



WILLIAM GRAYSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“Supporting our students in achieving their greatest individual potential...”

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Words from the WG Admin Team....

What’s the most accurate predictor of academic achievement? It’s not socioeconomic status, nor how prestigious the school is that a child may attend. The best predictor of student success is the extent to which families encourage learning at home and involve or engage themselves in their child’s education.

When parents are engaged in their children’s school lives, students have the home support and knowledge they need to not only finish their assignments, but also develop a lifelong love of learning. The definition of parent engagement is parents & teachers sharing a responsibility to help their children learn and meet educational goals.

What are some ways you can become engaged? Visit your child’s classroom, stop by and chat with staff, come to any or all school assemblies or events, volunteer for field trips, attend an SCC parent meeting or event, plan regular learning times at home—math mad minutes or everyone read for a ½ hour times at night. Also, at home ask children what made them smile at school that day, who they sat with at lunch, the hardest rule of school, & ask them to tell you something they learned or know today that they didn’t know the day before? Be engaged!

“The mind that opens to a new idea never returns to it’s original size....”

–Albert Einstein

Student Safety

At PSS 210 we want our schools to be a welcoming and safe environment for all of our students. To ensure the safety of our students we ask that you please do not pull into the drop off area for PSS 210 vehicles and the restricted parking area for PSS 210 vehicles and/or drivers with handicap postings in their vehicle. ALSO please do not park in the crosswalks in our school zone and please do not cross Caribou Street from one side to another except in these crosswalks (1 of which is manned by patrols at noon & 3:20 dismissal times). THANKS!

NO CLASSES/SCHOOL special days this month (AND NOVEMBER 1st!!!!!!)

Friday, October 11th is a Teacher PREP day (as is Nov. 1st) & Monday, October 14th is the Thanksgiving Holiday.



NEXT EARLY DISMISSAL DATE

Monday, FEBRUARY 10th @ 2:20 PM (a day 3). This year the next 5 (of the 10 total) LIT meetings are embedded into teacher Prep Days....so yes, no Early Dismissal Day now until February.

NOTE: WG's SCC Meeting # 2 is set for Tuesday, October 29th @ 5:30 PM in the WG Library--- all parents are welcome to attend!! Please call Mrs. Kouri @ WG's office if you are planning to. Thx.



Information of William Grayson Staff

Please note that Ms. Clara Bruse has joined our staff for the time being for Music K-5 and Band grades 6-7-8.

REMINDER of BP's North @ Main & Thatcher offer to Moose Jaw School's families

Simply give your receipt back to your server at BP's North & have her/him stamp it for William Grayson School and they'll keep it in their restaurant as they total all turned in receipts and give our school 5 % of that total in June to use for purchases towards our students here at WG!! Thanks BP's North—Kelly & Maureen Miller!!



Upcoming Student Led Council (SLC) events at WG

Please note the upcoming events at our school for the month of October:

- 1) First off thank you for supporting our Smile Cookies sales in September. As a result of your generosity, we raised \$130.00 for our school charities as well as \$130 towards the Hunger in Moose Jaw School Lunch Program.
- 2) Friday, October 4th "Do Something Nice" Day. How can you make classmates/friends and staff feel good?
- 3) Thursday, October 10th Fall Colours Day (more info to come in a note home and/or on WG's Website).
- 4) **Be a superhero by helping scare hunger away.** The William Grayson SLC and WE Day Committees are hosting a **Haunted House, Friday, October 25th from 1:00 until 2:30.** Admission is either a **\$1.00 donation or a non-perishable food item.** All money and food collected will be donated to the Moose Jaw Food Bank. Be a SUPER superhero by bringing more than one item.

**WE
SCARE
HUNGER**



- 5) Wednesday, October 30th with King George & Prince Arthur @ WG from 7- 9 PM– grades 6-7-8 Dance.
- 6) Thursday, October 31st - Halloween costumes/orange and black day @ WG—*please* no masks or fake weapons for props. Thanks!

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Upcoming Volleyball “B” Girls Tournament

Our Staff tournament committee is putting together plans on WG hosting a Girls “B” volleyball tournament on the evening of Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th. Go Wolves!



