. **June 27th, 2023** is the last day of school for students.

Please be reminded that when inclement weather does not allow us to operate our buses, schools will be open, classes are occurring and student learning continues. As with any absence, students who miss material will be provided with an opportunity to receive instructional material through an alternate means or catch up on missed school work upon return to school.

Students are required to be in attendance until the last day of school as identified by the BTPS Board Approved Calendar. Final exams at the Grade 7 to 9 level will occur during the last five student days each semester. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur. Final exams in non-diploma courses at the Grade 10 to 12 level will occur during the last five student days each semester. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur. Final exams in diploma courses will occur as described in the Alberta Education Diploma exam schedule (www.education.alberta.ca) and submission of marks will occur the day prior to the diploma marks submission date. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur.

The total student days in this year's calendar equals 181 days.

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DATES

August 1	Heritage Day	Dec 26 - Jan 6	Christmas Break
August 24	BTPS Learning Day	January 30	School Based PL
August 25	School Based PL	January 31	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 26	Self Directed Teacher Day	February 16 & 17	ATA Teachers' Convention
August 29	Self Directed Teacher Day	February 20	Family Day
September 5	Labour Day	March 10	BTPS Learning Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	April 7	Good Friday
October 7	School Based PL & Support Staff PL	April 10 - 14	Easter Break
October 10	Thanksgiving Day	May 5	School Based PL
November 7	School Based PL	May 18	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
November 8	ATA Professional	May 19	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)
November 9	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)	May 22	Victoria Day
November 10	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)	June 28	Self Directed Teacher Day
November 11	Remembrance Day		

** Central Office Closure will be July 24th - August 4, 2023