

# Bowden Grandview School

June 17, 2024

## Farewell Message 2024

As I sit down to write this message, I can't help but feel an array of emotions. After 11 incredible years, it's time for me to bid farewell to the place I've called home, the school that has been the heart of this wonderful community.

When I first walked through the doors of Bowden Grandview School, I never could have imagined the journey that lay ahead. From the bustling hallway of the elementary to the quieter moments during classes in the high school end, every day has been a gift.

One of the things that has always made this school special is the sense of family that permeates every corner. In a small rural community like ours, we're not just a school; we're a tight-knit community where everyone knows everyone else's success and struggles (for better or for worse!). But that's what makes us unique. We laugh together, we cry together, and we support each other through thick and thin. I have spoken many times about our K to 12 advantage and I am convinced it is such a benefit to our students.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the amazing teams of students and staff who make this school truly amazing. Whether it's our excited and enthusiastic elementary students, our eager and passionately independent middle schoolers, our high school students with growing maturity and identity, or our dedicated and determined educational team and support staff, each and every one of you has played a vital role in shaping BGS into the vibrant, thriving learning community it is today.

To the students: you are the heart and soul of this school. Your energy, your enthusiasm, and your endless curiosity have kept me on my toes every single day. Never stop reaching for the stars and chasing your dreams, because the sky's the limit for each and every one of you.

To the staff: thank you for your dedication, your passion, and your unwavering commitment to our students. Whether you're teaching math or ELA, coaching an athletic team, cooking up a storm in the Foods Lab, putting on a musical production, or "herding the cats" through a field trip, your hard work does not go unnoticed. I have been endlessly grateful for everything you do.

To the parents and community members: your support has been so appreciated even in the most difficult times.

From volunteering with the School Council or at the breakfast counter, to cheering on our teams from the sidelines, to picking us up in our darkest moments you have been an integral part of our BGS family. Your dedication to our students and our school is truly inspiring, and I have been deeply grateful for your support.

As I prepare to embark on the next chapter of my life, I leave BGS with a heart full of memories and a smile on my face. It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as your principal, and I will carry the spirit of this incredible learning community with me wherever I go.

Thank you, Bowden Grandview School, for 11 unforgettable years. Here's to the past, the present, and the future of this remarkable school.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Mr Jeff Thompson

## Parent School Council

### Friends of Grandview (FOG)

#### School Council

A BIG thank you to all who have attended our monthly parent council meetings this school year. It's amazing to see parents get involved with our children's education. We hope to see you all, and more, out for our meetings in the 2024/25 school year.

Parent Council would like to thank Mr. Thompson for his years with us at BGS and wish him much success in his new role at division office. We would like to welcome our incoming principle, Mr. Lockhat and look forward to working with him in the new school year.

To all our BGS families we wish you all a wonderful and fun filled summer break. Hope to see all of our families at our annual Welcome Back BBQ and Registration night in September!!

Next meeting is **SEPTEMBER 17, 2024** at Noon

To join our meetings please email the below address to be added to the list.

If a parent has a question we ask they email the question to [bgscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bgscouncil@gmail.com).

#### Breakfast Program

**THANK YOU** to all our parent volunteers who help keep breakfast running each morning!! See you in September.

Our last day is June 25, which is also ICE CREAM sundae day (\$2) served at lunch.

To volunteer email: [bgscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bgscouncil@gmail.com)

**FOG** Friends Of Grandview, the fundraising group

**BIG THANK YOU** to Carla Sparks for her many years of service with FOG as well as the parent school council. It has been such a pleasure to work with her! Carla's youngest has now graduated and with that Carla will be taking a step back and working more in an advisory type role helping all the new and keen parents continue the wonderful work that FOG does for our school community. Thank you Carla!!

For more info you can still contact Carla at (403)506-5222

**JUNE 25**

**Serving Ice Cream sundaes**

**- Bring your \$2.00**

**Fundraisers**

**THANK YOU** for your support!!

# CENAA Track and Field Results

gr.7 girls - Brooklyn Kuntz - 3rd in Hurdles

gr.8 girls - Roxy Reynolds - 1st in 800 m &  
1st in 1500 m

gr. 7 boys - Luke Maas - 2nd in high jump

gr. 7 boys - Emmett Stockford - 3rd in discus

gr. 8 boys- William Taylor - 2nd in 800 m

gr. 8 boys - Caleb Barnim - 3rd in discus

# TRACK & FIELD



# BGS Students Show Thanks to The Innisfail Rotary Club

On June 6th, four students from Bowden Grandview School joined the Innisfail Rotary Club for their noon meeting at the Innisfail Events Center. These students attended various opportunities sponsored by the club, all focusing on youth enrichment.

