



# BAKKEN ELEMENTARY WILDCATS

**October 2020**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 2 K-8 Virtual Student  
Picture Day @ Bakken
- Oct. 7 Early Release 2 pm
- Oct. 8 Cookie Dough  
Fundraiser Kickoff
- Oct. 12-16 Homecoming
- Oct. 20 Lifetouch Picture  
Day
- Oct. 22-23 Fall Break  
**NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 20 & 27 PT Conferences  
(Virtually)
- Oct. 26-30 Red Ribbon  
Dress Up Week
- Oct. 31 Halloween  
**Turn Clocks Back!**



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## *From the Principal's Desk . . .*

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Hello Bakken Families,

Is anyone else wondering just how fast October got here??? I want to begin this letter by telling you how excited we are to have our students back in the building! After the way last year ended, the last thing we wanted to do is have to start the year with everyone online. I know COVID has been hanging on, and it has changed the way we have to do things, but having the students in the building has been so refreshing, and a step back toward normalcy.



To our parents, I want to thank all of you for your amazing support! I know that the COVID pandemic has created strong divisions across the board, and as a District and building, we are doing our best to navigate the waters in the best manner we can, with respect for everyone. Having the support of our parents is a blessing that helps with these trying times. No matter what is going on in our world, our main focus is, and always will be, our students and what is best for them. I often worry about our students' emotional health during this trying time, and we are doing everything we can as a staff to help build connections with our students and keep things positive. I hope your child is noticing that effort.

We have a couple things coming up in October that I want to share with you. The first is our annual fall fundraiser. Each year we do a cookie dough fundraiser, along with some other items, that are great for the holidays! We will be kicking this off on Oct. 8. We will be sending information home with your child at that time. The sale is one that can be done online! This has been a very good fundraiser for Bakken Elementary, and we hope to continue that. We have updated carpet in some classrooms, added more musical instruments to our general music classes, and some new furniture items for our classrooms in the forms of new desks and chairs that allow for students to sit higher, or even stand, at their desk to help them stay focused and engaged in the classroom. Your support with our fundraiser is always appreciated!

Our fall P/T conferences will also be held in October. Our first night is Tuesday, Oct. 20, and the second night is Tuesday, Oct. 27. This year, due to COVID restrictions, we will be holding our conferences virtually. I know this isn't the same as meeting in person, but at this time this is what we are faced with. Your child's teachers will be reaching out to you to set up a time to do your conference, and it can be done using your child's school chrome book and Google Meets. This will also allow your child a chance to sit in on the conference with you (because if you are anything like me, I will need my son's help to get logged in!!).

The last thing I wanted to share with you is that we will have our fall picture day at Bakken on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Information will be sent out to you in regards to this. Lifetouch has made everything paperless, so you will receive information on how to select your child's background and pose, as well as ordering pictures, online. They are working to streamline this process, and have come up with 4 different package options.

I hope all of you are enjoying the school year so far! We wish for all of our students and staff to stay healthy through these trying times. Take care, and let's have a great school year!

Jeremy Mehlhoff, Principal



## HOMECOMING WEEK



**October 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday – Favorite Sports Jersey or T-Shirt**

**Tuesday – Athletic Gear/Warm Ups**

**Wednesday – Wear your Team shirts/colors**

**Thursday – Support your Coyotes!**

**Orange & Black**



# LIBRARY NEWS

We have many exciting things happening in the library! This first month has gone by so fast, but we are up and running. This week students got a chance to learn to do a little coding with our new Sphero BOLT robots!

Our Book Fair will be happening very soon! The dates are October 12-20. Sadly, parents are not allowed to enter the school for the fair, but we will have a new feature called e-wallet. You can put money into an e-wallet account and they can come shop at the Book Fair with these funds. No need for them to carry around cash or a credit card. Also, you can purchase books at our online fair! This is a great option to get books that your kids will love! Scan the QR code below to get to our library website and find additional Book Fair information.

Battle of the Books will be starting soon! Students can read books from a set list, for a team later in the year, and in February they can compete in our Battle of the Books! More information can be found on our Bakken Library website. Scan the QR code for more details.

Mrs. Mehlhoff  
Mrs. Nygaard



## 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](http://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.**





# 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.

# 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 September honorees!

## Comets

Hailey Co  
Max Regalado Malagon

## Mystics

Brekyn Haugen  
Nathan Negaard

## Tetons

Katelynn Hanig  
Parker Lantz

## Bluehawks

Alivia Lowery  
Eli Weckwerth

## Marauders

Noah Wolf  
Brittany Ayala



# 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. We will draw 4 winners each Friday--two 5<sup>th</sup> grade/two 6<sup>th</sup> grade--and they will receive a DQ gift card!



# MUSIC NEWS



## Musicians of the Month:

Frances Huelsman  
Jadeyn Baker  
Mekiah Klumker  
Lucy Miles  
Mace Mireles  
Hammel Octavio  
Frankie Burling

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Alivia Lowery  
Blake Enno  
Maryam Mateen  
Jiahs Moore  
Abigail Moran  
David Lopez  
Karsyn Nygaard  
Nicholas Bender



# PARENTS' CORNER

Our **Lost and Found** is already busting at the seams! There have been several items turned in and placed there for students to claim—sweatshirts, hydroflasks, Nike, Underarmour, North Face. Please encourage your child(ren) to stop by either before or after school to see if any of the items belong to them.

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle with them every day. We have water bottle fillers available on every floor.

