



# “THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

*“A Centre of Excellence”*

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December 2020

## **Season of Giving**

Juice box and granola  
bar collection for  
Hope Mission  
December 7-11



**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!  
See you in the New  
Year!**



## **Message 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 activities and events that have taken place at Gwynne School in spite of the challenges that have occurred throughout 2020. 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.

COVID 19 has caused several events to be changed or cancelled altogether. We were able to do the “Terry Fox Run”, “Take Me Outside Day”, our Halloween parade and an in-school “Remembrance Day Ceremony”. Unfortunately, we are not able to run our assemblies as a group, or our Christmas Concert, but we will recognize our students in their classrooms and have in-class Christmas parties.

The Christmas season is the “Season of Giving”, which will not be overlooked this year at Gwynne School. A collection effort the school is initiating will be the collection of juice boxes and granola bars for Hope Mission. These items can be donated during the week of December 7 - December 11 and will be donated the following week.

Gwynne School has had a great start to the 2020-2021 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

### **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))





## Message from Mrs. Mennear – WRPS Wellness Support Coach

The Holidays are quickly approaching and now is the perfect opportunity to spend time doing things with our families. These fun and affordable activities of togetherness will improve wellness and build memories that will last a lifetime. We would love to see pictures of you and your family checking off some of the activities on the countdown. If you are comfortable sharing your photos, we will post them on our Gwynne School Website page and lift some spirits.

## 25 Days of Christmas Family Togetherness

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work on a 500 piece puzzle <sup>1</sup>	Tour a local museum <sup>2</sup>	Make gumdrop/toothpick Christmas trees <sup>3</sup>	Have stove-cooked popcorn with a movie night <sup>4</sup>	Cook dessert for dinner <sup>5</sup>
Make paper snowflakes <sup>6</sup>	Have a family coloring contest <sup>7</sup>	Build a birdhouse <sup>8</sup>	PLAY A BELOVED BOARD GAME <sup>9</sup>	Have a winter wonderland photo shoot <sup>10</sup>
Donate a care package to a homeless shelter <sup>11</sup>	BRING THE NEIGHBORS DINNER <sup>12</sup>	Go ice skating <sup>13</sup>	Do a Random Act of Kindness <sup>14</sup>	Play Pictionary <sup>15</sup>
Attend a Christmas play/concert <sup>16</sup>	TRY A NEW COOKIE RECIPE <sup>17</sup>	Watch a classic Christmas movie you haven't seen <sup>18</sup>	HAVE A BLINDFOLDED FOOD PARTY <sup>19</sup>	Listen to an audiobook <sup>20</sup>
BORROW A DRAWING BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY <sup>21</sup>	Have a karaoke Christmas night <sup>22</sup>	Drive around town and look at the Christmas lights <sup>23</sup>	Play snowball tag <sup>24</sup>	Celebrate Christmas! <sup>25</sup>

# December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b> Gr. 7/8 On-line Learning	<b>2</b> Gr. ½ -Phone PTI 4:00pm-6:00pm K Gr. 7/8 On-line Learning	<b>3</b> Virtual & Phone PTI's Gr. 1/2 - 4:00pm-6:00pm Gr. 3/4 - 4:30pm-8:30pm Gr. 5/6 - 4:30pm-8:30pm Gr. 7/8 - 4:30pm-8:30pm Gr. 7/8 On-line Learning	<b>4</b> NO SCHOOL – Collaboration Day	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Gr. 7/8 On-line Learning K	<b>8</b> Gr. 7/8 On-line Learning	<b>9</b> Gr. 7/8 On-line Learning K	<b>10</b> Gr. 7/8 On-line Learning	<b>11</b> Gr. 7/8 On-line Learning	<b>12</b>
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<b>20</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>21</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>22</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>23</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>24</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>25</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>26</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS
<b>27</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>28</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>29</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>30</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>31</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>K- 5</b>	

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# January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b> NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> On-line Learning ALL Students K	<b>5</b> On-line Learning ALL Students	<b>6</b> On-line Learning ALL Students K	<b>7</b> On-line Learning ALL Students	<b>8</b> On-line Learning ALL Students K	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> K	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> K	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> NO SCHOOL - PD DAY	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>					<b>K - 11</b>	

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