The students presented their experiences to members of the Innisfail Rotary Club and were treated to lunch and conversation.

Elisa Aplin attended Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa, Savannah Campbell attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and Nick de Haan and Quin Holz attended RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment).

When visiting the Rotarians, the students expressed their deep gratitude for these incredible opportunities.

Thank you to this fabulous group of business people that continually provide these opportunities for our youth.



# RED DEER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Last Thursday, our elementary students enjoyed a cross-cultural musical presentation brought to us by the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra and the National Arts Council, through the Music and Explorer's Program. It was an engaging and interactive session celebrating all forms of music!



## JUNE 2024 - FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

\*Exam week is June 20 - 27, 2024 - this is for grade 9-12 students only.

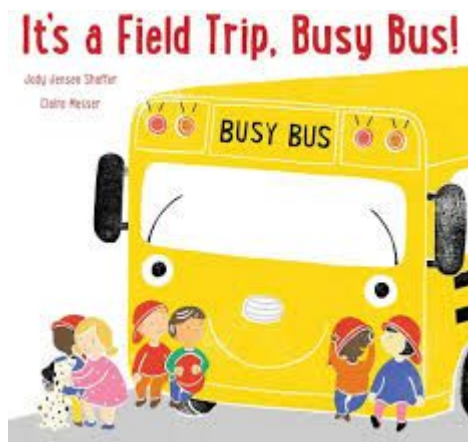
\*During exam week, grade 9-12 students are only expected to come to school when they have an exam.

\*Students will be expected to be at school at regular start time (8:35 a.m.) for all exams.

Date	Exam	Time	Room #
<b>Monday May 13</b>	Grade 9 ELA PAT - Part A	8:40 AM–11 AM (up to double time if needed)	189
<b>Tuesday June 11</b>	English 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam Part A	8:40 AM–12 PM (up to double time if needed)	192
<b>Wednesday June 12</b>	Grade 9 ELA PAT - Part B	8:40 AM–10:15 AM (up to double time if needed)	189
	Social 30-2 Diploma Exam Part A ( <i>Career High Students</i> )	8:40 AM–12 PM (up to double time if needed)	
<b>Thursday June 13</b>	Grade 9 Math PAT - Part A	8:40 AM–9:30 AM (up to double time if needed)	192
<b>Monday June 17</b>	Math 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam	8:40 AM–12 PM (up to double time if needed)	193
<b>Tuesday June 18</b>	English 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam Part B	8:40 AM–12 PM (up to double time if needed)	120
	Grade 9 Math PAT - Part B	8:40 AM–10:20 AM (up to double time if needed)	192
<b>Wednesday June 19</b>	Grade 9 Social Studies PAT	8:40 AM–10:20 AM (up to double time if needed)	120
	Social 30-2 Diploma Exam Part B ( <i>Career High Students</i> )	8:40 AM–11:30 AM (up to double time if needed)	
	Science 14	9:55 (focus)	111
<b>EXAM WEEK (JUNE 20-27)</b>			
<b>*DURING EXAM WEEK GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS ARE ONLY EXPECTED TO COME TO SCHOOL WHEN THEY HAVE AN EXAM*</b>			
<b>Thursday June 20</b>	Science 10	8:40 AM - 12 PM	192
	Math 20-1/20-2	8:40 AM - 12 PM	193
	Science 24	8:40 AM - 12 PM	111
<b>Friday June 21</b>	<i>National Indigenous People's Day (no high school exams)</i>		
<b>Monday June 24</b>	Social 10-1/10-2	8:40 AM–12 PM	120
<b>Tuesday June 25</b>	Physics 30 Diploma Exam ( <b>Grade 11 &amp; 12</b> )	8:40 AM–12 PM (up to double time if needed)	192
<b>Wednesday June 26</b>	SS 20-1 SS-20-2	8:40 AM - 12 PM	120 184

## Literacy Corner

The next two weeks are full of field trips to enjoy everyone's accomplishments over the year. Time to celebrate with new adventures!

