

Bowden Grandview School

June 5, 2023



What's Happening:

Tuesday, June 6

- Ghost Ryders Competition @ Delburne

Wednesday, June 7

- Grade 4/5 Field Trip

Thursday, June 8

- Rotary Presentations
- Elementary Awards @ 2:15

Friday, June 9

- Grade 7/8 Fun Swim

An assortment of ice cream treats may be ordered online until June 6

Grade 2/3 Musical BUGZ

Our Gr.2 and 3's presented the musical "BUGZ" this past Thursday afternoon, which focused on friendship and acceptance. Our performers did a fantastic job entertaining elementary students and many parents and friends.



YEARBOOK

2022-2023 Yearbooks

are on sale now for
\$40.00

Yearbooks may be
purchased online or
at the office.

Congratulations to the Bowden Grandview School

Class of 2023



Photography by Alison



Faira Gall



Nash Hengstler



Rikki-Leigh Lafreniere



Tyrice Lazowski



Tamika Thorkman



Paige Urichuk



Ryan Van der Rijt



Kaydence Van der Werf



Liam Waiting

Nicole Verhoef Valedictorian

Good morning to all the parents, family, staff members and of course my fellow graduates on this milestone day. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you for being here this morning and showing your support. The same support that has carried us to this point in our lives and will continue to support us as we grow our wings and find our place in this world.

We have looked forward to this moment for a very long time. Eighteenth birthdays, graduation, freedom from homework, and most importantly, the future. It seemed a lot less intimidating growing up. Sometimes we wish we could go back to being a little kid with the wildest dreams, when our biggest worry was if Raquelle would steal Ken from Barbie or if someone could jump off the swings further than you at recess. When all we wanted was for Taylor Swift's music video for You Belong With Me to come true for us. Now our dreams are haunted by the uncertainty of the future. A repeated "you're on your own, kid" echoes in our heads. But I am confident that the lessons we learned throughout these past thirteen years will carry us a long way into our futures. Sorry Mr Filipenko, but I'm not talking about logs, exponents, and polynomials. I mean the lessons of responsibility, resiliency, creating and maintaining relationships, being humble, being kind, accepting each other and our differences, and creating a goal for the people we want to be. We never would have made it to this point had it not been for each and every one of you here today and most importantly without each other. We had a unique experience in our school careers. Many people came, and many people left. Only ten brave souls remained. Probably the most varied group to ever walk across this stage. It is our differences that made us grow the most. My dear friend Paige recently told me something about how if people spend too much time together they turn into the same being. In our class, I am proud to see such individual beings. Our differences are so strong because we are not afraid to be ourselves, even if it does cause some raised voices and disagreement from Tyrice. Conflicts will come and go, but stick to your roots and believe what you believe. I encourage you, fellow class of 2023, to continue on in life fearlessly.

Our differences also keep us accountable. Unlike test marks may suggest, it is okay to be wrong sometimes. Our world is built on the idea that humility is a negative thing. I believe it is a wonderful thing that allows us to grow in every aspect of our life. I can ensure you, the world will not end if you lose an argument, so Nash, Holland DOES exist. My favorite quote that truly captures the importance of being humbled in life is one by Dana Arcuri, "Humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know." The lessons do not end here, they will continue on and on. They will be filled with sorrow and some with great joy. Some will be difficult and some will be painstakingly awful, but I have full confidence that despite the challenges, we have the capabilities to create a meaningful future for ourselves.

One more thing I encourage you all to implement in your futures, is positivity. Everybody always says that getting to this milestone is the easy part, so I'm sure most of you, just like me, are nervous for what is beyond Bowden Grandview School, but a positive outlook is a game changer. My parents instilled this in my everyday life. Good is a mindset. A good day, a good job, a good choice. Every day, whether it was sunshine or snowing, my Dad always said, "It's a beautiful day." So I'm going to wake you guys up now, because this last point is an important one; Choose to have a good day.



BGS Hosted a free Bison Burger BBQ on Tuesday, May 30th, for staff and students in tandem with their Indigenous Flag celebration. A huge THANK YOU for the many donations and volunteer time!! Nutrien Ag Solutions for supplying the BBQ, Innisfail COOP for the buns, juice boxes and plates and VOLUNTEERS Carla & Brad Sparks, Jennifer Wood, Jade Prefontaine, Katelyn Barkshire, Amy Severtson, Dawn Z and the Life Skills Team for prepping, cooking and assisting in the event.

Another BIG thank you to YR Ranch for the delicious burgers!



