



BAKKEN ELEMENTARY WILDCATS

January 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 1 New Year's Day-
NO SCHOOL

Jan. 4 First Day of School
After Winter Break

Jan. 6 Early Release 2 PM
Report Cards
Available

Jan. 18 Martin Luther King
Day—NO SCHOOL

Jan. 19 NWEA Testing
Begins



From the Principal's Desk . . .

Happy New Year Bakken Families!!

2020 couldn't end soon enough! I hope all of you had a happy and safe holiday season. With every new year that comes, there is always an excitement of what will come. The first half of the school year went great! With all that we were faced with, I was so proud of our staff and students for charging through! I am excited to get the new year going!

As we begin the month of January, we are going to begin working with our students on data (sounds exciting, right??)! This month we will be doing a winter benchmark assessment with NWEA Map. Not only will we be doing this assessment, but we will be reviewing over with our students their own personal data as it relates to this assessment. We take the MAP test 3 times a year, in the fall, winter and spring. This assessment helps us to review the progress of our students throughout the school year in reading, math and science.

In the past, we never really took the time to do a data review with the students. Our staff has had training in goal setting with our students, so we will be working to create and set goals of achievement for each of our students. Our goal is to give the students a sense of pride in themselves, but also a challenge for them to push themselves to do the best that they can. Throughout the rest of the school year, we will review over our winter benchmark data, and do the same with our students as we approach the spring assessment.

This month, our administrative team will also be looking at our future COVID plans. At this time, Bakken students attend 4 days a week. We will be meeting early in January to look at two options: bringing our students back full time on Friday's, or providing an intervention day for students who are missing work or need help on Friday's. We feel that our students and staff have done a great job of navigating the COVID restrictions put in place for us, and we feel that the best place for our students is in school! We will continue to work hard to ensure that our doors stay open, no matter what, so we can provide a solid education for our students.

Here's to the New Year!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mehlhoff, Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

Check out our Bakken Character Parade at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMkObR4-Fg8&t=7s>.

For our Hour of Code Week celebrated the second week in December, students worked in groups to design and create a book character float. They also used a Sphero RVR and coded the RVR through the parade route set up in the library. Students worked so hard on their floats and the parade turned out great!

Battle of the Books is coming up soon! If your child is participating, please make sure they are reading our books from our battle list so they can be ready to compete at the end of January. If your child has any library books currently checked out, please make sure they return them when they are finished.

Mrs. Mehlhoff
Mrs. Nygaard



STUDENT OF THE MONTH



We are pleased to be honoring a boy and girl “Student of the Month” from each team. These students will be featured in upcoming issues of the Bakken newsletter. **Congratulations** to these **December** honorees!

Comets

Nicholas Bender
Sierra Walters

Mystics

Mace Mireles
Aubrie Kersting

Tetons

Diego Vizcaya
Karsyn Nygaard

Bluehawks

Aaron Osei
Samuel Johnson
Allison Wilcox

Marauders

Damian Termine
Madison Gobler



CITIZENSHIP

We are off to a terrific start with “**Citizenship Tickets**” this year! There are many being issued each and every day as positive behavior rewards for our students again this year. When students are caught doing a good deed, showing kindness, being helpful to others, or any way of being kind, they are given a ticket to put their name/grade on and all the tickets are put into a drawing. Each time a student turns in a Citizenship Ticket, they receive a small prize. We will draw 4 winners each Friday—two 5th grade/two 6th grade—and those students will receive a DQ gift card!





ELL/ESL

I can't believe the New Year is already here. I sure hope 2021 goes a little smoother than 2020 did.

The ACCESS test is coming this month. Parents please make sure that your students are in attendance every day. Students should eat a good breakfast and get plenty of rest. This test measures their English language development and it is the way students are able to demonstrate proficiency in order to 'graduate' out of ESL class. Encourage your child to do their very best. Thanks for all of your support in Education.

Mrs. Brurud

MUSIC NEWS

Miller Musicians of the Month:

Julie Kloos
Hannah Jenkins
Vince McLean
Jeremy Marks
Cameron Hampton
Leo Kendor
Travis Brooks
Fafafe Donkor
Kylee Harris
Ricardo Diaz-Renteria
Charley Clark
Max Regalado Malagon

Dovichin Musicians of the Month:

Dominic Concha
Miles Flannery Frye
Destiny Crawford
Phoenix Nebeker
Roan Parson
Isla Gilbertson
Elijah Weckwerth
Zuri Aikman
Katelynn Hanig

CHOIR!

Is your child interested in singing in a group? If so, have them sign up for an Activity Time Choir! For more information, check your students' music section of Google Classroom. There is an announcement on the stream along with a sign-up link! If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Miller at brianna.miller@willistonschools.org.



MEDICATION

Non-prescription medication (over the counter medications) such as acetaminophen, cough syrup, tums, etc.) will be administered according to the manufacturer's recommendation as written on the package. In addition, a completed Over the Counter (OTC) Medication Authorization form, (W16) must be signed by parent/legal guardian. If written consent is not available, a verbal consent will be allowed in certain individual circumstances. If preferred, parents can bring in their own OTC medication labeled with the student's name and dosage and we will keep it to distribute to student when necessary.

