

WAINWRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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September has come and gone, and although we are blessed with beautiful warm days, the nights are becoming cooler and there are hints of frost in the morning dew.

Seeing the daylight dwindle can be hard for us, as we shift away from the Summer warmth and towards Winter's cold. But here, at school, the shift in the season brings light to the fact that we have another nine months to make count. Every day gives us another chance to take on new challenges.

Let's embrace the change in the season and enjoy the opportunities that it brings.



KEY DATES

October 7th - B.O.S.S Day

October 8th - No School
for Students

October 11th -
Thanksgiving Day

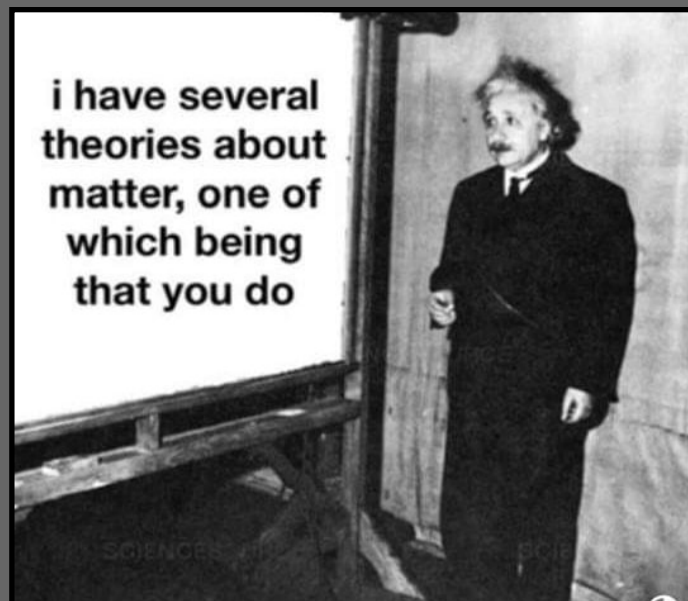
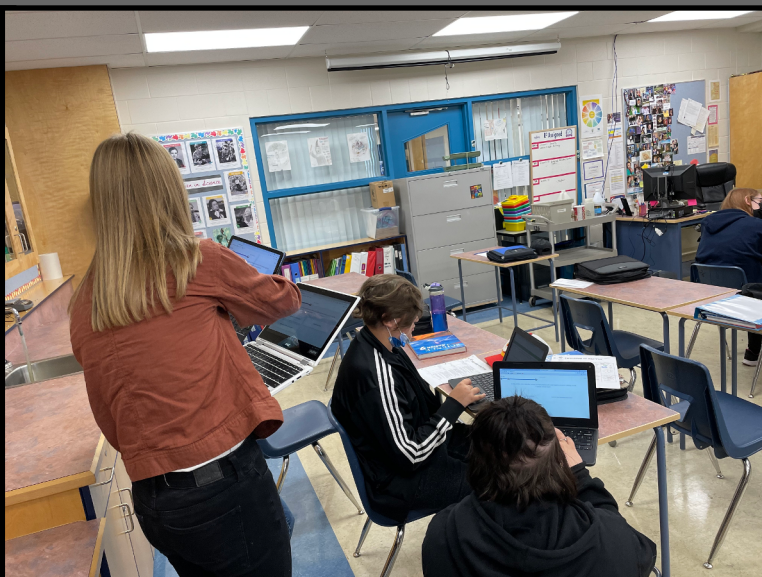
October 13th - Picture
Day

October 22nd - No School
for Students

Grade 9 Science with Mrs. Waddell.

Group work matters!

- Students completed a team Quizizz to practice their learning on theories of matter.



