



William Grayson Elementary School **NEWSLETTER**

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

January 6th, 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

****79 Instructional Days are in for 2019-2020 & we have 108 to go until we reach the summer break!! Summer?? Seems like winter out there these days eh....**

***So what are a few things happening at WG for the next little while? (In addition to daily learning!)**

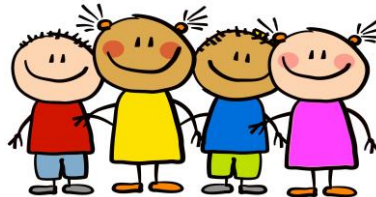
- Basketball teams (Boys "B" and Girls "B" squads) begin play in the league January 9th.
- Curling team continues their games at Mosaic Place in January until February 5th PM spiel.
- Literacy Day event planned for Monday, January 27th (world day is Sunday the 26th)
- January's WG Covenant of values & beliefs is to focus on "always work with both passion & determination to be your best"Note—WG's Staff developed 10 Covenant statements for the 10 months of school in an effort to demonstrate/model/support life's growth....

School Community Council News

Next SCC organized hot lunch will be Taco Soup & Cornbread on Wednesday, January 29th (orders to be done by Wednesday, January 22nd). As for ordering and the payment, families need to go to WG's website to parents/school cash online & set up an account: <https://prairiesouth.schoolcashionline.com/Registration/ProfileTabs>
Please note that this is the only way lunch orders can be done from here on forward and soon it will be the only way to pay for such fees as team memberships, yearbook orders, and even some costs such as book orders.

NOTES:

- The next SCC Meeting is Wednesday, January 8th @ 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 some new parent reps/volunteers that have come forward to help the SCC members out as we have had a few elected members step down due to other commitments. If any other parents are interested in being a homeroom parent/guardian volunteer for the SCC members, please attend any upcoming SCC mtg or just call Mrs. Kouri @ the WG Office (306-692-4659) to let us know. ALL parents/guardians are welcome at any meetings!! THANKS!!



Swimming for grades 3 & 4 @ WG

As part of PSS 210's swim program in PE classes for all our grades 3 & 4 students, the sessions went very well throughout late November and December. All students received 10 sessions in the pool. We trust the students enjoyed this great life skills experience & we thank the Kinsmen Sportsplex lifeguards/instructors' staff for providing this chance!



Benefits of going home for lunch time

Many of our students in various grades are often having arrangements made for them to either walk home on their own (grades 4 and up if close by), walk with family, or catch a ride with a family member home or even go out for a lunch treat at a restaurant. We applaud these families who are taking advantage of a parent, grandparent or older sibling being home even once or twice a week & having the student take the break from school & go home to eat lunch & get a change of pace over the lunch hour. Hey, who doesn't want to get to eat at Tim Horton's, McD's, BPs or DQ as a lunch treat every now & then!! We realize this is not possible for all families due to work commitments, but for many of our students in grades 6 or above & at least 12 years old this is probably manageable even on their own almost every day!

What are some of the benefits? Well research states that:

- Although 1/3 of a student's total daily calories is consumed during time at school, almost all don't receive enough key nutrients & vitamins during school hours because of their food preference.
- Students tend to eat better at home than at school thus any biological and chemical needs from any shortfall of their food's specific nutrients and compounds affect physical development (e.g., sight), cognition (e.g., concentration, memory), and behavior (e.g., hyperactivity). Thus a poor vs a healthy lunch impacts educational achievement.

BAND ANNOUNCEMENT

Some of our grades 7 & 8 students are needing to pay the last installments of their required \$100 in total for band rental fees. Please ask Mr. Gillett if your child is one of these needing to settle up yet.

SLEDDING/SLEIGHING NOTICE

Please note that students may from time to time have supervised access to school sleds and sleighs to use on the "Heshka Hill" south of our building (if we get any more snow). **NOTE that helmets are encouraged (bring own) and if you do not want your child doing this activity during the school day send a note to Ms. Heshka by January 8th.**

Basketball (Upcoming January Games):

Girls "B":

Mon., January 13th vs Lindale; Wed., Jan. 15th @ CCS; Mon., Jan. 27th vs Sunningdale; Wed., Jan. 29th @ Palliser Heights 2.

Boys "B":

Thurs., January 9th vs Palliser Heights 1; Mon., Jan. 13th @ Lindale; Wed, Jan. 22nd @ Westmount; Mon., Jan. 27th @ Palliser Heights 2.

HAVE FUN and GO WOLVES GO!!



FREE winter coats/toques/mitts

Please feel free to take any for your family--- located just inside the front doors. These were donated by Scottish Men's Society, CCI's Toasty Toes & Toques students, & WG families.



Curling

Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Berenyi & Mrs. Panko along with our grades 6-7-8 curling teams are 'sliding" into the "home" stretch of the season as they continue their participation in the Elementary League down at the Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre in Mosaic Place (1st Avenue NW & High Street West). February 5th (all PM) is the wrap up spiel!

Upcoming dates in January are the 8th, 20th, 22nd & 29th.

GO WOLVES!!



Belonging Goal/having an adult advocate @ WG

In the last few months we answered the literacy portions of the question of what we do to respond to the 25 % of students that fall behind grade level when we collect data. This month we will share why we continue to select belonging and trying our best to be positive people, along with having an adult advocate while @ WG as part of our well-being WG LIP goals.

- In recent years data from our the Our-School surveys of grades 4-8 have told us that many students have low self esteem and high levels of anxiety.
- Many students off of these same surveys said they lacked adult advocates at home and at school.
- Many of our students come to WG from out of our catchment area. Without that tie to the WG district or neighborhood daily we want to create a sense of all belonging when they walk through the doors at WG.



Choir

Every Monday @ 12:05 PM in the Band/Music Room with Mrs. Berenyi--- all students & grades welcomed!



NOTABLE SCHOOL DATES AND DISMISSAL REMINDERS

- Tuesday Jan 7th is Wacky Hair Day
- Wednesday Jan 15th is Snow Day (wear shades of snow --white/blue)
- Wednesday Jan 22nd is Twin Day
- Monday, January 27th is Family Literacy Day events—see information notes coming home soon!**
- Friday, January 31st is a teacher prep & LIT mtg. day & the High School semester switch day in PSS 210 -- NO SCHOOL for students.

For student safety—please....



On the south-east side of the parking lot located on the fence were these 3 signs. Why?? Because it is the busiest place of the parking lot with vehicles coming & going to the only student entrance/exit & just 15 feet from the walking entry into the school yard by all. *BUT VANDALS RIPPED THEM ALL DOWN.*

Still-- PLEASE do not park there for the safety of our students....THANKS!

