



# “THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

*“A Centre of Excellence”*

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September 2019

## School Bell Schedule

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| <b>8:30</b>          | <b>First Bell</b> |
| <b>8:35 – 9:08</b>   | <b>Period 1</b>   |
| <b>9:08 – 9:42</b>   | <b>Period 2</b>   |
| <b>9:42 – 10:16</b>  | <b>Period 3</b>   |
| <b>10:16 – 10:31</b> | <b>RECESS</b>     |
| <b>10:33 – 11:07</b> | <b>Period 4</b>   |
| <b>11:07 – 11:41</b> | <b>Period 5</b>   |
| <br>                 |                   |
| <b>11:41 – 12:31</b> | <b>LUNCH</b>      |
| <br>                 |                   |
| <b>12:33 – 1:07</b>  | <b>Period 6</b>   |
| <b>1:07 – 1:41</b>   | <b>Period 7</b>   |
| <b>1:41 – 2:15</b>   | <b>Period 8</b>   |
| <b>2:15 – 2:30</b>   | <b>RECESS</b>     |
| <b>2:32 – 3:06</b>   | <b>Period 9</b>   |
| <b>3:06 – 3:40</b>   | <b>Period 10</b>  |
| <b>3:40</b>          | <b>DISMISSAL</b>  |



## From the Office

Greetings and Welcome Back!

On behalf of the staff at Gwynne School, we would like to welcome back our returning families and for those families new to our school, we are excited to partner with you. I would like to welcome to Gwynne School, Mrs. Jevne, our new grade 1/2 teacher and Mr. MacKenzie, the new Family School Liaison Worker. We look forward to working with these staff members at Gwynne School.

There are a number of changes at Gwynne School this year. A new grade 1/2 teacher and FSL Worker, who are quite excited to work with your students. What has not changed is our constant encouragement of students to be good citizens and work to the best of their abilities. It is important that students engage in the learning process and keep up with their studies throughout the school year. It is the reciprocal efforts of school and families that allow students to succeed. If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Wednesday, September 11 at 5:00pm, Gwynne School will be hosting our traditional “Beans ‘n’ Jeans” meet the teacher night and the parent council annual general meeting. Gwynne School Parents Association are fabulous supporters of our students and we are always looking for more parental involvement. This evening will provide an opportunity to visit with your child's teachers and see the school. Please visit our website at [www.gwynneschool.ca](http://www.gwynneschool.ca) regularly for future newsletters and to keep up with school and classroom news.

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. Involvement in extra-curricular activities adds to a positive school environment. These clubs help to promote character, leadership and positive citizenship while enhancing your child's overall educational experience.

Supervision for students begins at 8:20 a.m. every morning. Please keep in mind that students who arrive earlier will not have supervision provided for them. Students in grade 5-8 will be expected to keep their materials with them until the bell rings while younger students can drop off their materials in their lockers before heading outside. With safety in mind, please keep the bus lanes unobstructed during the morning and afternoon rush. Please use the guest parking spaces available on the north end of the parking lot and exercise caution at all times. At the conclusion of each day, students will be kept inside until a parent collects them or until the busses have left to take students home. We thank you for your continued support in providing a safe environment for our students.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning! We hope you are too!

Mr. S. Wilson

### **Consent Forms**

All students received the following consent forms at the beginning of the school year. Please return the forms as soon as possible. They include:

- Technology Agreement – Complete this form so that your child will be allowed to access the school computers.
- Locker Use Agreement

**Permission Forms and fee payments** will be accessed and provided online. There is a link provided on the Gwynne School website ([www.gwynneschool.ca](http://www.gwynneschool.ca)) for you to access this service.

### **Lates and Absences**

**Please phone the school office by 8:45 a.m. when your child will be late or absent.**

### **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.

### **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, Mr. Wilson. 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.

### **Power School**

The school division has changed over its student information system from the old program, Maplewood, to the new program, Powerschool. We ask for your patience when dealing with this program, since staff are just learning the program and there will be some growing pains.

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

The staff have decided to move to an alternate parent-teacher interview format. We are going to have three interview dates throughout the school year. The dates for the grade 1-8 classes will be: October 24, December 5 and March 19. The Kindergarten interviews will be held on October 23, December 4 and March 18, since these are days that Kindergarten is in session (Wednesdays). It is hoped that a more even distribution of these dates will help to further augment discussions between teachers and parents about their students.

### **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.

### **Inclement Weather**

It is important for Parents, Students and Staff to understand that schools will remain open in the event of inclement weather, school bus services may be suspended due to adverse road or weather conditions that jeopardize the safety of students, however, schools will remain open.

Parents are not required to send their children to school if, in their judgment, weather or road conditions are detrimental to the safety, or well being of their children.

