



BAKKEN ELEMENTARY WILDCATS

October 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 7-9 MAP Testing (5th)
- Oct. 10, 11, 14 MAP Testing (6th)
- Oct. 10 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
- Oct. 15 Lifetouch Picture Day
- Oct. 17-18 Fall Break
NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 22 & 24 PT Conferences
4:30-7:30
- Oct. 25 Steps Across America Challenge
- Oct. 31 Halloween

From the Principal's

Desk . . .

Hello Bakken Families,

Welcome to the extremely busy month of October!! We have a lot going on this month for our students. Here is a taste of our upcoming month.

Oct. 7-11

MAP Testing – 5th grade students will test Monday-Wednesday, and 6th grade will test Thursday-Friday, and the following Monday. Students will be testing right away in the morning, so it is important that students are on time.

Also this week, our students will be participating with the other elementary schools in District 1 with the Students for Change Campaign! This campaign is in coordination with the Williston Basin United Way. Each year, Williston students have been able to raise over \$5,000 for the United Way! This program helps our students learn about what it means to be a part of a community. Students are encouraged to donate loose change to this cause. At Bakken, for a \$5 donation, students will be allowed to use an electronic device of their choice during lunch for this week!

Oct. 9

Tasha Schuh Assembly – We are excited to have Tasha come and share her story with our students. An accident during HS left this



athlete a quadriplegic. We will hear about her amazing perseverance, and how she turned this accident into an amazing opportunity!

Oct. 10

We will be kicking off our annual fall fundraiser today!!

Oct. 15

Fall Picture Day

Oct. 16

We will have Ronnie Wilson come and present to our students for Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week teaches students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Mr. Wilson is a national speaker who will share his message with our students!

Oct. 17-18

We will have no school on these days, due to Fall administrator conference.

Oct. 22-24

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on these two nights, beginning at 4:30 and ending at 7:30. Your child's teachers will be in touch with you in regards to conferences.

Oct. 24

Bakken Elementary will host the World Concert Association! We are excited to welcome this musical group from around the world to share their skills and talents with our students.

Oct. 25

Bakken Elementary has partnered with CHI St. Alexius Health in Williston for the Step Across America Challenge. CHI has applied for a grant which will provide every student at Bakken Elementary with a pedometer to measure their steps. This 40-day challenge is set up to encourage kids to be active. Each day students will track their steps, with prizes set for the top classes who have walked the most steps in 40 days. Bakken Elementary is the only elementary school in WPSD #1 to have this opportunity. We are excited to take part in event.

It is going to be a busy month! We have a lot of fun activities planned for our students. Of course, let's not forget that Halloween ends the month!

Jeremy Mehlhoff, Principal



LIBRARY NEWS



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS LIBRARIES ROCK

Battle of the Books reading has begun! For a complete book list and information about the battle, scan the QR code below. Please encourage your child to read, read, read so they are able to participate in the battle!

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Bakken at the end of the month. During the last week of October, the book fair will be open after school and during parent-teacher conferences. Please come support the Bakken Library at the book fair.

Coyote Academy will be starting in October. Congratulations to those that have been accepted!

Battle of the Books QR code



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 › 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.

MEDICATION

North Dakota State Law prohibits us from administering any medication to students without the proper paperwork and doctor's orders on file. This includes Tylenol, Motrin, cold medicines, cough drops, etc. We CAN allow a student to call home and have a parent/guardian bring medication and administer it to their child themselves during school hours.



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!

Team 1

Sally R.
Brayden M.

Team 3

Chantel A.
Kayden C.

Team 5

Lucy P.
Anthony K.

Team 7

Angela W.
Mason W.

Team 2

Phyniox E.
Blake E.

Team 4

Alli W.
Jadeyn B.

Team 6

Addisyn W.
Mason W.

Team 8

Maci H.
Tyler S.

CITIZENSHIP



We are continuing the positive behavior rewards for our students 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 10 winners each Friday and they will receive a prize courtesy of Bakken PTO.



STUDENT COUNCIL

We are excited to announce the 2019-2020 Bakken Student Council. These students will be representatives for their classmates and take on leadership roles within the school. The new members are:

Tayleigh M.
Jackson S.
Phyniox E.
Massa K
Alivia L.
Allison W.
Neela M.
Wyatt A.

Jaden M.
Reddi J.
Andalyn K.
Brody S.
Katherine E.
Angela W.
Kasandra R.

Thank you so much to all the applicants. We have amazing students at Bakken and the students had a very tough decision this year!

Mrs. Stone and Mrs. LaBar

MUSIC NEWS



Last call for students interested in joining the Williston Youth Orchestra! We are trying to start a beginning program for students interested in playing violin, viola, and cello. To be added to the information list and upcoming schedule, please e-mail brianna.miller@willistonschools.org with your student's name, grade, team, a reliable phone number and an e-mail address to reach you.



ELL/ESL

Reminder: the supplies of Disinfecting wipes, box of tissues, and package of solid wood pencils need to be brought as soon as possible. Thanks for the supplies that have already been sent.

ESL is looking for small items that can be used in a cultural heritage display. Anything that can be loaned or donated would be welcome. For questions, email me at erin.brurud@willistonschools.org

PARENTS' CORNER



October is Digital Citizenship Month! We encourage you to speak with your child about their technology use and how to handle themselves online. Visit commonsensemedia.org for more information and parent tips.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This month in Counseling, we'll be using Red Ribbon Week to focus on making healthy choices, smart decisions, and staying drug free.

Help your child resist peer pressure.

Tell them:

- They have the right to say, "no"
- They can be assertive and firm without being angry
- They can use a strong voice, stand up tall, and look their peers in the eye.
- It is important to tell people how they feel
- It is always an option to walk away
- Adults have peer pressure, too. Give them examples that you have faced.

Tips for Parents/Guardians:

- Talk with your child often about the reasons to avoid drugs and alcohol—the facts, risks, and long-term effects they can have on their life.
- Get to know their friends and the friends' parents/guardians—Be involved as much as possible!
- Discuss with your child "a plan of action" of how to contact you or a designated adult if they find themselves in a situation where drugs or alcohol are present.
- Encourage open dialogue with your child about their thoughts, concerns, and/or experiences.
- Make sure children who are unattended for periods during the day or evening "feel your presence." Give them a schedule and set clear limits on their behavior.

Did you know that students can now sign up for time with the counselor right on their Chromebook? Every Team at Bakken has a digital class in Google Classroom, and the sign up form is right there in the class. If your student hasn't accessed the Google Class for Counseling yet, let us know! We can send you their team specific code.



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October Guidance Lessons: Red Ribbon Week/Healthy Choices

POPCORN FRIDAYS!

50 CENTS PER BAG!

Orders are collected on Thursday and
popcorn is delivered on Friday.

