



“THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

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Message 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 2020-2021 School Year, we are still dealing with COVID 19 protocols but the bulk of the academic outcomes, as set by Alberta Education, and various other activities offered at Gwynne School will be completed.

One of the COVID 19 protocols is there will be no in-school instruction from January 4-8. This means that students will be expected to complete their work at home supported by their teacher through online means with a focus on keeping the same rigor as would happen during in-school instruction. A few things to emphasize are: the volume of the work assigned over this week for the four core subjects (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social) will be the same as in-school instruction; students and/or parents are to check in with the teacher each day in the morning and afternoon to be marked present for attendance; and, the teacher will identify which assignments will be taken as a mark for this period. Each teacher will share their contact information, the structure of their lessons with the students before the Christmas break. Thank you for your understanding with the at-home learning for this week.

As a reminder to the parents of our kindergarten students that kindergarten classes will be running Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the end of the school year following Christmas break. We will enjoy seeing their smiling faces around the school for another day each week.

Christmas is a time of giving and we would like to thank the community for the great response to 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 had a few draws for Christmas hampers donated to us by the Ponoka Helping Hands organization and a couple of gift cards from FCSS. The families that received these items were greatly thankful. Gwynne School would also like to thank Ember Resources for their kind donation to the school which will help in supplying students with some hot lunches during the year. Our school is extremely fortunate to have the support of their families and these generous organizations.

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 at the start of this school year and will undoubtedly have many more as the year progresses. Keep up the great work!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Wishing you all the best in 2021,

Stu Wilson



**Kindergarten
– Grade 8
On-line
learning
January 4-8
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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) 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)

From Miss Loov

As we once again prepare for online learning I would like to share with you how students can contact me for extra support.

For students in grade 3-8, I will post a link for Google Meet. I will be available on Google Meet from 8:30am-3:30pm Monday-Friday. If I am called away for some reason my camera and microphone will be turned off but I will be back on it as soon as possible.

For students in Kindergarten- Grade 2, parents/guardians can email me at michelle.loov@wrps11.ca and we can arrange a time to meet virtually and I will email the Google Meet link to parents/guardians.

If your student is involved in a reading intervention program, I have emailed out invites to students to join my Google Classroom. In that Google Classroom there are reading materials for your child to access and practice as well as a link to an online reading program that they can access with their Google username and password. I do expect that your child logs onto a Google Meet with me to practice their reading at least 2 times in the week.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to email me. I will be checking my email periodically throughout the Christmas break.

Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

GSPA News

Welcome back to classes! Gwynne School Parent's Association hopes everyone had a great Christmas break. Over the holidays are dedicated volunteers flooded the skating rink. We appreciate the dedication this group of parents has made to this project, both this year and in years past.

GSPA will be presenting a new fundraiser and has partnered with West Coast Seeds, offering organic vegetable and flower seeds for sale. Please watch for upcoming advertising in the near future. This will be an online campaign only, and will not be accepting paper orders.

Lastly, we would like to offer a huge thanks to the staff, parents and students for creating a safe and supportive learning environment during these ever changing and challenging times. It takes a group effort to keep things moving smoothly, and it is definitely noticed.

Best wishes in the New Years!

gwynneschoolparentassociation@gmail.com

Message from Mrs. Mennear

Sending all our Gwynne families Happy New Year wishes. My role as your school's wellness coach is to provide programming that helps students manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions. I am grateful that I am able to continue to provide these lessons virtually, but also eagerly anticipate the day I can be back in their classrooms. Please encourage your children to discuss the wellness activities we do together. It is a privilege to work with your children and facilitate lessons that promote positive mental health.

Warm regards from your friendly neighborhood Wellness Coach,
Mrs.Mennear



January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 NO SCHOOL Happy New Year	2
3	4 On-line Learning ALL Students K	5 On-line Learning ALL Students	6 On-line Learning ALL Students K	7 On-line Learning ALL Students	8 On-line Learning ALL Students K	9
10	11 GSPA Meeting @7pm K	12	13 K	14	15 K	16
17	18 K	19	20 K	21	22 K	23
24	25 K	26	27 K	28	29 NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	30
31					K - 11	

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February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 K	2	3 K	4 NO SCHOOL Teachers Convention	5 NO SCHOOL Teachers Convention	6
7	8 K	9	10 K	11	12 K	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL Family Day	16	17 K	18	19 K	20
21	22 K	23	24 K	25	26 NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	27
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