

# Bowden Grandview School

January 29, 2024



The BGS Spellathon is back in full swing! Students are once again learning the importance of spelling while raising funds for their K-6 classes. Students have received their word lists and are now practicing their words. Students also have pledge forms to begin collecting pledges from family and friends. Pledges are due Tuesday, January 30th.

This is the **ONLY** elementary fundraiser for the year, so let's make it a good one! Please note that 100% of the money raised goes toward special events and field trips for elementary students. **ALL** the money raised stays in **OUR** school!!!

We gladly accept prizes from families and businesses. Please consider donating an item to help motivate students. (All prizes must be in new condition.)

Thank you for supporting our school and students!

## What's Happening:

### Monday, January 29

- Physics 20 Exam
- Grade 9 Science PAT
- Math 20-3 Exam

### Tuesday, January 30

- Spellathon Pledges Due

### Wednesday, January 31

- No School - Teacher Organizational Day



Don't forget to order your hot lunch online!

- February 1- Pizza
- February 8- Chubb Eats
- February 15- Hot Dogs
- February 29- A & W
- March 7- Pizza
- March 14- Subway
- March 21- Hot Dogs
- March 28- Sweet and Sour Meatballs With rice

## **Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Surveys**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 4, 7 and 10 Students:

Alberta Education has opened the **Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Surveys**. Alberta Education will mail a Random Access Code (RAC) to the homes of parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 in all schools in Alberta. This year parents will be completing the survey online. Instructions for doing so will have been included in your package, however, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions. Parents still have the option of completing the AEA survey on paper. Requests for a paper survey or translated survey can be directed to the school. Bowden Grandview School students, in grades 4 to 12, will also complete a survey online. All student surveys will be completed at school.

The data in these surveys is very important for our school and as such, we strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to respond to the survey. You are asked to answer the questions based upon the experiences you had at our school. At Bowden Grandview School we value feedback from parents, students, and staff and will use it to identify areas of strength that we should continue and areas to modify for improvement. Communicating and working in partnership with our parents is a priority for us. The feedback you provide with this survey is an important step in the process. All surveys are anonymous.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, and is an important part of our planning process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours truly,

Bowden Grandview School Staff

# Alberta Education Assurance Survey

## Information for parents and guardians

### About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.



### Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.



### How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It is **not** used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.



### How will students take the survey?

- Students complete the survey at school.
- Before the survey begins, your child's teacher or school staff will explain to the students that the survey is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers. They will also explain that there are no repercussions for opting out of participating and that they may skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Responses are submitted anonymously. Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, grade, school and school authority only.

Details about the assurance measures and how to obtain results are available online at [www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey](http://www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey)

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school principal.

# Blazer Athletics

## Upcoming dates

**\*EXAM WEEK Jan. 24-Jan.30**



**January 29 -** Middle B Boys at HOME vs. WestGlen (4:00)  
Sr. Boys @ Spruce View (6:00)

**January 30 -** Sr. Girls and Boys HOME vs. Caroline (6:00 and 7:30)

**February 1 -** Middle B Girls @ Cremona (4:00)  
Middle B Boys @ Olds Koinonia (4:00)

**February 2 and 3 -** CEAA Jr. B Boys and Girls Tournament @ Deer Meadow, Olds

## Bowden Grandview School Apparel

Popup 2024 online store

Available until February 9th

Orders arrive 3 weeks after purchase

[Click Link](#)



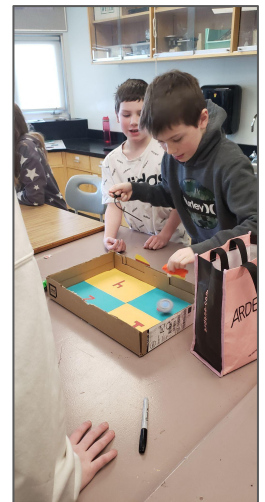
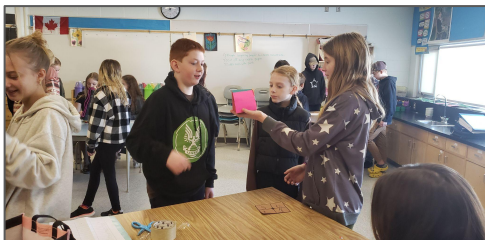
# Grade 8 Renaissance Fair



The grade 8 class will showcase their Renaissance Fair February 6th from 10am- 12pm in the Wellness Room. Please come show your support!

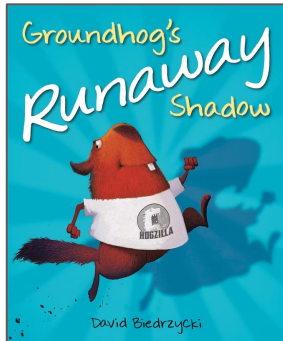
# Grade 7 Math Probability Carnival

The grade 7's put their Math skills in probability to the test by designing carnival games based off of chance. After calculating the theoretical probability of winning their game they collected data by hosting a carnival for elementary classes to participate in. The grade 4 and 5 students tried their luck with the numerous exciting games. Lots of fun was had, and the overall luckiest student with the most wins went home with the crown!



## Literacy Corner

Guessing whether or not the groundhog will see his shadow on February 2 is one of our country's most fun — and funniest! — traditions. Here are a few weather-predicting rodent books to share with your kids!