For further information refer to AP 132 and corresponding documents; Transportation Handbook and Inclement Weather Brochure or refer to the WRPS website. If you have any questions please contact Debra Howeihe, Director of Transportation at 780-352-6018 for clarification.

### **Administration of Medication**

According to the WRPS Administrative Procedures Manual, school staffs 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 you can go on the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools website. (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](http://www.wrps.ab.ca/do/AdminPro/Docs/AP300/300_Students.htm))

### **Lunch**

The kindergarten to grade 4 classrooms will not have access to microwaves. The decision, in consultation with parent council, to remove the microwaves from these classrooms was based upon:

- a. student ability to safely and independently heat their items,
- b. The amount of instructional time used for a staff member to heat student food items each day

The grade 5-8 classrooms are equipped with microwaves. **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 popcorn bags, Michelina's frozen entrees, etc. take far too long to heat. We ask for your support in this area. Thank you!

### **Terry Fox Run**

Gwynne School will be hosting an in-house Terry Fox run September 27st.

### **FLSW NEWS – Mr. MacKenzie**

Hello, I'm Mr. MacKenzie, the new FLSW at Gwynne School. If your children need some guidance with their personal issues or school, parents please contact me at [daniel.mackenzie@wrps11.ca](mailto:daniel.mackenzie@wrps11.ca). I look forward to hearing from you!

**LST NEWS – Miss. Loov - Learning Support Teacher**

Welcome back to another school year. September is often busy as we all settle in and look at what each student requires to ensure they have a positive and successful year.

As in years past, I have sent home interest inventories with your student(s). These inventories are quite valuable as they tell us what learning styles are best suited for your child. As parents, you know your child better than we do, so your input is extremely important to us. It would be much appreciated if you could please fill out the inventories and send them back to me.

If your child requires an IPP and/or a Behaviour Support Plan, I will be telephoning you around the end of September or beginning of October to schedule a team meeting with myself, your child's teacher and Mr. Wilson. Medical Plans have been completed and will be sent home for review and signatures for those students on file. If your child has a medical condition that the school should be aware of, please contact me so we can ensure that a medical plan is in place. We develop plans for severe allergies, asthma, epilepsy, etc. Having updated medical information is crucial for your child's health and safety.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Wishing you all the very best this school year.

Michelle Loov

# September

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i>                           | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i>   | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i>                              | <i>Sat</i>   |
|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|---|--------------|
|            |                                      |            |  |            |   |              |
| <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b><br>NO SCHOOL-<br>Labour Day | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>K  | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>                                | <b>7</b>     |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>K                        | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>Meet the Teacher<br>& Beans'n'Jeans<br>@ 5pm<br>K | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>NO SCHOOL -<br>PD DAY      | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>K                       | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>Rod Drebert X-<br>Country Meet<br>Gr. 4-8<br>K    | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>                               | <b>21</b>    |
| <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>K                       | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>LDAA<br>X-Country<br>Gr. 4-8<br>K                 | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br>Terry Fox - Last<br>Recess | <b>28</b>    |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>Orange Shirt Day<br>K   |            |  |            |   | <b>K - 8</b> |

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# October

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i>                | <i>Tue</i>                           | <i>Wed</i>  | <i>Thu</i>                           | <i>Fri</i>                           | <i>Sat</i> |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
|            |                           | <b>1</b>                             | <b>2</b><br>Swim Lessons<br>Gr. 3-4 12:00-1:30<br>Gr. 5-6 1:30-3:00<br><br>K                                      | <b>3</b>                             | <b>4</b><br>NO SCHOOL –<br>PD DAY    | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br><br>K         | <b>8</b>                             | <b>9</b><br>Swim Lessons<br>Gr. 3-4 12:00-1:30<br>Gr. 5-6 1:30-3:00<br><br>K                                      | <b>10</b>                            | <b>11</b>                            | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br>Thanksgiving | <b>15</b><br>Scholastic<br>Book Fair | <b>16</b><br>Scholastic<br>Book Fair<br><br>Swim Lessons<br>Gr. 3-4 12:00-1:30<br>Gr. 5-6 1:30-3:00<br>K          | <b>17</b><br>Scholastic<br>Book Fair | <b>18</b><br>Scholastic<br>Book Fair | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br><br>K        | <b>22</b>                            | <b>23</b><br>LifeTouch<br>Pictures<br><br>Swim Lessons<br>Gr. 3-4 12:00-1:30<br>Gr. 5-6 1:30-3:00<br>ECS PTI<br>K | <b>24</b><br>Gr.1-8 PTI              | <b>25</b><br>NO SCHOOL –<br>PD DAY   | <b>26</b>  |
| <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br><br>K        | <b>29</b>                            | <b>30</b><br>Recognition<br>Assembly @<br>3:06pm<br><br>K   | <b>31</b><br>Halloween               |                                      |            |
|            |                           |                                      |   |                                      |                                      | K - 8      |

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