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

February 2020 Newsletter

The month of February is jam packed with celebrations that make me think of kindness, love, friendship and helping others - Family Day (17th), Give Kids a Smile Day (7th), International Random Acts of Kindness Day (17th), Pink Shirt Day (26th) and of course, Valentine's Day (14th) are just a few. Our school's **February Covenant** is **to always treat my classmates, co-workers and school with respect at all**. How can we, as a school, live this covenant? Everyday WG staff ask themselves *what they can do to make our school and community a better place*. They put in hours planning outside of the school day, commit to attending extra-curricular activities, spend their lunch hours sitting with students who 'just need a friend', and educate themselves with professional development, literature and post-secondary classes. We know when we think of the 'characteristics of February' the staff of William Grayson school comes to mind. Watch for classroom projects, activities, and lessons that will encompass our school covenant and make William Grayson School an even better place to be!



Valentines Dance for Grades 6- 8's

Our grades 6, 7, and 8 students, along with King George and Prince Arthur Schools will have their 2nd of 3rd shared school dances on **Thursday, February 13th @ Prince Arthur School** from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Advance door sales will begin this week - listen to announcements for dates to purchase!

Monday February 10th - Early Dismissal @ 2:20 PM for Teacher LIT meetings

Friday February 14th – Valentines Day activities @ WG including red/white/pink clothing day

Monday February 17th - Friday February 21st – February/winter break (See you on the 24th)

Monday February 24th- Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association's Instructors will be at WG School conducting 20 minute sessions with all of our students in the Gym during their PE classes!!

Tuesday February 25th – 7/8 Adventure Ed Class – Pound Fitness Class in our gym (wear comfy workout clothing and must have running shoes)

SCC MEETING

NEXT MEETING DATE IS:

Wednesday, Feb 5th at 5:30pm

Please note that all parents/guardians are welcome to attend the meeting in our School Library. We hope to see you there!

Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 26



Wear your pink!! WG will be hosting an assembly at 2:20pm and encompassing our February Covenant theme of "treat my classmates, co-workers, and my school with respect at all times" - PLEASE JOIN US!!

Heritage Fair Club is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20-4:20pm. Notes have been sent home with students who have signed up. The student's final presentations and judging will be done at the school on March 27th from 1-3pm. Contact Mrs. Elder and/or Mrs. Munro for more information.

HAPPY 100th DAY OF SCHOOL on Tuesday, February 4th

This week lands our 100th day of school. The 100th day of school is so important for many reasons.

- #1 - It is a HUGE milestone -everyone is 100 days SMARTER!! 100 in must mean only 97 to go....
- #2 - It is a great way to incorporate math concepts (counting, sorting, patterning, estimating, measuring, etc.).
- #3 – We can also make this day cross-curricular, meaning we can incorporate reading, writing, health, arts. ed, science, phys. ed. and social studies!!! We are also able to include the social piece of partner work and sharing.
- #4 – IT IS SOOOOOO FUN!!! The games, stories, lessons and activities are endless! Be sure to ask your child what they did for the 100th day of school!!

The SLC is giving all students and staff a challenge for 100 day! Can we do 100 good deeds???? Watch for posters and listen to announcements for more info! (P.S. We think we can!!!)

WEATHER

With the 3 Canadian groundhogs giving mixed opinions on if we will have 6 more weeks of cold weather or not, there is something we can agree on. We will be outside for most recesses and we will need to dress appropriately! Warm layers and waterproof boots are a must at this time of year. Don't forget to look through the donation piles in the front entrance and take whatever you need!



FEBRUARY SCHOOL BREAK 2020

Canadian Red Cross

BABYSITTING COURSES

To: Parents

Over the school February break, the Canadian Red Cross is be offering **ONE DAY** Babysitting Courses for youth 11 years and older. The cost is \$ 40.00 and is completed in one day. You may select either: Tuesday **February 18th** **OR** Wednesday **February 19th**.

Both classes are from 9 am to 3:30 pm and will be held at Riverview Collegiate, Moose Jaw
To register, email the following information to carolynrk@hotmail.com

- **Full name of participant**
- **Address, including postal code**
- **Date of Birth**
- **Parent name and contact number when class is being held**

Payment of \$40 cash/certified check will be accepted and must be brought to the class

Remember to bring:

- A doll or teddy bear that can be used for diapering and infant care
- A nut-free bag lunch; snack and water to drink

Be prepared to learn and have fun!

Respectfully,

Carolyn Korte, Instructor

Canadian Red Cross

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WG's CURLING AND BASKETBALL TEAMS – update

-Wednesday, February 5th 1-5 PM at Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre our 3 curling teams and Mrs. Munro will attend the year end Bonspiel for the Elementary School's League. GO WOLVES GO!!

-Our Basketball teams remaining home games are Tuesday, Feb. 4th & Thursday, Feb. 6th (Girls team) and Tuesday, Feb. 11th & Thursday, Feb. 13th (Boys team). Have a great finish to your season students!!

Learning Improvement Plan (School Goals)

- A) By June 2020, 75% of students will report feelings of belonging as measured by our Learning Improvement Teams.
- B) By June 2020, 100 % of students will sense a safe & inclusive school- one that welcomes and understands the diversity of some students needing to be included without affecting any others.
- C) By June 2020, 80% of students will be proficient writers as measured by the Ministry of Saskatchewan's holistic writing rubric.

You will see/have seen some great things happening to help William Grayson meet these goals. Lunchroom change ups, behaviour plans, classroom interventions, writing clubs, and staff assignments are all ways staff have committed to hitting our goals. We use data to form our goals and are continually tracking it to see where we need to go next. LIP's are an important part of the vision of our school and staff and students take the road to hitting those goals very seriously. It is so promising to see the data get stronger and stronger each month because of the effort of staff, students and families in helping us achieve our goals!

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