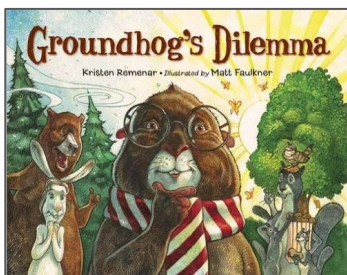
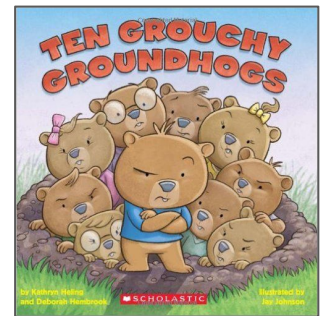


### Groundhog's Runaway Shadow by David Biedrzycki

Phil and his shadow used to do everything together. But Phil got tired of Shadow shadowing him, so Shadow up and left. True friends, however, have a way of finding each other, especially with an important groundhog holiday approaching on February 2.

### Ten Grouchy Groundhogs by Kathryn Heling

The groundhogs can't wait for winter to end so they can go outside! This sing-song book will be a bedtime favorite in no time.



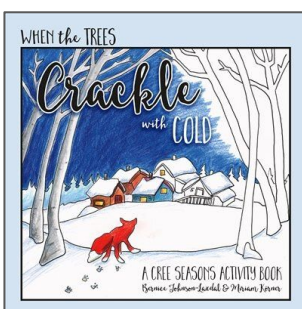
### Groundhog's Dilemma by Kristen Remenar

This book about friendship and truth-telling shows what happens when the groundhog takes gifts from his friends in exchange for his reading of the weather.

## Indigenous Education

On these cold winter days, why not learn a new language and have fun doing it!!

Authors Bernice Johnson-Iaxdal & Miriam Körner Illustrated by Miriam Körner



From the creators of *When the Trees Crackle with Cold: A Cree Calendar*-*pisimwasinahikan* comes this engaging activity book that connects young children to the seasonal cycle and encourages them to learn about traditional activities of Northern Saskatchewan's Cree peoples. Cree vocabulary in the y-, th- and n-dialects enhances the learning experience for Cree speakers and non-Cree speakers alike. The activity book includes colouring pages, hands-on activities, word searches, mazes and templates for crafts.



# Raising Resilient Children

Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Online Information Session via Zoom!



How can you help your child manage their emotions so they cope well with disappointment and in stressful situations?

Get the strategies that will allow them to recognize positive and negative emotions – and deal with them in a healthy way.



Registration is open until February 27, 2024

## REGISTRATION:

Register online at [www.mvfrn.ca](http://www.mvfrn.ca) for zoom link



# Connect Parent Group

An attachment based program for parents and caregivers

Thursdays, February 1 to April 4, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



**Connect is a 10-week program to support parents and caregivers of pre-teens and teens with behavioural and emotional problems.**

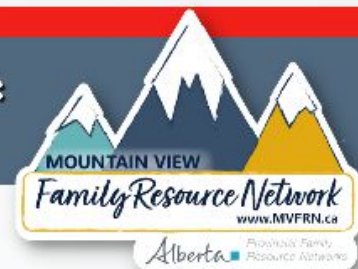
Parents meet in small groups with two trained group leaders for 90 minutes each week. Each session provides parents with a new perspective on parent-teen relationships and adolescent development. Parents watch role-plays and try exercises that encourage more choices for responding to their teens' difficult behaviour.

**Looking for more information?**

Email us at [info@mvfrn.ca](mailto:info@mvfrn.ca) or call 1877-761-0033!

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:**  
Register online at [MVFRN.CA](http://MVFRN.CA)

 **Connect**



# 3Gs

## GRIEVE, GATHER, GROW

A SEVEN WEEK GROUP PROGRAM FOR  
YOUTH AGE 13+ EXPERIENCING LOSS AND  
WANTING TO SHARE, LEARN, AND  
PROCESS HARD FEELINGS.

Thursdays from  
February 8 to March 28, 2024  
4 - 5 p.m.  
Didsbury Neighborhood Place  
(1606 14 Street)



Registration Required

To register, visit: [mvfrn.ca](http://mvfrn.ca)

\*For those seeking more intensive support please contact the MVFRN at 1-877-761-0033



*for every parent*

## Getting TEENS CONNECTED

Thursday, January 25, 2024 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Session 3

Online Information Session via Zoom

Help your teenager develop good, supportive friendships. You'll learn ways to build their confidence, encourage social skills, help them to plan and meet commitments and encourage them to take care of others. Registration is open until January 23, 2024



### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION:

Register online at [www.mvfrn.ca/registrations](http://www.mvfrn.ca/registrations)  
call 1-877-761-0033 or email [info@mvfrn.ca](mailto:info@mvfrn.ca)





**BOWDEN JUNGLE JUNCTION**

# Before/After School Care



January 2024

**\*\*Full Day Care offered (in Olds) on January 31st. Please contact Kass for more info.**

To Register, contact Kass:  
(403) 559- 4884  
kassbgcolds@outlook.com



## Information

BGC Olds and Area is excited to partner with Bowden Grandview School to offer before and after school care!

BGC Olds and Area has been providing licensed before and after school programs for children in Olds and area for the past 38 years! Our program provides children with a safe place to go in the out of school hours where they can have fun, interact with their peers, and develop skills that will last a lifetime.

**Before School- \$250**

**After School- \$310**

**Full Time- \$380**

**Before and After Kindergarten- \$175**

**Drop In- \$20/segment**

\*\*\*Subsidies are available through the Government of Alberta for families with a household income less than \$89,999.



## New Clubs!!!

Join us on Thursdays for our **Music Club**, where we get to explore the world of music and different instruments in our music corner.

Drop- in fees are \$20/session.



## Volunteer Opportunities!!

If you know someone who would love to come and have fun while volunteering, Bowden Jungle Junction is the place to be! Also, if you're a high school student, volunteer hours look great on a resume! Please contact Kass if interested.

**Check out our Instagram Page!**

@junglejunctionbowden

