



“THE GWYNNE GAB”

“The Country School with a Big Heart!”

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From the Office

Greetings and Welcome Back!

On behalf of the staff at Gwynne School, I would like to welcome back all of our returning families and for those families new to our school, we look forward to partnering with you in the education of your children.

At Gwynne School we encourage our students to work hard throughout the school year and to always try their best. It is important that our students keep up with their homework and study for their tests. It is with support from their families that students are able to succeed. If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please contact your child's teacher in order that the best communication may take place.

On September 28, 2009 at 5:00p.m. Gwynne school will be having our “Beans ‘n’ Jeans” meet the teacher night and the first Parent Council meeting. You will also have an opportunity to visit with your child's teachers and see the school.

We have a number of wonderful activities and clubs at Gwynne. We would like to encourage all of our students to join in the many activities that take place. These clubs help to promote character education and positive Gwynne citizenship. They also help to enhance your child's overall educational experience.

Supervision for students begins at 8:15 a.m. every morning. Please keep in mind that students who arrive earlier will not have supervision provided for them. They are to remain at the front doors. They are not to go to their lockers. Once the busses have arrived, students may then head to their classrooms and their lockers. Also, students are expected to go directly home or to their designated place after school. We wish to thank you for your continued support in order that we may continue to provide a quality education for our students.

Mrs. K. Elgert - Principal



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 than 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.

School Fees 2009-2010

School fees are due, make payment as soon as possible. Please make cheques payable to Gwynne School. If your child has his/her own instrument, their Band Fee is \$5.00

Kindergarten/Grade 1:

Instructional Materials: **\$ 40.00**

Grade 2/3:

Instructional Materials: \$40.00
Swimming Lessons: \$15.00

 \$55.00

Grade 4/5:

Instructional Materials: **\$ 40.00**

Grade 6:

Instructional Materials: \$40.00
Locker Rental: \$ 5.00
Band Rental: \$50.00

 \$95.00

Grade 7/8/9:

Instructional Material: \$60.00
Locker Rental: \$ 5.00
Band Rental: \$65.00
Home EC/I.A: \$30.00

 \$155.00

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. Unless officially notified bus students will be put on the bus.

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.htm)

Pictures

Individual school pictures will be taken on Friday, October 09, 2009. More information and picture envelopes will be sent home soon. A picture re-take day will be scheduled. 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.

Intramurals:

In-School Sport Teams:

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 too long to heat. We ask for your support in this area. Thank you!

New! From the Learning Support Teacher

"I am very excited to join the Gwynne School Community, and I look forward to getting to know the students here at Gwynne School. I am available for phone calls or meetings most mornings up until lunch. Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or concerns for me. Have a great school year! Mr. Van Someren"

F.S.L.W News

Welcome to a new school year! I want to take a moment to go over the Family School Liaison program- We believe all students and families are valuable and we all need help once in a while to get over the bumps and struggles of life. This program is student focused and family oriented. The program strives towards assisting students and their families to provide emotional, behavior and social support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at the school.

I am also excited to be offering our grade 2/3 class the Roots of Empathy program. This program was specifically designed to foster the development of empathy, emotional literacy, reduce the levels of bullying, aggression, and promote pro-social behaviors. We will be introducing our baby teacher in the next newsletter. If you want more information about this program you can see the program on the web at www.rootsofempathy.org.

We are also starting our spirit club again this year and we will be planning many fun activities for the whole school to participate in. I hope everyone has had a terrific start to the year. Laura Lucas