THANKS for Warriors Tickets AND an Upcoming Moose Jaw Warriors Workout @ WG

Moose Jaw Warriors Heroes in the Community sponsorship is again providing our school with 2 adult/2 child tickets to every home game this season—THANKS RED HEAD EQUIPMENT!! We will reward students for such things as positive behavior, playing on school teams or being in school clubs, random acts of kindness, etc. ALSO, please note that members of the Warriors hockey team with # 18 Tate Popple leading the way, will be at William Grayson on Tuesday, November 26th to lead our Grades 4-5-6 In-Motion period (a day 3). This is a program created, developed, and maintained by the players. The goal is the same, to get kids active. Including Tate, there will be up to 5-6 players taking part in this program.

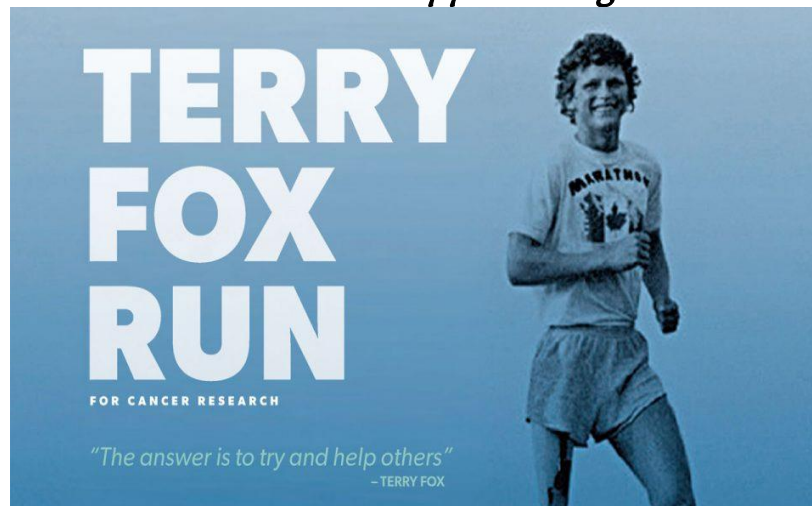


REMINDER of ways to donate to Cancer Research after our School Run/Walk

All of our students in grades 1-8 participated in our annual **Terry Fox Run/Walk** and participated in various fun games (as Terry loved to do too) with our Wolfpacks on Friday, September 27th.

It's not too late to still donate!! Please pick up a pledge sheet from our school office for the Terry Fox Foundation—monies for Cancer Research and have the money and form back at WG by October 4th. Or go online and visit <http://www.terryfox.ca/WilliamGrayson> to make a donation online that goes towards our school's total amount of pledges.

PLEASE take a moment to support this great cause and Canada event!



REMINDER of William Grayson's SCC SUBWAY LUNCH on Wednesday, October 30th
Notes went home on September 27th with details of how to order a 6 "(\$5.50 each) or 12 "Sub (\$8 each). The only way to order is via your own School Cash Online account (WG Website under Parents/School Cash Online) & orders must be in by October 18th.

ALL profits from the SCC sponsored lunches go to covering costs of the Welcome Back BBQ and other initiatives for supporting the School's academic & well-being goals!! Thx!



GOOD LUCK to our Cross-Country running Team

After daily runs and workouts our team now eyes the City Championships which will soon be upon us on Wednesday, October 9th @ 4 PM at Sunningdale's City Park located east of Sunningdale School. GO WOLVES GO!!



Communication and Problem-Solving Skills for Youth

An 8 Session workshop designed to help parents and youth, grades 4-5-6, work together towards increasing appropriate expressions of anger. Focuses on communication and problem-solving skills in all areas of life such as home, school, with peers, and in the community. The goal is to increase youth's ability to meet needs, problem solve, and communicate with direct support and education of parents.

Please Register by Phone 306-692-4240 or e-mail: mjbranch@cmhask.com

TUESDAYS from October 15th to December 3rd from 5-6 PM @ Riverview Collegiate!!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!

Here are some facts & remember in order to do your job as a student you must be at school!!

	18 OR MORE DAYS - Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn. - Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.
	10 TO 17 DAYS - Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year. - When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.
	9 OR FEWER ABSENCES - Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. - Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.