



“THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

“A Centre of Excellence”

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November 2019

Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 8, 2019
At 10:40 am



LifeTouch School Picture Retakes

November 20, 2019



Report Cards Go Home November 29, 2019

From the Office

The first few months of the school year have seemed to fly by and before we know it, Christmas will be here! November is the month associated with remembering, not only the brave men and women who have represented Canada in previous conflicts, but events that have happened in our school and community as well. We invite all parents to become involved in the school activities over the coming months.

The Gwynne Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held Friday, November 8th at 10:40 a.m., when we will give thanks for our freedom and for those who served and gave their lives to preserve this freedom. We will also remember family and friends who left us in the past year. We encourage any students who are involved in Air Cadets, boy scouts, girl guides, or other similar organizations to wear their uniforms for the ceremony on this day.

We would like to thank the families of Gwynne School, who are participating in the “One Book, One School” reading initiative by reading Charlotte’s Web. Another thank you to the families who donated to the school charity fund raiser, kissing the pig, for the Farnm animal rescue facility that is recovering from their barn burning down last Spring. The staff definitely puckered up for the porcine!!

November is report card time, which will follow with our second round of parent-teacher interviews in December and we look forward to seeing you on the evenings of December 4th for Kindergarten from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and December 5th for grades 1-8 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. I would encourage parents to stop by the office to visit with me and share feedback about Gwynne School on December 5th. Please stop by and join us on this evening.

Sincerely,

Stu Wilson

Principal



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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

Puckering Up

Thank you for all the donations made towards our pig kissing fundraiser. We were able to raise \$311.25 in donations for FARRM (Farm Animal Rescue and Rehoming Movement). On October 30th we presented FARRM with the donation at our assembly. We also were generously granted a lovely pig named Francis. We would like to give a big thanks to the Schamber family for bringing Francis to the school and allowing him to be smothered in kisses.

Staff members that students voted on to kiss the pig were Mr. Wilson, Miss Loov and Mr. Kaup.

The Gwynne School community's generosity in this fundraiser is extremely appreciated and we as a staff at Gwynne School wish to give everybody a big, huge thank you!

Charlotte's Web

We are well into our school wide novel study of Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White. Students have been doing an excellent job keeping up with the reading and completing the various tasks and questions that go with the chapters. We are scheduled to complete the novel just before Christmas break. Thank you for participating in this literacy initiative and we hope you are all enjoying the novel!

November

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3	4 K	5	6 K	7	8 Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:40am	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12 NO SCHOOL In Lieu of PTI	13 K	14 Purdy's Chocolate Order Due	15	16
17	18 K	19	20 LifeTouch Pictures Retakes GSPA Parent Council @6pm K	21	22 NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	23
24	25 K	26 Purdy's Chocolate Order pick up	27 K	28	29 Report Cards Go Home	30

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December

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1	2 K	3	4 Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm K	5 Gr. 1-8 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-8pm	6 NO SCHOOL – Collaboration Day	7
8	9 K	10	11 K	12	13 K	14
15	16 K	17	18 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal – 9am Afternoon Performance – 2pm Evening Performance – 7pm K	19	20	21
22 NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	23 NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	24 NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	25 NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	27 NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	28 NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS
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