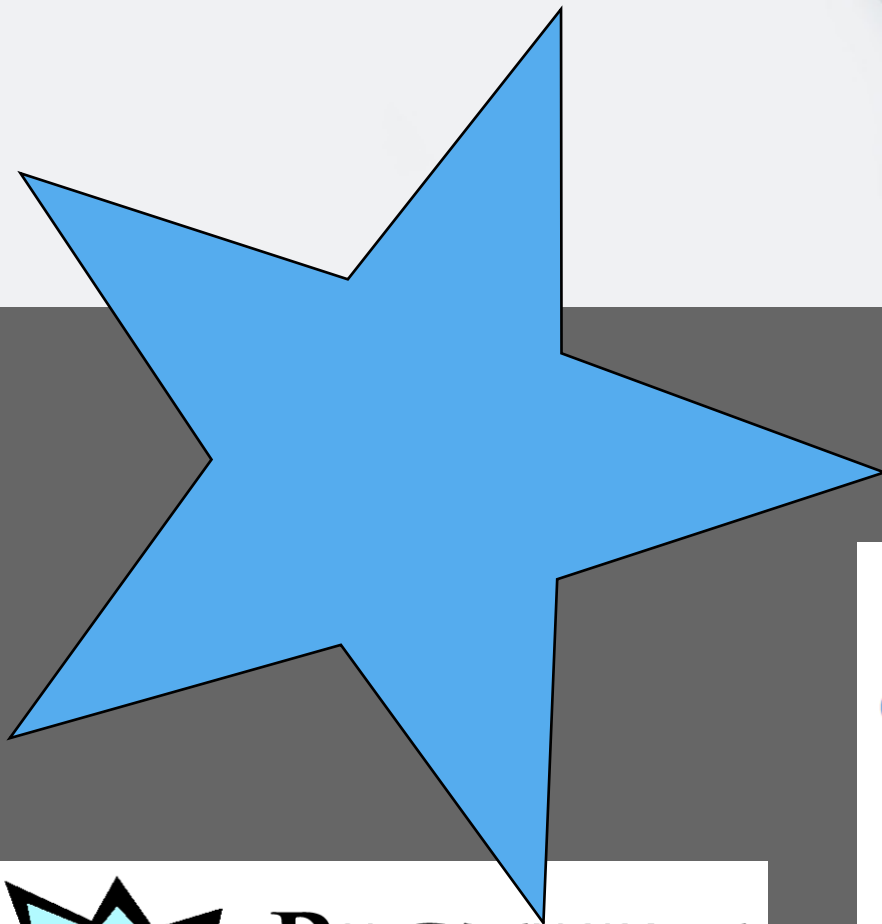
Grade 9 Maker Space with Ms. Boxell.

- Students recovered the benches for our common areas.



Picture Day is Coming!

Find your Picture Day



PICTURE DAY

Order Your School Pictures

Enter Picture Day ID or Portrait ID
from your order form.

SHOP NOW

[Where to find your ID](#)

WHS honours National Truth and Reconciliation Day: Sept 30th



Sept 30th marked the first National day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, and BTPS spent the day in reflection and learning to honour one of the 94 Calls to Action.

The following excerpt has been taken from the Canada Council for the Arts website at: <https://canadacouncil.ca/spotlight/2021/09/the-national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation>.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will mean different things to different people, though we will be united in the act of reflection. This is an important moment to honour the memories of survivors, who were harmed by horrendous abuses at residential schools, and their families, who have suffered intergenerational traumas. This is also a time to commemorate those who did not survive. For all of us, it will be difficult to acknowledge and sit with the truths of the past and its enduring impact on our society.

Katrin Heim led the BTPS learning services team in organizing a day filled with teacher supports as well as live presenters to facilitate learning for our students and staff alike.



Personal Land Acknowledgments

This session covered some Indigenous history about how Indigenous people acknowledged the land through Kinship beliefs and teachings. Kevin John shared why Land Acknowledgements are important today, including what this means for individuals involved and what it means for Indigenous people.

We ended our session by offering students the opportunity to write their own Land Acknowledgements.

Here are a few.

Session notes taken from the program created by BTPS.



My Land Acknowledgment is that
We are always shape things this this land
and we remember what it looked like
before we shape shifted this land and
there won't be any schools that force
indians or anyone to go to a school
that they don't want to go and that they
can actually see their parents.

I acknowledge that Canada had a
very dark time in its history where,
indigenous people were not seen as real
people, and kids were taken away
from their families and most never returned.
I also acknowledge that I do not
know much about Treaty 6.