We are happy to honour our school division's commitment to ensuring we continue the work of reconciliation in a meaningful way, by installing Treaty and Métis flags inside our school. Chinook's Edge trustees, central office leaders, and school-based administrators welcomed Elders from Treaty 6 and Treaty 7, along with a Knowledge Keeper from the Métis Nation, to perform a formal blessing of the Treaty and Métis flags in early spring. On Tuesday, May 30th, staff, students and guests gathered to celebrate these gifts to our school. The celebration began with the reading of our land acknowledgement by Lisa Arnesen-Davidson and opening comments by Mr. Thompson and Ms. Northrup. Akina, a Cree singer from Calgary, Alberta performed the national anthem in Cree, spoke about her background and heritage and sang additional songs for the celebration. Akina began her singing career at 13, when she sang 'O Canada' in Cree for a Calgary Flames game on Hockey Night in Canada. She was the first person to sing our national anthem in a language other than French and English. Akina became the youngest person to receive an Aboriginal Role Model Award for music, and she recorded a CD for Alberta Education in Cree as part of their Social Studies Curriculum. The celebration continued by the explanation of treaty's and the importance of flags. In closing, Mrs. Lentz and the elementary choir sang "Music Alive" by Sherryl Sewepagaham.



Bowden Track and Field team would like to extend a thank you to Pat Filipenko for his generous donations. Pat donated his time to share his expertise with our students in the long jump and triple jump events. He also was able to renovate the pits and get them ready for our season with new sand and leveled runways. We appreciate everything you continue to do for us.



Thank You

Bowden Grandview School Council 2022-2023

The School Council at BGS is a group of parents, administrators, the Town of Bowden, our Ward 5 School Board Trustee and other community stakeholders that meet monthly to discuss ideas related to the school. It provides a forum to discuss concerns, celebrate successes, and plan for the future. The School Council through The Friends of Grandview (FOG) also supports fundraisers for a number of enrichment programs.

The School Council is committed to offering a number of ways to get involved. Being a parent volunteer is one more way to stay connected and involved in your child's educational experience. The activities you choose to undertake do not have to be overly time-consuming. We welcome new members and volunteers to come out to our council. Our next meetings are **May 16th** and **June 20th at 12:00pm.** You can make a difference!



Please contact us at bgsCouncil@gmail.com to be sent a link. We look forward to having you.



BOWDEN CARNIVAL DAY

COME
WITH
US



JUNE 19th
AT BOWDEN GRANDVIEW SCHOOL
GRADE 7-12

CARNIVAL PARTY

ADMISSIONS, FOOD, AND
ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!





Bowden Minor Hockey

- Annual General Meeting -

June 7 at 7pm
Bowden Event Center
(Friendship Center)

Attend to register!
One lucky player will win their registration
fee back.

For more info:
bowdenmhpresident@gmail.com
Shayla 403-357-7841

Ever wonder where your dairy products come from?

You're invited to a



Saturday, June 24, 2023

**At Wendon Holsteins
34477**

**Range Road 274
Red Deer County, AB
8 AM - 12 PM**

- Free Hot and Healthy Breakfast
- Barn Tours
- Robotic Cow Milking Display
- Kids Activities

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more information



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pets at home



Directions

From Hwy 2 Exit 357 (Bowden), go East on Hwy 587 to dead end. Turn North and look for signs for parking.

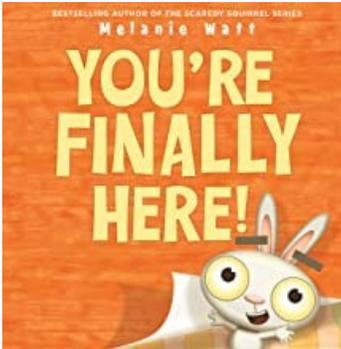


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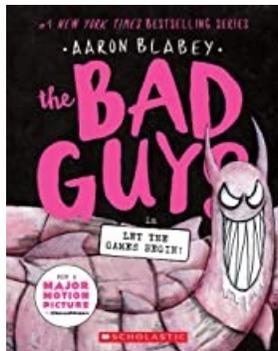
Literacy Corner

So many great reads for June and summer!! Here is a sneak peek for June and July!!



Mélanie Watt returns with another one-of-a-kind character – a needy and impatient bunny. The latest from the creator of the best-selling Scaredy Squirrel series stars a hilariously needy and impatient bunny. This is no ordinary picture-book character, and it will quickly become clear that this is no ordinary picture book.

Release Date: Jul 11, 2023



In this book, the One IS going to be reunited with the Others. You ARE going to actually meet the REAL DREAD OVERLORD SPLAARGHÖN. And ONE CHARACTER is going to change EVERYTHING you thought you knew. This is the one you've been waiting for!

Release Date: Jul 4, 2023

After recovering from the dog attack she survived as an apprentice, Brightheart is once again a warrior of ThunderClan. But moons of battle and betrayal have left her with lingering suspicions about where her Clanmates' loyalties lie. So when freshkill starts going missing from camp, she fears the worst.

Alongside her mate Cloudtail, Brightheart decides to investigate without alerting the other warriors. But as she struggles to track down the culprit, she'll have to take a leap of faith—and remember



Release Date: Jun 6, 2023