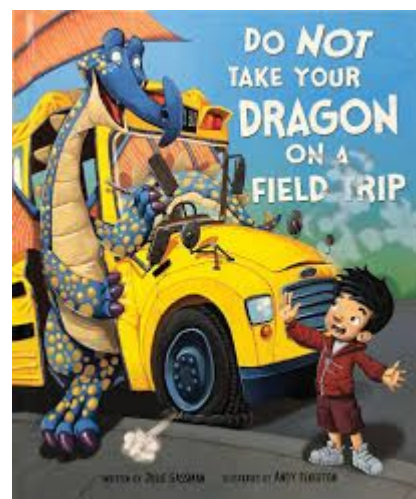


***It's a Field Trip, Busy Bus!*** by Jody Jensen Shaffer

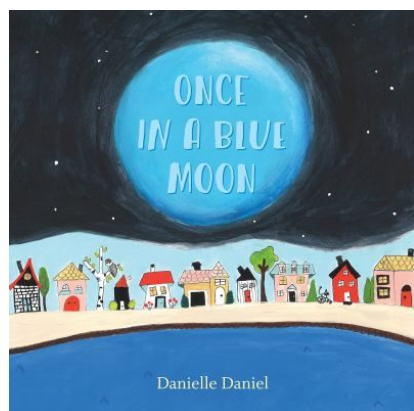
Today is Busy Bus's very first field trip! He takes the children to a fire house, where they meet Engine Four, a big, shiny, red firetruck. Engine Four has a hose to put out fires, a ladder to reach tall buildings, and a loud and impressive siren. Busy Bus has none of these things. Will the children still like him? This darling picture book offers a gentle exploration of jealousy and a reminder that we each have our own unique talents that make us special.

***Do Not Take Your Dragon on a Field Trip*** by Julie Gassman

Things really heat up when you bring your dragon on a field trip to the fire station. Between the bus ride and rules and the fire trucks and hoses, there are a lot of things that could go wrong. Stop, drop, and roll into this humorous picture book by Julie Gassman.



## Indigenous Education



***Once in a Blue Moon*** by Daniel, Danielle

Inspired by the expression "once in a blue moon," Danielle Daniel has created a book of short poems, each one describing a rare or special experience that turns an ordinary day into a memorable one. She describes the thrill of seeing a double rainbow, the Northern Lights or a shooting star as well as quieter pleasures such as spotting a turtle basking in the sun or a family of ducks waddling across the road.

## **Child Mind Institute** (<https://childmind.org/about-us/>)

This website is dedicated to transforming the lives of children and families struggling with mental health and learning disorders by giving them the help they need. They are the leading independent nonprofit in children's mental health by providing gold-standard evidence-based care, delivering educational resources to millions of families each year, training educators in underserved communities, and developing tomorrow's breakthrough treatments.



Here are just a few of the Articles (Links) that you might be interested in:

[How to Keep Kids Reading This Summer](#)

[Tips for Helping Anxious Kids Enjoy Summer Camp](#)

[Summer Success Kit for Kids with ADHD](#)

[Tips for Travelling with Challenging Children](#)

[Strategies for a Successful Summer Break](#)

[How to Talk to Kids about Sexting](#)

[Preparing for College Emotionally, not just Academically](#)

[Supporting Kids During a Divorce](#)





# MY END OF SCHOOL YEAR



MY FRIENDS

REVIEW

NEXT YEAR I WILL...

Draw or glue a picture from your school year.

MY TEACHERS

MY SUMMER GOALS:

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE THE YEAR

STRUGGLES:

WINS:



I AM \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OLD

**BOWDEN JUNGLE JUNCTION**

# Before/After School Care

May 2024



**\*\*Full Day Care offered (in Olds) on May 3rd and 17th. Please contact Ashley for more info.**

To Register, contact Ashley:  
(403) 559- 4884  
ashleybgcolds@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 Wednesdays for our **Plants Club**, where we will learn all about plants and grow some of our own!

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 Ashley if interested.

## Check out our Instagram Page!

@junglejunctionbowden



# BOWDEN PLAY & LEARN REGISTRATION

## OPEN REGISTRATION

September or January Start

2024/2025

Non-Refundable \$30.00  
Registration Fee Due with  
Application  
\$5.00/month or  
\$50.00/year\*

Tuesday & Thursday  
Mornings 8:30 - 11:00  
or  
Afternoons 12:30- 3:00

Children must be 3 at  
school start date and  
fully potty trained to join  
our classroom



### MORE INFO:

 403-357-7841 (Shayla)

 bowdenplayandlearn@gmail.com  
(Lisa)

\*\*\* Subject to Change  
New Board Members Needed