



“THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

“A Centre of Excellence”

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September 2020

School Bell Schedule

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



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. Leeuw, the new Family School Liaison (FSL) Worker. We look forward to working with Mrs. Leeuw at Gwynne School.

There are a number of changes at Gwynne School this year. A new FSL Worker, who is quite excited to work with your students. New protocols and routines that have been put in place because of COVID 19 are some things that we are all getting used to. 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.

COVID 19 is at the forefront of most peoples' thoughts now. Please if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID 19 when they are at home arrange with Alberta Health Services for testing and refer to their guidance regarding what your family should do.

Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Gwynne School will be hosting 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. Please visit our website at 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. Weather permitting, students in grades k-4 will deposit their backpacks in a designated location and continue to the playground area. Those students in grade 5-8 will be expected to keep their materials with them until the bell rings. With safety in mind, maintain social distancing with appropriate protocols and 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, weather permitting, students will be lined up outside the school until a parent collects them or until the busses are loaded and 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

Hour Zero Emergency Planning

In planning for the safety of the students of Gwynne School and the whole of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, we are utilizing a company named "Hour Zero". This company specializes in assisting schools in planning for a variety of emergent events that could happen at a school such as, extreme weather, COVID 19 response, fire, threats that are outside and inside the school, etc. These plans are developed to assist school personnel in organizing a response to these events and more to keep all people involved in the school safe. If you have any questions about the plan please contact Gwynne School.

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.

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.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interview dates for the grade 1-8 classes will be: October 8, December 3 and March 19. The Kindergarten interviews will be held on December 2 and March 24, 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)

A Message from Miss Loov

Welcome back to another school year! I am so excited to be working with students in person. Last year threw us all for a loop and we all missed the students so much! It warms my heart to see students, to hear them in the building and to see them out on the playground.

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.

My role has changed this year and I have been given a couple new titles. Instead of being a Learning Support Teacher, I am now called an "Inclusion Coach" as well as a "Literacy Teacher". My focus is still to provide support to all students to ensure that they are academically successful. I will help teachers to provide accommodations and adaptations to any student who shows academic struggles. I will have a greater focus on literacy and I will be offering a variety of intervention programs to students who need extra support in reading. 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. These meetings can be done in person as long as we make an appointment and all parties are wearing a mask and using hand sanitizer. If you would prefer to do an online meeting we can make those arrangements as well. 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 and hopes that we all stay safe and healthy.

Michelle Loov

FSLW NEWS – Mrs. Leeuw

Hello! My name is Marlies Leeuw and I am the Family School Liaison at Gwynne School this year. I have been working for WRPS since 2014 and have loved working with so many students and families within our school division. I live in the Rosebrier area with my husband and 2 children, and am returning to work after being on a maternity leave. I am very excited to be joining you all and getting to know this wonderful school community. You can find me at the school each Tuesday. I look forward to getting this year started and building connections!

Wellness Coach NEWS – Mrs. Mennear



I am thrilled to be back at Gwynne School this year (Fridays). My name is Paula Mennear and I am the school's Wellness Coach. I spend my time in the classrooms facilitating and promoting positive mental health programs. These are research based programs that demonstrate that both mental and emotional wellbeing can be developed, nurtured and supported through promotion and prevention efforts. The best part of my job is getting to connect with the students and seeing them get excited about taking care of their minds and bodies. We will start the year off with the Worry Woos--take a look at this amazing program (for grades 1-5) below.

Message from GSPA – Gwynne School Parent Association

Welcome back to a new year with new challenges! You will notice some delivery methods may change, however, the ultimate goals and end results remain the same. We must continue to support our staff, hold our meetings and fundraise to ensure we can continue to provide student opportunities and bus access in the future. "Business as Un-usual" may become our new motto. We will strive to operate in a fashion that provides access to all parents.

The following are a list of dates to mark on your calendar:

Monday, September 21, 2020, 7:00pm - Virtual GSPA Annual General Meeting, followed by the September General Meeting (<https://meet.google.com/pqo-ahvf-mqa>)
Saturday, September 26, 2020 - Afternoon Bingo
Saturday, October 17, 2020 - Evening Bingo
Sunday January 24, 2021 - Evening Bingo
Saturday, February 27, 2021 - Evening Bingo

We look forward to "seeing" you all on September 21.



September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 NO SCHOOL Organizational Day	2 K	3	4	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL Labour Day	8	9 K	10	11	12
13	14 K	15	16 K	17	18 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	19
20	21 Parent Council Meeting 7pm K	22	23 Rainbow Kindness & Pride Day K	24	25 Terry Fox Run	26
27	28 K	29	30 ORANGE SHIRT DAY K			
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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>
				1	2	3
4	5 K	6	7 K	8 Gr. 1-8 PTI 4-8pm	9 NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	13	14 K	15	16	17
18	19 K	20	21 LifeTouch K	22	23	24
25	26 K	27	28 K	29	30 NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	31
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