I acknowledge that I do not know
enough about this topic. I acknowledge
that every one from all over the world
should know more about this awful thing.
I hope that the indigenous people get
the acknowledgement and justice they deserve.
I hope that everyone should recognize
indigenous people as regular and
normal humans that are worth just
as much as anybody.

I acknowledge the the First Nation people
were here long before anyone else.
I acknowledge that things had happened in
the past that we can't change but
can make sure it don't happen in
the future.

Presenters and Key Note Speaker

Sam Demma



During a lack of hope and motivation, Sam consistently reminded himself of the lesson taught by Michael Loudfoot, his grade 12 world issues teacher - "Small Consistent Actions lead to Massive Global Changes." Sam's experiment with his theory all started with...garbage. At the age of 17, he co-founded PickWaste, a grassroots initiative that brings people together to pick up trash in their communities. That experience confirmed to him how small actions can have a big impact, and he lives that message in all he does. This memorable speech called on students to

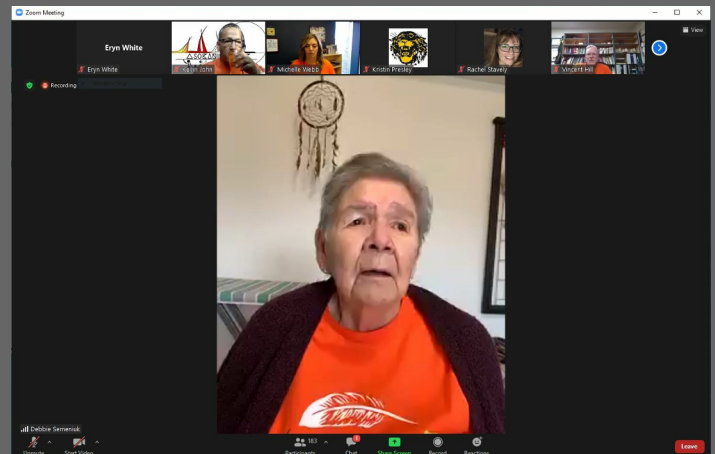
re-ignite hope, inspire service to others and help them find their own Small Consistent Actions of truth and reconciliation. Sam told a story about gifting a friend a meal, a taco, which had a profound impact on them. He challenged us to "Be Someone's Taco".

Kohkum Helen John, Debbie Semeniuk and Kevin John

Elder Helen John was born on Onion Lake Cree Nation in December of 1938. As a wife mother to 8 Children, and a Residential School survivor, Kohkum Helen has persevered through much to enjoy the success she lives with today.

For the first time ever, Elder Helen John shared publicly about her life's experiences as a Residential School survivor, as an example of Indigenous Resilience and Success, and celebration of Indigenous brilliance. This powerful and moving presentation modelled the importance of confronting the past .

Session notes taken from the agenda created by BTPS.





Here are the **OFFICIAL** results of Buffalo Trail Public Schools Candidates for Election and Acclamations from the 2021 Election Nomination Day.

Ward 1 (Minburn/Innisfree/Mannville and area);

Rose Gorniak
Kara Jackson
Elizabeth Myhovich

Ward 2 (Provost/Amisk/Hughenden and area)

Barry Livingston
Emily Rennie

Ward 3

Electoral Subdivision #1 (Town of Wainwright)

Stephanie Cooper (Acclaimed)

Electoral Subdivision #2 (Chauvin/Edgerton)

Stephanie Spornitz (Acclaimed)

Electoral Subdivision # 3 (Irma)

Stephanie Evans
Tanya Ford

Ward 4 (formerly County of Vermilion River);

Electoral Subdivision #1 (Town of Vermilion)

Nicole Hauck
Bruce Marriott
Marty Pawlak
Darla Rae Yonkman

Electoral Subdivision #2 (Rural Vermilion)

Jim King
Kathy Nelson

Electoral Subdivision #3 (Kitscoty/PV and area)

Kayti Jayne Eldridge
Jessica Kaastrup

Electoral Subdivision #4 (Dewberry/Marwayne and area)

David Bensmiller
Cameron John Stevenson

FIRE DRILLS

lights on, doors closed, and
unlocked



Fire drill procedures:

- Fire alarm is sounded
- Exit with your group and teacher through the assigned evacuation exits OR the closest SAFEST exit.
- Go to your assigned muster point. Stay in your group with your teacher until the drill is over.
- If you are not in the building when the fire alarm sounds, go to the Visitor Parking lot (south side of the gym entrance).



