



“THE GWYNNE GAB”

“The Country School with a Big Heart!”

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March 2010

**Report Cards
Go Home
March 12,
2010**



**Parent
Teacher
Interviews
March
16 & 17**



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From the Office

On behalf of Gwynne staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parent council for the wonderful luncheon they provided on Friday, February 19th for staff appreciation.

This month begins an important time for our grade nine's as they are beginning preparation for High School registration. Please make sure that you carefully look at Mr. Van Someren's information in this newsletter regarding upcoming important dates.

The second reporting period is fast approaching. Report cards will be sent home on March 12th with Parent Teacher Interviews to follow on Tuesday, March 16th and Wednesday, March 17th from 4:30 – 7:30.

Kindergarten Registration will take place this year on April 22nd from 5:00 – 6:00. If you are aware of anyone considering Gwynne for their kindergarten students and they are not from our catchments area please inform them of this date along with having them contact the school.

Important Dates to Remember

March

Mar 2-3 – Gr. 9 WCHS Parent Orientation @ 7pm @ the High School

Mar 9 – Gr. 9 WCHS tour (Day 5)

Mar 12 – Report Cards go home

Mar 16 – Gr. 9 WCHS forms due to Mr. Van Someren

Mar 16 & 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews

Mar 19 – NO SCHOOL (In Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews)

Mar 22 – NO SCHOOL (PD Day)

Mar 23 – WCHS coordinators come to Gwynne School for Gr. 9 Students

Mar 29 – Parent Council Meeting

Mar 31 – Hot Lunch & Awards Day

April

April 2-11 – NO SCHOOL Easter & Spring Holidays

April 19 – Lifetouch photos

April 22 – Kindergarten Registration from 5:00pm – 6:00pm

April 28 – Awards

Lates and Absences

Please phone the school office by 9:00 a.m. when your child will be late or absent.

Healthy Interactions

From time to time an issue may arise concerning something in a class, which your child is in, or on the playground, or about the school in general. The established protocol is that you start your discussion with the classroom teacher. If the problem still persists then you would see the school principal, Mrs. Elgert. We have found that most problems are solved in step one. We use an approach called Healthy Interactions within our district to help us solve these problems.

Moving? New Phone #?

Don't forget to call the school office and let us know of any new contact information as it comes up through the year.

After School Pick-up Reminder

Please call the office or write a note to your child's teacher whenever there is a change to your child's regular after school arrangements. Students will be put on the bus unless officially notified.

Administration of Medication

According to the WRPS Administrative Procedures Manual, school staff are not authorized to administer medication to students. In any case where your child needs to take medication during school hours, an Authorization of Administration of Medication form must be completed and returned to the school. The forms can be picked up at the school office or from your child's teacher as needed. (For more information on the administration of medication, see the WRPS Board Policy Handbook posted on the web http://www.wrps.ab.ca/do/AdminPro/Docs/AP300/300_Students.html)

Campbell's Labels for Education:

Gwynne School participates in the above program in which, we ask that you send the entire label from any Campbell's soup can, V8 Splash drink, or Goldfish crackers box (we just need the flap with the UPC), including the UPC with your child to school. In turn, we collect them and send them in for free books, educational supplies, computers, etc. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Inclement Weather

Just a reminder that winter is going to be here any day. So please make sure your children are prepared for cold weather (hats, mitts, ski pants). In the case of inclement weather, schools may close. For information about school closures in our area, please listen to one of the following radio stations in the morning:

CKJR AM 1440 Wetaskiwin
CFCW AM 790 Camrose

CBC AM 740 Edmonton
CHED AM 630 Edmonton

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Spotlight on Nutrition

Increase the fibre in your diet by eating fresh vegetables and fruit, and whole grains such as 100% whole wheat bread, brown rice, and whole grain pasta. Fibre helps your heart and intestines stay healthy, and keeps you feeling full for longer.



Gwynne Parent Council Association

Thank you to all who attended our February GSPA meeting. Our next parent council meeting will be held at on March 29 @ 7:00.

GSPA Upcoming Fundraiser

The GSPA has decided to kick off spring this year with a new fundraiser. We will be selling a variety of bulbs through Veseys during the month of March. Order forms should be arriving shortly.

GSPA Parent Volunteers

Thanks a bunch Carmen Weiss for helping out on pizza day.

A big thank to Carrie Leeb, Carol Senz, Bruce Johnson, Anna Hayden, Kristy Geddes and Michael Burrows for helping with the Staff Appreciation Lunch that was held on Friday, February 19, 2010. Also, a big thank you to Stephanie Boeve for preparing all of the creative gifts and treats during the week of February 16-19.

Parents of Grade 9 Students, Important Dates Upcoming!!

As advertised, **March 2 and 3** are the dates for Parent Orientation at the High School beginning at 7pm (choose one of the nights to go).

On **March 9**, I will be taking the Grade 9's over for a *tour of the High School*. We will walk over from Clear Vista (it is a day 5), instead of doing options there. The students will receive their registration packages and Course Request Forms at that time.

On **March 16**, your child's Course Request Forms will be due to me at Gwynne School, so I can file and approve them.

The High School will be coming here on **March 23** in the morning to register our Grade 9 students.

****If you would like to attend the individual meetings with your child, then please contact me at the school so I can schedule an appointment for you. I will schedule the meetings including parents as well as meetings involving only students. If I do not hear from you, I will assume that you would prefer your child to meet with the counsellor on their own.****

Your child will need to have their course request form completed **prior** to their meeting on March 23.

I will be available for help if required, please call me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this transition time.

Trevor Van Someren

Gwynne School Falcons Basketball Teams

Thank you to the Gwynne Falcons coaches, staff, parents and students for a successful Basketball season. Both teams have had a successful season!

“As seen in the ATA News, and the Wetaskiwin Times.”

Haiti's Cry

Modeled from the poem "The Passenger Pigeon" by Paul Fleischman

We do not have money
Nor homes
But strength
Strength
There was anguish
Anguish
In the streets
We are sad
Sad and on the ground
But unified we stand
Stand

As a country.

When the ground started to shake
We began to shiver and
Quake quake
Then the buildings
Buildings
Crumbled.
And fear
Fear
Became panic.
They searched the wreckage they searched the
wreckage
Doctors and friends doctors and
friends
The world came together
Together
To help us
It's one week later and here we are
Stuck stuck

But out reached a hand

By Dylan MacLeod and Ty Newton
Gwynne School