



William Grayson Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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

## **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

So it's already December? Wow. Term I is complete, SLCs all wrapped up successfully, and just 3 weeks of school until Christmas Break. Speaking of SLCs the change to My School Saskatchewan (MSS) and the viewing of the Parent Portal for a student's progress on Outcomes Based Reporting went quite smooth!! If you are still struggling with any log in details (usernames, etc) call us! After the next busy 3 weeks of school please remember our school break is December 21- January 5, 2020. So enjoy your extra time during the holidays with family & friends...yes time slips by all too fast, we all grow older too quickly, and moments we can spend & cherish with loved ones & friends become all too infrequent--yes there is something about Christmas time, something about Christmas time, that makes me wish it was Christmas everyday....(Mr. Fritzler)  
**May everyone find Peace, Love, Hope and Happiness this Season!!!**

### School Community Council News

Thanks to our SCC for organizing the November 27<sup>th</sup> Taco in A Bag Hot Lunch—another great success and fundraiser. By the way as a note to our families—our Director of Education, Mr. Tony Baldwin, donated all for the hamburger for the meal, thus increasing the profits of the sales as less expense this time around!! Also congratulations to our SCC members for putting on another very successful Fall Tradeshow at WG back on November 23<sup>rd</sup> as your big fundraiser!

#### **NOTES:**

**-The next SCC Meeting is Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM in the WG Library—all parents/guardians are welcome to attend, and babysitting is available. Please call the office @ 306-692-4659 to tell Mrs. Kouri if attending. Thx.**

-THANKS to the new parent volunteers that have come forward to help the SCC members out!! We appreciate your help with the Tradeshow and the hot lunch in November and look forward to seeing even more new members at the upcoming SCC meetings and events....it takes a village to help raise a child, or in this case *it takes all families to help raise our Wolves!!* If any other parents are interested in being a homeroom parent/guardian volunteer for the SCC members please attend an SCC mtg or call Mrs. Kouri @ the WG Office (306-692-4659) to let her know. THANKS!!



### Christmas fun evening for WG

William Grayson School staff has planned an old-fashioned Family Gathering event to celebrate the upcoming Christmas season—**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM AT YARA CENTRE....** All classes Pre-K to grade 8 are invited with their families as the staff has prepared many activities. THANKS to Moose Jaw Police Association as they are donating & working the Hot Chocolate/treat station!



### SLC December events/spirit days @ WG

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Hat or Headband day  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lights Day  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Pajama Day  
Candy Cane Sales at both recess  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Ugly Christmas Sweater Day  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Red and Green Day

ALSO the fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> floor families are planning a Holiday Potluck Lunch in the gym on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>—so look for the note coming home Pre-K>2/3's soon!!



### Belonging goal & Lunchrooms priority

Recently our Learning Improvement Team (grades 5-8 teachers) working on belonging and positive school culture conducted a survey with all students in grades 1-8. One of the most significant concern students were having were with classmates in their lunchrooms. Some identified hands on, people running around, volume/loud discussions, stealing and throwing food, etc. The LIT has now taken steps to address some of these concerns voiced by the majority of our student body and designed new lunchroom expectations, new codes of conduct, and a new system of consequences to alleviate and hopefully teach and reinforce positive social skills and common eating courtesies expected in our society. The most recurring thought of course is that eating at school is a privilege not a right & that for many students there is no need to stay at school for lunch and that a break like going home to eat often does better for most. **So, look for a lunchroom note coming home soon indicating the new plans!**

### Basketball

Ms. Tschetter, Ms. Blatz and Mr. McKay are excited to get the season going for our Wolves and are beginning tryouts/practices this week for all grades 6-8 students interested in playing. The season will begin the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and continue until early March. GO WOLVES GO!!



### FREE winter coats/toques/mitts

Please feel free to take for your family---across from the office just inside the front doors. These were donated by CCI Toques and Toes and from the Scottish Men's Society of Moose Jaw.....THANKS!

### Curling team @ WG

Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Berenyi & 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 (1st Avenue NW & High Street West). **Upcoming dates in December are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (games). GO WOLVES!**



### LITERACY GOAL response to Interventions @ WG

For all students these are 5 goals of writing with emphasis on those not writing at grade level according to the Holistic Writing Rubric as we pay extra attention to assisting:

- 1) Develop a vocabulary of descriptive words & phrases.
- 2) Produce main ideas & concepts in writing.
- 3) Communicate effectively when others read their work.
- 4) Express them self so others understand written intent.
- 5) Connect topics of interest in what they write/produce.



### NO SCHOOL DATES AND EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDERS

- Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> >>
- Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> (2020) is Christmas Holidays-- NO SCHOOL.
- Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> is Teacher Prep Day/LIT time – NO CLASSES.
- Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> is early dismissal/Teacher LITs @ 2:20 PM
- February 17-February 21 is winter break- NO SCHOOL.

### WE Day Committee plans

- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Deadline for students to Pre- order Christmas sugar cookies - \$1
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas sugar cookies arrive





# Want to order WG School clothing for your children or self--- OR--- a Christmas gift idea?

Simply go on the William Grayson School website of <https://schools.prairiesouth.ca/williamgrayson/> and at the top header click on parents & then click on SCC/School Clothing and this website will come up —

<http://williamgraysonschool.entripyshops.com/> -- so click on it and you'll see this page:

