



# “THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

*“A Centre of Excellence”*

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January 2020



**Scholastic**  
**Book Fair**  
**Coming**  
**Soon!!**  
**February**  
**10-14**  
**2020**

## From the Office

Season's Greetings and welcome back from the Christmas break, Gwynne community! We hope everyone had a relaxing break. A new year always brings new hopes, ideas and challenges. As we enter the balance of the 2019—2020 School Year, the bulk of the academic outcomes, as set by Alberta Education, and various other activities offered at Gwynne School will be completed.

Christmas is a time of celebrations and one special to Gwynne School is our Christmas concert. We would like to thank the parents, staff, and community members who bought the 50/50 tickets at our Christmas Concert, which will help in the council's support of our school. We also had a great response for donations of juice boxes and granola bars for Hope Mission. These items will be used in Hope Missions' efforts to help feed hungry students throughout the Wetaskiwin area.

We, at Gwynne School, wish Mr. Mackenzie all the best. He has resigned and will no longer be the Family School Liaison (FSL) at Gwynne School. He is to be thanked for the work that he has done in our school and community. The replacement for Mr. Mackenzie's FSL position at Gwynne School has not yet been filled, but the new person will be selected in January.

We also wish our best to Mrs. Zimmer who is not returning to the Kindergarten classroom for the balance of the school year. Thank you Mrs. Zimmer for your work in the first part of the school year and all the best in your future endeavours.

January is a time to review goals and set new ones through reflection on the past year and anticipation of the year to come. Students and staff continue to learn, grow, and achieve together to develop a vital and invigorating educational environment with constant challenges and successes. The students and staff of Gwynne School have realized numerous successes in the start of this school year and will undoubtedly have many more as the year progresses. Keep up the great work!

Happy New Year!!

Wishing you all the best in 2020,

Stu Wilson



### **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](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.

### **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](http://www.wrps.ab.ca/do/AdminPro/Docs/AP300/300_Students.htm))

### **Message from Parent's Association**

Welcome back from Gwynne School Parents Association! The Parents have been busy with the following:

- *Hot Lunches* – Thank you to the most recent lunch sponsor, **Ember Resources** for the December 11 pizza lunch;
- *Skating rink* - upgrades have been completed, the sponsorship sign for **Encompass Credit Union** will be installed in the near future and rink flooding will occur once the temperatures drop. Thank you to everyone who donated at the Christmas Concert toward the flooding fees;
- *50/50 Raffle* – Congratulations to Tom Ballhorn winning the sold out draw;
- *Upcoming Bingo* – January 18, 2020 (afternoon), volunteers needed;
- *Upcoming Parent Council Meeting* – Thursday, January 23, 6:00 PM
- *Family Movie Night* – Please keep your eyes open for an upcoming movie night, details to be released.

# January

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			<b>1</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>2</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>3</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> K	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> K	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> K	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> K	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> K	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> K	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> K	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> K	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> K	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> K	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> K	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> K	<b>6</b> NO SCHOOL Teachers Convention	<b>7</b> NO SCHOOL Teachers Convention	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Scholastic Book Fair K	<b>11</b> Scholastic Book Fair	<b>12</b> Scholastic Book Fair K	<b>13</b> Scholastic Book Fair	<b>14</b> Scholastic Book Fair K	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> NO SCHOOL Family Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> K	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> K	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> K	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Awards Day Pink Shirt Day K	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	<b>29</b>
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