LOCK DOWN DRILLS

lights off, doors closed and locked

Lock down procedures:

- A voice/alarm indicating "Emergency lock down NOW" is sounded
- All students are to go to the closest classroom with a teacher present
- Keep out of sight of windows, take cover under desks and remain on the floor until further instructions are given or drill is over.
- Students/staff not in the building when the alarm is sounded are to go to the Wainwright Health Center and remain in the main entrance foyer until the drill is over, (School will contact the Hospital).

SCHOOL EVACUATIONS



Should we need to evacuate:

- Announcement will be made that we are going into a FULL School Evacuation.
- Same evacuation procedures for fire are to be followed. The exception is that all students and staff are to go to their Muster Points and then walk to the Communiplex. Proceed to the hall #1 and wait for further instruction.



wainwrightonwellness



[Wainwright on Wellness](#)



[Wainwright on Wellness Facebook - Home](#)



[Wainwright on Wellness Instagram - Home](#)

Wainwright on Wellness (WOW) is a program funded by Alberta Services as part of the *Mental Health Capacity Building Initiative (MHCB)* to provide programming and support to students, schools, families and communities in building their mental health and wellness capacity.

Please click on above links for additional online prevention and promotion support

School Council Dates

Please join us **VIRTUALLY** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month!

For more information, please contact Jason Dahlgren, School Council President at councilwhs@gmail.com



Habitat's affordable home ownership program

Would you like to become a homeowner in Wainwright?

Your family may qualify if...

- Your annual gross income is between \$35,000 and \$65,000
- You have children under the age of 18 living at home
- You are willing to volunteer 500 hours
- You are a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

For more information, please contact Carley at (780) 842-3381.

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2021-2022 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
	Celebration Day
	Convention / ATA PL Day
	First Student Day of Semester

The first day for students is **September 1, 2021**. **February 2, 2022** is the first day of Term 2. **June 29, 2022** 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 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 the diploma marks are due to Alberta Ed. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur.

The 2021-2022 school calendar provides for instructional time for students that exceeds the requirements set by Alberta Education for instructional hours at the Grade 1-9 levels of 950 hours and at the Grade 10-12 levels for 1000 hours. The total student days in this year's calendar equals 181 days.

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DATES

August 2	Heritage Day
August 26	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 27	BTPS Learning Day
August 30	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 31	School Based PL
September 6	Labour Day
October 8	Celebration Day
October 11	Thanksgiving Day
October 22	School Based PL & Support Staff PL
November 8	School Based PL
November 9	ATA Professional
November 10	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)

Dec 20 - 31	Christmas Break
January 31	Self Directed Teacher Day
February 1	School Based PL
February 17 & 18	ATA Teachers' Convention
February 21	Family Day
March 4	BTPS Learning Day
April 15	Good Friday
April 18 - 22	Easter Break
May 6	School Based PL
May 19	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
May 20	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)
May 23	Victoria Day
June 30	Self Directed Teacher Day

** Central Office Closure will be July 18th - July 29th, 2022

Student Learning

Ministerial Order

Students will gain the knowledge and skills to form the foundations for successful and fulfilling lives, and make meaningful contributions to their communities and the world.

Bufalo Trail Public Schools

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Wainwright High School

Inspiring Success... Everyway, Everyday.

RESPECT

Respect is an attitude of honouring ourselves and others as people of value. We care for each person's dignity. Everyone has the right to expect respect. We show respect in the courtesy of our words, and in our tone of voice. We are all exquisitely sensitive to respect. When we treat others as we would like to be treated, we raise the level of trust and peace in our relationships.

~From the Virtues Project~

WHAT'S NEW AT WHS?



Shanna McCutcheon is joining us temporarily as a co-teacher in Math 7 and 8 and leading Film Studies 7.

She is excited to join WHS and is looking forward to getting to know students. Be sure to reach out and make her feel welcomed!

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