



# “THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

*“A Centre of Excellence”*

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October 2020

## Message 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 2020-2021 school year has seen many changes at Gwynne School as well, but there are some opportunities for students that are the same – activities such as: The Terry Fox Run, intramurals for the upper grades, etc.

Parent-teacher interviews for the 2020-2021 school year will be conducted in a different format than what has traditionally been done. Due to COVID 19 protocols each individual teacher will be contacting parents, either to arrange for an interview or to have the interview. These interviews will be done either via google meet or as a phone conversation. Those parents who will need to sign reports and documents will be contacted to arrange for those documents to be reviewed and signed. This process will occur over the course of several days around the start of October, the start of December, and Mid-March. The purpose of the interviews in each of the time periods is to inform parents of the progress of their child: academically, behaviorally, and emotionally through observations and assessments at school. Please do not consider these time periods the only times that you as parents can contact the school regarding anything about your child. We are always willing to share information with you to help your understanding of your child's progress at school.

Our Mental Health Worker for the school, Mrs. Mennear, is busy providing programs for our students throughout each week. Mrs. Mennear's focus in our school is to provide programming 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 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 and are interested in parent council to contact the parent council members, refer to the parent-council dropdown tab on the Gwynne School website or contact the school to find out more information. The minutes for the meetings will be posted once they are adopted as read in the following meeting as well.

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 19 at 7:00 p.m. as a ZOOM meet, the link will be shared with the parent body closer to that date. The students, families 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

**Gr. 1-8 Parent  
Teacher Interviews**  
**By Google meets  
or by Phone**

**LifeTouch School  
Photos**

October 21, 2020



**Gwynne School  
Parent Council  
Virtual Meeting  
October 19, 2020  
At 7:00 pm**



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### **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](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.

### **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))

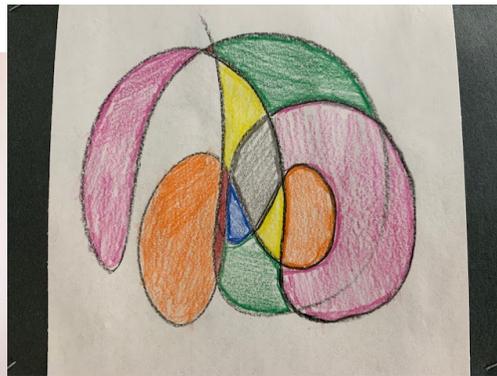
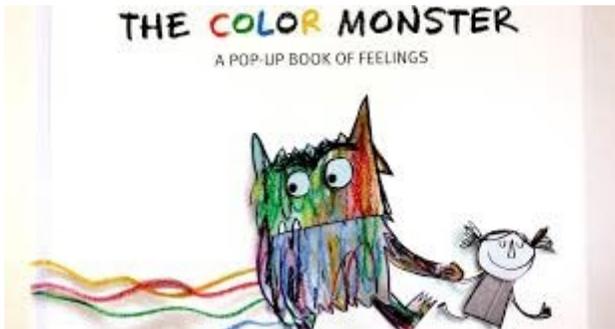




**Hello Gwynne families,**

**This is your friendly neighborhood Wellness Coach:) I have spent a lot of time as of late, talking to the students about their feelings. We have been busy learning to identify/recognize the different feelings we all experience. After reading “The Color Monster”, we created our own feelings scribble art to display our feelings over the past week. Ask your child about this fun art project we did together:)**

**Sending well wishes,  
Mrs. Mennear**



## **Message from GSPA – Gwynne School Parent Association**

Gwynne School Parent's Association held our first "Virtual" Council Meeting of the year on September 21, 2020.

The 2020-2021 Executive is as follows:

- Chairperson: Erin Ballhorn
- Vice-Chairperson: Laura White
- Treasurer: Candice Brooks
- Secretary: Victoria Croft
- COSC Rep: Kristine Belbeck
- Casino Coordinator: Laura White
- Bingo Coordinator: Heather Forbes with Candice Brooks
- Fundraising Coordinator: we will continue to work as a full council – same as the previous year
- Hot Lunch Coordinator: this position is tabled at this time: When school/covid protocols change this position can be revisited
- Communications: Erin Ballhorn and Candice Brooks
- Member at Large: Ashley Feldberg
- Teacher's Representative: Stu will arrange for teachers to rotate monthly

The next virtual meeting has been scheduled for October 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Please watch for the meeting link. ALL parents and guardians are welcome to join, we value everyone's opinions and ideas for fundraising and school events.

GSPA will again be conducting the Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser. We have confirmed the logistics to move forward with the previously successful event. Watch for more information in the near future.

Please note the following dates, volunteers are required.

- 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 October 19 at 7:00 pm. Watch for the link.



# October

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# November

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