



BAKKEN ELEMENTARY WILDCATS

November 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 4 Early Release 2 pm

Nov. 11 Veterans' Day
No School

Nov. 17 Midterms

Nov. 18 Flu Shot Session
1:00 – 3:30 pm

Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving
Break-No School



From the Principal's Desk . . .

Hello Bakken Families,

What a start to the school year! So far, we have students and staff working online with each other, students in the building full time, students and staff quarantining, and P/T conferences done virtually for the first time ever! Even with everything that is going on, the important thing is we are still in school!!



I want to take a minute to thank all of our families for your support of Bakken Elementary. I know the move to masks was not ideal, but our families have been so supportive of this, and our students have done great! Parental support is a big reason our school year is off and running as it is, we couldn't be happier with things to this point. I also want to thank parents for your support with our fall fundraiser. We have been able to add so many great things to our classrooms and building due to this fundraiser.

The month of November is upon us, which means colder weather and Thanksgiving. One big event coming up for us will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 18. The Upper Missouri

District Health Unit will be holding a flu shot session at Bakken from 1:00 to 3:30. All families should have received an email with information about this. There are some forms that you will need to sign if you wish to have your child receive a flu shot. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

November is also the month for Thanksgiving. As a District, we are working with our students on things to help with their social emotional learning (SEL). The word for the month for November is gratitude. We will be talking with our students about gratitude, how it makes us feel, how we can express it, and more.

I wish you all the best as we move forward with the school year. I hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy!

Jeremy Mehlhoff, Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to those who purchased from our Scholastic Book Fair! Your purchases will help to build our library and makerspace.

Battle of the Books reading has begun! Please check out the Bakken Library website for more information.

Other fun library news--Some of our teams have been learning about 3-D printing and how it works. They even get to design and print their own keychain! Sixth graders are using Spheros to "act" like a water droplet in the water cycle.

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 **October** honorees!

Comets

Elijah Johnson
Grace Petit

Mystics

Connor Melby
Peysan Dickson

Tetons

Hunter Daniels
Emily Radovich

Bluehawks

Edgar Prado Longoria
Breckynn Ehrlich

Marauders

Jiahs Moore
Raegan Martinez



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!



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.**



ELL/ESL

Happy Fall! It is crazy to think we are already hitting November. In class, we are working hard on writing great sentences and paragraphs. Students are learning that there is a lot to learn to be able to write well. Please keep on working hard!

Reminder: Daily work is due every day. Late work will be docked points.

MUSIC NEWS



Miller Musicians of the Month:

Raegan Martinez
Andie Aragon
Gylanna Hargrove
Jacob Grunenwald
Gabriel Hickel
Kieyvyn Waggoner
Sofia Schroeder
Pauline Co
Sofia Rice
Logan Yttredahl
Bentley Cartwright

Dovichin Musicians of the Month:

Parker Lantz
Layla Schwettman
Alexis Hanson
Jaxson Cowan
Olivia Gratz
Britany Ayala
Massa Euodia Kpan
Aaron Osei
Allison Wilcox
Gracie Ann Fahnbulleh

WILDCAT BAND



Hello Wildcat Band Family! We are off and running with our instruments and have really worked hard on our first three notes. We have officially learned 6 notes and now we are setting our goal to be done with our "Beginning Band Packet" by the 2nd week of November so we can start incorporating our books in class. Students have been asked to make a practice schedule so they can make time to practice at home. My classroom is open during activity time and after school for any student wishing to use that time to practice or seek extra help. Students should be practicing 10-20 minutes every day or 20-30 minutes two to three days a week. It is so important they take the time to hone in those skills in reading music and hearing the correct pitches. Ask your child what they are working on in band and have them teach you!

Our first concert is Tuesday, December 3rd and, due to Covid-19, we want to keep our band family safe by doing a fun virtual concert. I will be recording all the things we have learned in band the week prior to our concert and your kiddos will give you a "tour" of life in the band room and show off our progress. The concert will go live at 3:00 PM via YouTube in a private link, meaning, only those who have the link can view the concert. I am so excited to do something different and be able to give every class a "show off" moment for all of you!

FERPA AND CONCERTS: If you selected "NO" on the FERPA agreement, it means we cannot release certain things and that includes some things for our concert, like speaking parts and a video of a child saying their parts for the concert. If you or your band kiddo are interested in a speaking part or would like to be seen in the video, please contact Mrs. Stepan (bridget.stepan@willistonschools.org) to say "yes to concert video." If you still want "no" on FERPA, please state that as well.

All info about the band room, concert, concert dress and so on will come out 2 weeks prior to the concert. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Stepan.

Mrs. Bridget Stepan
6th Grade Beginning Band Director





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!



