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*"Supporting our students in achieving their greatest individual potential..."*

## **November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**"Together as a school community, we will set goals, work hard and be positive about academics"**

This is our school covenant for the month. We chose this because **we believe in a strong school community, we know the importance of setting goals in life, we understand working hard is an important factor in success and we value academic growth.**

**How can we work together (home/school) to help 'live' this covenant?**

**Take part in events, help students achieve their goals and set new ones when needed, let students try – fail - and try again! Teach them perseverance, bring academics into the home** – apps, books, homework, family field trips are all ways to connect home and school.

This month let's celebrate by **attending** Student Led Conferences. You **will hear the goals your child has set** for term 2 **and find out a variety of ways you can help them achieve those goals.**

**It is a GREAT time to be part of the WILLIAM GRAYSON family!**

### **School Community Council**

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is set for Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the WG School Library. Please consider this your 'formal' invite. We always LOVE seeing new faces at our meetings!

#### **Hot Lunch**

Next hot lunch will be TACO-IN-A-BAG on November 27<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow.

### **Remembrance Day Service**

On Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Remembrance Day Commemoration at 10:30am. We are asking all staff and students to dress in formal wear or wear red/black and members of the public are welcome to do the same. Parents, grandparents and members of the community are welcome to join the service.



### SCC TRADE SHOW

Our school tradeshow is coming up fast! On **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** the doors will be open from 10:00am-4:00pm! Come on out and get some Christmas shopping done! There will be over 40 venders to choose from and a concession run by our Student Leadership Council! Mark your calendar – we'll see you there!

### Halloween Candy

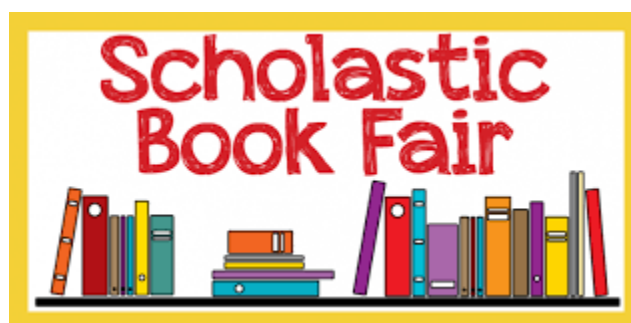
The first week of November, the *WE Day Group* will be taking donations of unwanted or left-over Halloween Candy. The candy will be given to the Food Bank to be inserted into Christmas Hampers. Candy can be delivered to Mrs. Munro's room.

Otherwise, we will NOT be allowing Halloween Candy in school this week.

Please refrain from sending candy, chips or pop to school with your child.

### BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> in our Library from 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Students are also allowed to bring money and buy from Mrs. Firth on those mornings. **We are looking for volunteers.** **Please contact the office or Ms. Heshka if you are able to volunteer.**



### STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

This year many school divisions have implemented a province wide program called MySchool Sask. This program houses student information, grades, assignments and assessments as well as the report card. The hope is by Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> families will be able to log in to the portal to see their child's progress. If this is the case, we will offer support to those that need. If the ministry is not ready to open the portal, marks will be shared at the SLCs. There will be NO access to on-line booking for SLC times - More information will follow so please check your child's backpack for more information on how we will schedule SLCs this year

**SLCs will be held Tuesday, November 26th and Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 3:30-6:30pm each day**

### NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Holiday

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Learning Improvement Team Meetings and a common teacher's prep day

### PICTURE RETAKES

On the afternoon of Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Life Touch will be back at WG to retake pictures for those who were absent or would like retakes done.

### CURLING

Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Berenyi, and Mrs. Panko have once again established our grades 6-7-8 curling teams this year for participation in the Elementary League down at the Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre in Mosaic Place.

### SWIMMING

The grade 3 and 4 classes will be participating in swimming lessons this year. They will be starting lessons mid-month. Please watch for the details from your child's teacher.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – 7's and 8's attend PSS 210 Safety Day workshops.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – 7/8 class to Robb Nash presentation at the Mae Wilson. The bus is leaving at 9:30am SHARP!

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** – Moose Jaw Warriors players (4-6) here to do an In-Motion period with the 4-5-6 classes from 10:45-11:45am.

### VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball team and their coaches (Ms. Tschetter, Ms. Tran & Mrs. Panko) who will be wrapping up their season on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. A HUGE thanks to the staff for putting on a great tournament on Oct. 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>. The team had a great season – some wins, some losses and a ton of growth!

## **GREAT JOB TEAM!!**

### **!!!! BRAG BOARD !!!!**

William Grayson is **proud** to have been a nominee for the Inclusive School award and a Champion of Inclusive Education in Saskatchewan. This means we have been recognized for encouraging the creation of educational settings where students are engaged in authentic, inclusive learning experiences. Our staff works hard to collaborate and work together to provide opportunities for all students.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 from 6:30-8 PM**

**William Grayson's CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Our event filled Christmas Family Fun Night will be held at YARA Center (1220 High Street West). Our staff is excited to offer a variety of fun activities, games, stories and snacks for your family to enjoy! You will receive more info closer to the date! We hope to see you there!

### **Staffing update:**

Please welcome our new EA-- Ms. Jayla Brinkworth, as she joins our Wolfpack Community of Learners!! She will be working ½ days (afternoon with our K's, grades 1's and 3/4's) providing student supports.

### **Did you know?**

- Cornell Landscaping completed their work on the SCC's Outdoor Education classroom on the north-west side of the school. We also purchased a bench for there via PSS 210 school's budget. We hope to add 2 more benches if the weather warms up or in the spring between the school budget & SCC fundraising money.
- With our PSS 210' school budget we were able to purchase and pay for the installation of a new basketball upright (lower height), a ball shoot upright and a Buddy Bench too for our K's-grade 4's area of the playground. As one grade 2 said the first day this appeared--- "wow, that's a big hit."
- In October our Education Week was a huge success – thanks to Ms. Heshka for coordinating our learning and growing together events—it was sure nice to see so many families join in on the math day games with their child (ren) and come in for the picnic lunch party as well!
- All grades 1-8 had a special Character Ed presentation beyond health classes at the end of Education Week. This was focussed on treating others and our self better--- maintaining a positive self respect, respecting all others, responsibility, caring & making good choices.

### **Cross Country Championships:**

Our Cross-Country team finished on October 9<sup>th</sup> & our Pee Wee girls were 2<sup>nd</sup> place team champs in the city (based on the total placings of runners overall)! Congratulations to all our running Wolves on their season and thanks again Mrs. Elder & Mrs. Munro for coaching the team!!

### **PARENTS/GUARDIANS-- The Importance of School Attendance:**

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behaviour and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

A few attendance facts:

--Absenteeism & its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are chronically absent.

--Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.

--By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

--Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days in most school divisions, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as a chronic absence.

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