MENU

Breakfast and lunch have separate menus as a result of the nutrition information that is now being provided for each meal. The Bakken menus can be accessed on the Williston Schools website. Go to

www.willistonschools.org › Schools › Elementary School › Bakken › Food Services (in the orange box on the right side). We also have printed copies of the monthly menus outside our front office. **NOTE: Breakfast and Lunch meals are provided FREE of charge through December 2020.**





Just a reminder that any kind of treat brought in to the school for a school party has to be **PREPACKAGED AND INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED.**

Reminder: The 1st Wednesday of every month is an early release. Students are released at 2:00 PM on those days. Please make arrangements for your child(ren) to be picked up at 2:00 on the 1st Wednesday of every month. The dates are as follows:

November 4
March 3

December 2
April 7

January 6
May 5

February 3

School Messenger is a really amazing tool we have for entering an upcoming absence for your student(s). We encourage all our parents to set up an account in School Messenger or download the app on your phone. The important thing to remember when setting this up is you **MUST** use an email address that we have on file in your child's PowerSchool at school. Not your Parent Portal login but an email that you listed for us to get ahold of you by email with important information about your child. If you have any questions or are struggling with how to use School Messenger, go to this website:

Resource Central for you to go to: <http://resourcecentral.schoolmessenger.com>
Support Information: 1-800-920-3897 support@schoolmessenger.com

School Messenger is what WPSD#1 has chosen to use as the way of getting important information out to our students and families.

With the cold weather fast approaching, kids are less likely to be walking or riding bike to and from school. We ask that parents either pick up their child(ren) or make arrangements for someone to pick them up in a timely manner. School is released at 3:03 p.m. and students need to be picked up as close to that time as possible. Our main office closes at 4:00 and we have several students that are not being picked up before that time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Store! Did you know that Bakken Elementary has a school store?? Families and students, if you are in need of any clothing or winter gear for students of all ages, please let Mrs. Storbakken know! We have an abundance of shirts, pants, socks, underwear, coats, and even snow pants and shoes for both males and females that you may come check out and take for your families. We want all our families staying warm on these cold days in North Dakota!





The Teton team correlated the community service project "Fill the Sleigh" with Williams County Social Services. The project was a challenge to all Bakken Elementary School students to bring new or gently used stuffed animals and toys. We started this project on November 30th and completed it on December 16th. Our students and staff were very helpful in assisting in this and our sleigh was overflowing with donations. Thank you to all that provided a donation on this project.



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Food Services > Click on the link for your
school menu.

Williston Public Schools
2021
January
Bakken School Menu

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Breakfast Available Each Day: Choice of Hot Entrée or Cereal & Toast Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk</p> <p>Extra Milk \$.50 Adult \$2.50</p>	<p>Lunch Available Each Day: Choice of Entrée Salad Bar (Includes Fresh Veggies, Fresh and Canned Fruit) Chocolate Skim or 1% Milk</p> <p>Extra Milk \$.50 Adult \$3.75</p>			<p>No School New Year's Day</p>
4 <p>Breakfast Breakfast Corn Dog*</p> <p>Lunch Meatballs & Dinner Roll Breaded Chicken Drumstick</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit & Vegetable</p>	5 <p>Breakfast Scrambled Eggs & Toast</p> <p>Lunch Sloppy Joe Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>French Fries Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Clementine</p>	6 <p>Breakfast Dutch Waffle</p> <p>Lunch Mini Corn Dogs Chicken Strips & Breadstick</p> <p>Baked Beans Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Apple Slices</p>	7 <p>Breakfast Breakfast Sandwich*</p> <p>Lunch Turkey Tidbits over Pasta Chili Crisпитos</p> <p>Green Beans Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Carroteenies</p>	8 <p>Breakfast Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Lunch Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p>Fruit & Vegetable</p>
11 <p>Breakfast Whole Grain Long John</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Nuggets & Dinner Roll Beef Fiesta Pizza</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit & Vegetable</p>	12 <p>Breakfast Cheese Omelet & Toast</p> <p>Lunch Chili & Cinnamon Roll Pizza*</p> <p>Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Sugar Snap Peas</p>	13 <p>Breakfast Banana Bread & Yogurt</p> <p>Lunch Hamburger on a Bun Ham & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Potato Smiles Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Grape Giggles</p>	14 <p>Breakfast Cinnamon Roll</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Pot Pie over a Biscuit Chicken & Cheese Taquitos</p> <p>Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Banana</p>	15 <p>Breakfast Breakfast Corn Dog*</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheese Breadsticks with Marinara</p> <p>Green Beans Fruit & Vegetable</p>
18 <p>No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	19 <p>Breakfast Mini Pancakes</p> <p>Lunch Pasta & Meat Sauce Corn Dog</p> <p>Corn Fruit & Vegetable Garlic Toast</p> <p>FFVP Apple Slices</p>	20 <p>Breakfast Blueberry Muffin & String Cheese</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Teriyaki over Rice Italian Chicken Sandwich</p> <p>Peas Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Pineapple Chunk</p>	21 <p>Breakfast Breakfast Sandwich*</p> <p>Lunch BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich* BBQ Boneless Wings</p> <p>French Fries Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Carroteenies</p>	22 <p>Breakfast Scrambled Eggs & Toast</p> <p>Lunch Sub Sandwich</p> <p>Fruit & Vegetable</p>
25 <p>Breakfast Mini Pancake Wraps</p> <p>Lunch Chili Crisпитos Cheeseburger Meatloaf Sandwich</p> <p>Glazed Carrots Fruit & Vegetable</p>	26 <p>Breakfast Cheese Omelet & Toast</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Rice Hotdish Pizza*</p> <p>Green Beans Fruit & Vegetable Dinner Roll FFVP Jicama Sticks</p>	27 <p>Breakfast Chocolate Chip Muffin & Yogurt</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Strips & Breadstick Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Banana</p>	28 <p>Breakfast Fruit and Yogurt Parfait</p> <p>Lunch Taco in a Bag Bagel & Yogurt</p> <p>Corn Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Apple Slices</p>	29 <p>Breakfast Mini Pancakes</p> <p>Lunch Hamburger on a Bun Beef Burrito</p> <p>Peas Fruit & Vegetable</p>

Starred (*) Items on menu contain Pork

This menu is subject to change due to availability.