



“THE GWYNNE GAB”

“The Country School with a Big Heart!”

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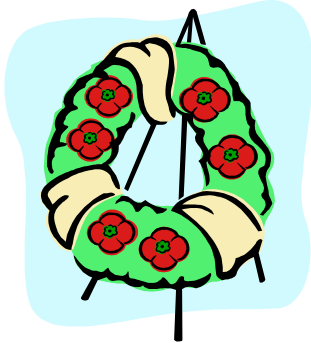
Principal: Karen Elgert

November 2009

**Report Cards Go
Home on Friday,
November 20,
2009**

**Remembrance
Day Ceremony**

November, 10
2009



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From the Office

November is a month of remembrance and reflection. We at Gwynne School appreciate all that we are fortunate enough to have and to be a part of. Being in a smaller community with the fantastic parental support makes our school that much richer with culture, experiences and positive influences. Thank you very much for being a very big part of who we are.

This month the first report card will be issued on November 20th. Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on Tuesday, November 24th and Wednesday, November 25th from 4:30 – 7:30pm. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

I would also like to thank everyone for their support with the QSP Fundraiser and the Gwynne School Book Fair.

Important Dates to Remember

November

- Nov 09 – Picture Retakes
- Nov 10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 12:45
- Nov 11 – NO SCHOOL – REMEMBRANCE DAY
- Nov 16 – Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- Nov 17 – School Spirit Day (Wear RED, BLACK & WHITE)
- Nov 19 – Hot Dog Day
- Nov 20 – Report Cards go home
- Nov 20 – School Dance for Grades 6-9 @ 7:30pm-10:30pm
- Nov 24 – 25 – Parent Teacher Interviews @ 4:30pm – 7:30pm
- Nov 25 – Awards Day
- Nov 26 – PD ½ Day
- Nov 27 – NO SCHOOL – IN LIEU OF PT INTERVIEWS

December

- Dec 16 – Christmas Concert @ 7:00pm
- Dec 18 – Gr. 6-9 Bowling in Wetaskiwin
- Dec 19 – Jan 1 – NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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.

Phone Messages

We realize that occasionally plans change throughout the day and you may need to inform your child if they are to get on the bus as normal at the end of a day or that you have decided to pick them up from the school at the end of the day. Please feel free to call the school and leave a message either with a staff member or on the answering machine. However, we do ask that you phone before 3:15pm, if you call later than this time we cannot guarantee that your child will receive the message, as the end of the day is a very busy time and there is not always someone at the phone. Also, because of the rush that happens, we ask that students not use the phone at the end of the day. Phone calls from students will be limited to emergencies only.

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)

Picture Retakes

Individual school picture Retakes will be taken on Monday, November 09, 2009. More information and picture envelopes will be sent home soon. Class pictures will be taken in the spring.

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.

Lunch

All classrooms are equipped with microwaves, some have several. **Students will be given no more than 1 minute each to heat their food.** We ask that parents keep this in mind when lunches are being prepared. Foods such as pop corn bags, Michelina's frozen entrees, etc. take far to long to heat. We ask for your support in this area. Thank you!

Gwynne Parent Council Association

GSPA Fundraising

The GSPA is again going to be selling Mundare sausage, pepperoni, smokies and perogies. We are looking forward to another great fundraiser and thank you for all of your support. Orders are due back November 9th, with a delivery date of November 25th. Please call Carrie Leeb at 780-352-5803 if you are able to help out on November 25th, as this fundraiser does require quite a few volunteers to sort orders.

Hot Lunch News

Thank you to Kristy Geddes, Joanne Mason, Carmen Weiss, Carrie Leeb and Heather and Cory Rasmuson for their help on pizza day. It was a treat to have so many volunteers. We have booked our Panago pizza days for the rest of the school year. They will be held on December 15th, February 24th and April 28th.

Bus Info

We would like to put out a general reminder to all parents to please send a note to your child's bus driver when friends are going to be accompanying them on the bus.

Gwynne School Fundraising

Thank you to all of the families for all of your support! Both the QSP Magazine and Book Fair were a big success. The money raised from the QSP Magazine fundraiser helps support classroom field trips and presentations. And the Profits made from this Book Fair go to building and updating our library selection and for supplies from Scholastic. The Book Fair contest winners from the "Draw a Planet" are Dakota Zielke, Quinn Letawsky, Mitchell Bushnell, Destiney Denton, Kennedy Thomson, Leithe Minder, Travis Hahn, Cody Hagstrom and Carmen Dubland. The "Family Event Draw" winner was Jesse Slater from Ms. Lang's classroom.

Thank you!

Sports Teams

Congratulations to both our Girls and Boys Volleyball teams for their successful season. Thank you to all of the drivers and support we have received from parents and staff during this volleyball season.

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). Just a reminder that 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

CBC AM 740 Edmonton

CFCW AM 790 Camrose

CHED AM 630 Edmonton

News From the FSLW

We were very excited to have our first baby visit this past month. Our Roots of Empathy baby teacher is Clare. The Theme focus this month was on meeting the Baby, we talked about infant development and that love grows brains. We also talked about the Adaptability trait which helps us understand the ease in which a person adjusts to situations. If you have high adaptability you go with the flow and adjust to changes in your life with ease. If you have low adaptability it takes you time to adjust to changes and you have some difficulty with disappointment. We are looking forward to our next theme which is crying.

Why Wear a Poppy on November 11th?

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance for Canada's war dead. It is an international symbol for those who died in war. A writer first made the connection between the poppy and the battlefield deaths during the Napoleonic war in the early 19th century. He noted that the fields that were completely barren before the war had exploded with the blood red flowers after the fighting ended.

In Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion sells their poppies for donations only. These donations are a source of funds to help with veterans, ex-service people and their dependants. Wearing a poppy means we remember the one hundred thousand Canadian lives lost in battle and support our thousands of peacekeepers that are currently overseas helping keep the peace.