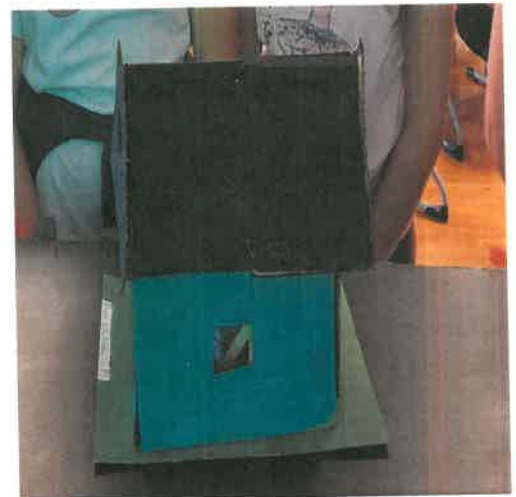
# TEAM NEWS



Team Marauders has kicked off our Treasure Chest attendance incentive. Students who check in on Fridays, on time, will receive a treasure ticket. That ticket is cashed in for a small prize and then collected in the Bakken Booty jar (nice play on words for the Marauder pirate treasure chest 🏴‍☠️) for a chance to win a big prize at the end of the quarter. Each ticket collected is another opportunity to win the coveted prize. We hope this has a positive impact on our Friday attendance.



In science, Bluehawks' students have been working on Tornado Projects! Their objective was to construct a building strong enough to withstand winds at three different speeds representing the building winds of tornadoes. Here are just a few pictures of projects that withstood the winds:







# Red Ribbon Dress Up Week



**Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free**

 Monday October 26th  
**Go red for red ribbon week!**  
Wear A Red Shirt

 Tuesday October 27th  
**It's Crazy to do drugs!**  
Dress Crazy - Crazy socks, hair, ect!

 Wednesday October 28th  
**My future matters. I'm drug free!**  
Wear A college shirt or dress as your chosen career.  
\*Teachers wear a shirt from the college you went to\*

 Thursday October 29th

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**Doing drugs will "Haunt" you for life!**  
Wear Halloween Colors or a Halloween Shirt

View Menus at MealViewer on  
your Desktop  
Go to [www.willistonschools.org](http://www.willistonschools.org) > About >  
Food Services > Click on the link for your  
school menu.

Williston Public Schools  
2020  
*October*  
Bakken School Menu

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Breakfast</b> Available Each Day: Choice of Hot Entrée or Cereal &amp; Toast Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk</p> <p>Extra Milk \$.50 Adult \$2.50</p>	<p><b>Lunch</b> 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><b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Sandwich*</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Hot Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich Chili Crisritos</p> <p>Green Beans Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Chicken Fries Beef Fiestada Pizza</p> <p>Com Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>
<p>5 <b>Breakfast</b> Whole Grain Long John</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Chicken Nuggets &amp; Dinner Roll Salisbury Steak</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>	<p>6 <b>Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Roll</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Pasta &amp; Meat Sauce Pizza*</p> <p>Steamed Broccoli Fruit &amp; Vegetable Garlic Toast</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Watermelon</p>	<p>7 <b>Breakfast</b> Banana Bread &amp; Yogurt</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Hamburger on a Bun Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Potato Smiles Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Pineapple Pals</p>	<p>8 <b>Breakfast</b> Cheese Omelet &amp; Toast</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Taco in a Bag Chicken &amp; Cheese Taquitos</p> <p>Fiesta Black Beans Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Carroteenies</p>	<p>9 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Com Dog*</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheese Breadsticks w/Marinara</p> <p>Green Beans Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>
<p>12 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Teriyaki Chicken Over Rice Mini Pancake Wraps</p> <p>Peas Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>	<p>13 <b>Breakfast</b> Mini Pancakes</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Breaded Chicken Drumstick &amp; Roll Corn Dog</p> <p>Baked Beans Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Cantaloupe</p>	<p>14 <b>Breakfast</b> Blueberry Muffin &amp; String Cheese</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Hot Dog on a Bun Italian Chicken Sandwich</p> <p>Com Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Cucumbers</p>	<p>15 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Sandwich*</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich* BBQ Boneless Wings</p> <p>Fries Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Grape Giggles</p>	<p>16 <b>Breakfast</b> Scrambled Eggs &amp; Toast</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Cheese Pizza Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken Over Rice</p> <p>Peas &amp; Carrots Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>
<p>19 <b>Breakfast</b> Mini Pancake Wraps</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Chili Crispito Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Glazed Carrots Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>	<p>20 <b>Breakfast</b> Cheese Omelet &amp; Toast</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Chicken Taco Pizza*</p> <p>Texas Ranchero Beans Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Celery</p>	<p>21 <b>Breakfast</b> Chocolate Chip Muffin &amp; Yogurt</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Chicken Strips &amp; Breadstick Sub Sandwich</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Apple Slices</p>	<p>22 <b>No School</b> Fall Break</p>	<p>23 <b>No School</b> Fall Break</p>
<p>26 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Comdog*</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Meatballs &amp; Dinner Roll Breaded Chicken Drumstick</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>	<p>27 <b>Breakfast</b> Scrambled Eggs &amp; Toast</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Stoppo Joe Chili Crispito</p> <p>French Fries Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Carroteenies</p>	<p>28 <b>Breakfast</b> Dutch Waffle</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Mini Corn Dogs Chicken Strips &amp; Breadstick</p> <p>Baked Beans Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Pineapple Pals</p>	<p>29 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Sandwich*</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Hot Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich Chicken Fries</p> <p>Green Beans Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p> <p><b>FFVP</b> Apple Slices</p>	<p>30 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich Beef Fiestada Pizza</p> <p>Com Fruit &amp; Vegetable</p>

Starred (\*) Items on menu contain Pork

This menu is subject to change due to availability.