



“THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

“A Centre of Excellence”

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Principal: Stu Wilson

October 2019

Scholastic Book Fair!

Come and Check out the
Selection!

October 15th – 18th

**Open during first recess
and lunch recess**

Gr. 1-8 Parent Teacher Interviews

24, 2019

4-8pm

LifeTouch School Photos

October 23, 2019



Gr. 3-6 Swim Lessons

October 2,9,16 & 23

Gr. 3-4 12:00pm-1:30pm

Gr. 5-6 1:30pm-3:00pm

From the Office

We are entering the month of October, which offers such inspiring and changing events as; fall colors, leaves falling from trees, harvest occurring, Thanksgiving, the weather getting colder, etc.

This 2019-2020 school year has seen many changes at Gwynne School as well, but there are many opportunities for students that are the same – activities such as: cross-country running, glee club, elementary choir, girls’ volleyball team, etc.

We, at the school, would like to congratulate the athletes who participated in the cross country races during September and thank the supervisors for the events, Mr. Kaup and Mrs. Bukkems. The glee club is in full swing with a number of students participating under the direction of Ms. Loov. The Elementary Choir are getting started under the direction of Mrs. Didriksen. The Junior Girl’s Volleyball Team and their coach, Mr. Kaup, are practicing in preparation of their season starting in October.

Our Mental Health Worker for the school, Mrs. Mennear, is busy providing programs for our students throughout each week. Mrs. Mennear’s focus is to provide programming in a school that will promote positive mental health for all children, youth, families along with those in the community who interact with children and youth through promotion and prevention strategies.

Thank you to the parents and guardians who organized and attended the Beans and Jeans Open House and the parent council organizational meeting in September. We would like to encourage any parents who did not have the opportunity to join us on that evening to contact the school and your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

In the Parent Council AGM, I stated, the practice of microwaves not being available in the Kindergarten to grade 4 classrooms would be revisited by Gwynne School staff. The staff agreed that the practice will continue as it has been started this year with no microwaves in the Kindergarten to grade 4 classrooms. The rationale for the decision was that staff members used instructional time to heat student food so it is able to be eaten during the eating portion of the lunch recess where they should have been instructing students. I thank the parents who provided feedback on this issue.

The parent council is comprised of active and motivated parents who are called upon as an advisory group for initiatives in the school and are focused on fundraising for several projects and focuses they have for Gwynne School. All parents are encouraged to attend the parent council meetings to provide input and support for the activities and initiatives the parent council are involved in. The next parent council meeting is on October 16 at 6:00 p.m. The students and staff of the school directly benefit from the efforts of this organization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher or the office.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stu Wilson



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Author Visit

We are pleased to have a cartoonist, Mr. Gerry Rasmussen, presenting at the school the morning of October 21, 2019. He is an internationally syndicated cartoonist for drawing the comic strip *Betty* and has collaborated on several books. He will be introducing our classes to his cartoon characters and the techniques he uses to draw and think with a pencil and get our students to develop and illustrate their characters. The tentative schedule of presentations will be:

8:40-9:08: K-2

9:30-10:15: Gr 3-4

10:35-11:35: Gr 5-8

The staff are looking forward to this interesting presentation.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews for the 2019-2020 school year will be conducted in a different format than what has traditionally been done. We are going to have three separate evenings approximately evenly distributed through the school year. The evenings for the grade 1-8 interviews will be October 24, 2019 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; December 5, 2019 (Time TBD); and March 19, 2020 (Time TBD). Kindergarten will occur the evening before the last two grade 1 to 8 interviews: December 4, 2019 (Time TBD); and, March 18, 2020 (Time TBD).

Permission Forms and fee payments will be accessed and provided online. There is a link provided on the Gwynne School website (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.

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.

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.

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)

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!

LST NEWS – Miss. Loov - Learning Support Teacher
Literacy

We have officially launched our new 2019 literacy initiative! This program is based on the “One School, One Book” program. Over the next few months, everybody who is part of Gwynne School will be reading the same book.

Your student has brought home the book for our literacy initiative. Our book for this school year is, “Charlotte’s Web” by E.B. White. This book is for your family to keep.

Each week we ask that as a family, your student(s) read one or two chapters. Each week there will be tasks for each chapter for each student to complete and prizes will be drawn from each classroom, for the students who complete and submit the tasks.

Completion of tasks and the novel is not part of your student’s report card. It is part of the program to encourage reading at home.

I will be doing the draws in each classroom approximately every Wednesday (unless stated otherwise or if I am absent from school).

Please contact me at 780-352-3029 or michelle.loov@wrps11.ca if you have any questions regarding this program.

Thank You,

Michelle Loov

October

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27	28 K	29	30 Recognition Assembly @ 3:06pm K	31 Halloween		
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