



“THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

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December 2019

Gwynne School Presents

THE NUTCRACKER

The Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm



From the Office

Season's Greetings, Gwynne School community! With the Christmas holiday soon upon us, it pleases me to look back at the past few months and reflect on the many activities and events that have taken place at Gwynne School. Students have had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities. I would like to offer a sincere “Thank You” to the students, staff, parents, and community members who have been so involved in our school throughout the past year.

Thank you to Ember Resources for the \$1000 Cheque donated to Gwynne School! This donation will be used to supply all students two hot lunches this school year.

Thank you to the Arndt Family! They have arranged and covered the cost for Dejehan Hamilton a motivational speaker to do a presentation for all students! The presentation will be on December 4, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the gymnasium.

A special congratulations go out to the Gwynne School Junior Girls' Volleyball team, who won a bronze medal in their volleyball league this season, they were strong ambassadors for Gwynne School throughout their season.

Christmas is a time of celebrations and one special to Gwynne School is our Christmas concert, themed “The Nutcracker”. We welcome you to join us at the school on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 for performances at 2:00 p.m. and/or 7:00 p.m.

The Christmas season is the “Season of Giving”, which will not be overlooked this year at Gwynne School. The parent council will be organizing a 50/50 raffle (with the draw at the evening performance at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas concert) again this year as a fundraising effort for supporting the school. Another collection effort the school is initiating will be the collection of juice boxes and granola bars for Hope Mission. These items can be donated in the week prior to and at the Christmas concert.

Gwynne School has had a great start to the 2019-2020 school year and we look forward to the many events that will occur in the balance of the school year.

On behalf of all the staff of Gwynne School, I wish you and your families a safe, restful, and happy holiday!

The best of the season,

Mr. Stu Wilson

Principal

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 throughout 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, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm; and March 19, 2020, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Kindergarten will occur the evening before the last two grade 1 to 8 interviews: December 4, 2019, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm; and, March 18, 2020, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

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

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!



Message from Parent's Association

Greetings from the Parents for Gwynne School! As we all know, the school year is in full swing and the new executive is settling into their roles. The Parents have been busy with the following:

- *Hot lunches* - Our awesome volunteers have organized some great hot lunches, with more to come. We would like to thank the sponsors who have donated and provided the opportunity to periodically offer free meals to the students, the most recent being *Ember Resources* for the December 11 pizza lunch;
- *The Skating Rink* upgrades are nearing the end. The dedicated volunteers committed many hours to the improvements. Thank you to Encompass Credit Union for the grant which made the completion of this project possible;
- *The Purdy's Chocolate Order* was the most successful to date. Thank you to the parents who took the lead, placed and sorted the orders to ensure timely deliveries;
- *The Annual 50/50 raffle* is rapidly approaching and tickets will be available shortly. The draw will be made December 18 at the Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m. performance;
- *Upcoming Bingo* - January 18, 2020 (afternoon), volunteers needed;
- *Upcoming Parent Council Meeting* – Thursday, January 23, 6:00PM – Everyone welcome.

Lastly, thank you to the faculty which strives to provide a great learning environment for all our kids. Recently, the Parent Council was made aware of several significant cuts to the WRPS budget which will undeniably create some challenges in the upcoming future. Parent Council offers our utmost support to assist in the success of Gwynne School and are exploring some creative fundraising alternatives. Stay tuned for future updates. Until then, Go Falcons!



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