



“THE GWYNNE GAZETTE”

“A Centre of Excellence”

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March 2021

**Report
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March 19,
2021**



**Parent Teacher
Interviews**

Message from the Office

As March arrives, we can thank our blessings that we have had a wonderful winter and we are getting closer to spring. We are approaching the time when the world shows its growth and resurgence. Through the year, our students have worked well and are ready to show their educational growth and results of their winter's work. Staff and students have been concentrated on outcomes in academic areas and personal/social development.

I would like to welcome Mrs. Armson to the Gwynne School staff. She will be teaching our Kindergarten students till the end of May.

Thank you to Ember Resources for contributing to the Panago Pizza hot lunch. Also, thank you to Mrs. Trisha Svoboda for organizing and transporting the pizza to Gwynne School. The hot lunch was greatly appreciated by the students and staff of Gwynne School.

Partially as a result of the focus on COVID 19 and the protocols in place throughout the country, stress levels have increased within our community, county/city, province, and country. If you are finding that these stresses are having an effect upon your child(ren) attending Gwynne School, please notify the school your child is having an off-day so, if necessary, help to provide support can be arranged.

A focus for instruction at Gwynne School has been and will continue to be on writing. We will be investigating instructional strategies to help students better understand the writing process. Please ask teachers about these initiatives during Parent-Teacher Interviews later this month.

Registration verifications for current students of Gwynne School have been sent out. Please return them as soon as possible to the school. Registration packages for Kindergarten and new students are available online and can be found at the Gwynne School and Wetaskiwin Regional Public School websites.

Look for report cards sent home on Friday, March 19, 2021 and make your appointments for Parent-Teacher interviews. Appointments are booked online and that link can be found at the Gwynne School website. Each teacher has times listed that they will be available for either phone or Google Meet interviews during the week of March 22-24, 2021. The staff at Gwynne School look forward to seeing each of you during the March Parent-Teacher Interviews.

The staff would also like to wish you an enjoyable Spring Break that runs from March 26, 2021 to April 5, 2021 and we will look forward to seeing you on April 6, 2021 when school starts after the break.

Have a great month of March.

Sincerely,

Stu Wilson



Wetaskiwin
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Public
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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.

Message from Mrs. Mennear

Hello Gwynne families,

There has been a lot of excitement in the ECS classroom during our wellness classes. Each week we have met a new friend/stuffy with feelings inside. Stay tuned for more of our friends with feelings:)

Your friendly neighborhood Wellness Coach,
Mrs.Mennear



Bug and his story allow us to talk about:
-fear of change and actions
-positive social and academic risks
positive self talk



Cloud has been a great communication tool for:
-unpredictable moods
-regulating tone of voice, body language, words --
and actions



Hugtopus teaches us about:
-setting appropriate boundaries
-self regulating internal and external distractions
-having more patience and tolerance

March

<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	6
	K		K		K	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	K	Kindness Presentation	K		Kindergarten "Life Touch Cap and Gown Photos"	K
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	K		K		Term 2 Ends Report Cards Go Home	K
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Term 3 Begins K		K	NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	NO SCHOOL In Lieu of PTI	
28	29	30	31			K - 11
	NO SCHOOL Spring Break	NO SCHOOL Spring Break	NO SCHOOL Spring Break			

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April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	2 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL Easter Monday	6	7 K	8	9 K	10
11	12 K	13	14 GSPA Meeting at 7:00 pm K	15	16 K	17
18	19 K	20	21 K	22	23 K	24
25	26 K	27	28 Awards K	29	30 NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	
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