Our **Mystics** SEL classes wanted to do a project for compassion. A **TOP 5 DRIVE** is where we get the top 5 things our local food Pantry (Salvation Army) needs for food and the top 5 things they need for hygiene. We did research to find out what these items were and came up with our list. We took our proposal to Mr. Mehlhoff and he gave us

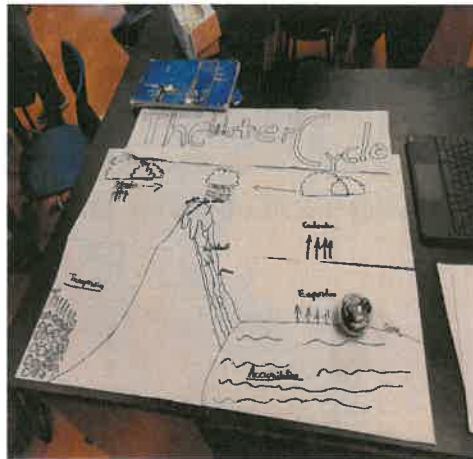
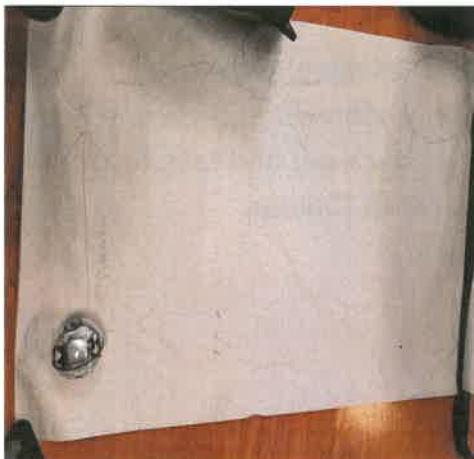
his approval. This project will be for the whole school and we hope to have all items collected and be able to deliver them before Thanksgiving. This **TOP 5 DRIVE** will start on Monday, Nov. 9th. Our list of food donation and a hygiene donation for each day of the week is as follows:

- Monday:** Canned Meat and Soap
- Tuesday:** Canned Vegetables/Soups and Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Wednesday:** Canned Fruit and Deodorant
- Thursday:** Cereal and Hand Sanitizer
- Friday:** Pasta and Sanitizing Wipes

However, if you are unable to make it on a specific day, we will gladly take your donations whenever you are able to get them to the school. We hope that you can help make this a successful Top 5 Drive for our local community.



Team **Bluehawks** are working on the Water Cycle in Clark's science class. They are programming spheros to act as water droplets following the water cycle! Students had to add animations, sounds and light effects to their spheros along with mapping out the water cycle and having their sphero follow the correct paths.



View Menus at MealViewer on
your Desktop
Go to www.willistonschools.org > About >
Food Services > Click on the link for your
school menu.

Williston Public Schools
2020

November

Download the MealViewer App
View your school's menu on your phone.
Download at the Apple App Store
or
Google Play

Bakken School Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p>Breakfast Whole Grain Long John</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Nuggets & Dinner Roll Salisbury Steak</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit & Vegetable</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Breakfast Cinnamon Roll</p> <p>Lunch Pasta & Meat Sauce Pizza*</p> <p>Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Vegetable Garlic Toast</p> <p>FFVP Watermelon</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Breakfast Banana Bread & Yogurt</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Patty on a Bun Ham & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Green Beans Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Grape Giggles</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Breakfast Cheese Omelet & Toast</p> <p>Lunch Taco in a Bag Chicken & Cheese Taquitos</p> <p>Fiesta Black Beans Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Carroteenies</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Breakfast Breakfast Corn Dog*</p> <p>Lunch Hamburger on a Bun Cheese Breadsticks with Marinara</p> <p>Potato Smiles Fruit & Vegetable</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Breakfast Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Lunch Turkey Tidbits over Rotini Pasta Mini Pancake Wraps</p> <p>Peas Fruit & Vegetable</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Breakfast Mini Pancakes</p> <p>Lunch Breaded Chicken Drumstick & Roll Corn Dog</p> <p>Baked Beans Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Pineapple Chunks</p>	<p>11</p> <p>No School Veteran's Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Breakfast Breakfast Sandwich*</p> <p>Lunch Cheese Pizza BBQ Boneless Wings</p> <p>Peas & Carrots Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Apple Slices</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Breakfast Scrambled Eggs & Toast</p> <p>Lunch BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich* Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice</p> <p>French Fries Fruit & Vegetable</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Breakfast Mini Pancake Wraps</p> <p>Lunch Chili Crisпитos Ham & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Glazed Carrots Fruit & Vegetable</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Breakfast Cheese Omelet & Toast</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Taco Pizza*</p> <p>Texas Ranchero Beans Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Strawberries</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Breakfast Chocolate Chip Muffin & Yogurt</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Strips & Breadstick Sub Sandwich</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Banana</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Breakfast Fruit and Yogurt Parfait</p> <p>Lunch Garlic Cheese Bread Bagel & Yogurt</p> <p>Corn Fruit & Vegetable</p> <p>FFVP Apple Slices</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Breakfast Mini Pancakes</p> <p>Lunch Hot Dog on a Bun Beef Burrito</p> <p>Baked Beans Fruit & Vegetable</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Breakfast Breakfast Corn Dog*</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Fries Cheese Quesadilla</p> <p>Cheesy Potatoes Fruit & Vegetable Dinner Roll</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Breakfast Scrambled Eggs & Toast</p> <p>Lunch Sloppy Joe Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>French Fries Fruit & Vegetable</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No School Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No School Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>27</p> <p>No School Thanksgiving Break</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Breakfast Whole Grain Long John</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Nuggets & Dinner Roll Pizza*</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit & Vegetable</p>			<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>

Starred (*) Items on menu contain Pork

This menu is subject to change due to availability.

