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“Get the Scoop”

On Whitecourt Central School

APRIL 2017

Principal’s Message

Spring has arrived and with it the muddy playground and puddles. We appreciate that students love to play in the puddles, but doing so could mean a very uncomfortable afternoon, if they get wet. It would be beneficial for students to pack an extra pair of socks and pants to change into if they should get wet and/or muddy. Students are also encouraged to wear rubber boots and splash pants.

Our students have been busy participating in a number of activities at the school. Classes have been visiting the Makerspace in the Learning Commons and enjoying the building materials and puzzles that are there for them to work on. Our grade five students had a great afternoon with Alberta Baseball. Our student initiated clubs are going strong and will continue to do so until the middle of June. Great job to everyone who is

helping out with all of these activities!

It is budget time again and we are beginning to plan for the 2017/2018 school year. Student enrolment is what drives many of the programs and number of classes that are offered within the school. If you are planning on moving, or not attending Whitecourt Central, please let the office know as this will assist us in our planning.

As more information on the budget becomes finalized, we will ensure that parents understand the implications on the school. We will share information in newsletters, the website, Remind, and at our School Council Meetings. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

There will be a number of activities happening at the school during this final term. Please watch the website and Remind for updates. Please also remember to check PowerSchool for your child’s school progress.

Happy Spring!

Mrs. T. McKeever
Principal



Student Awards

Congratulations to our Eagles of the Month for March 2017

Grade 3:

- London LeCoure
- Brady Wilson
- Lucas Wilson
- Beckett Holloway
- Oliver Trenchard

Grade 4:

- Addison Newman
- Emily Huggard
- Ryann Van Der Meer
- Mackenzie Boon
- Nathalie Parsons

Grade 5:

- Noe Champagne
- Abraham Penner
- Cade Puddicombe
- Kara Gunderson
- Lucien McCaffrey



School Cash

SchoolCash is available for on-line payments of any school based items such as field trips. School Council items, such as hot lunches are not available for this service.

To access online payment options, please enroll at ngps.schoolcashionline.com. It will take less than five minutes! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Classroom Photos

A photographer from Smart Photography will be in our school on Friday, April 28/17 for class group photos. If you would like to purchase a class photo, please complete the order envelope and return it along with payment to the school on April 28, 2017.

Assembly and Theme Day

Please join us on Friday, April 28/17 at 9:30 a.m. for our school-wide recognition assembly.

In conjunction with our assembly, our school will celebrate with a Formal Dress up Day!

Students are encouraged to dress in their best attire!



Important Information:

Over the next several weeks, important information regarding field trips and other activities will be sent home. Please read the information carefully to ensure that deadlines are met. School fees must be paid and all school work completed in order for students to participate in these activities.

Orange Shirt Day:

Whitecourt Central School is proud to recognize Orange Shirt Day this year on May 17, 2017. Orange Shirt Day was created to honor residential school survivors and in memory of those who did not survive. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Orange shirt orders forms have been sent home with each child. Orders and payments can be made through SchoolCashOnline at <https://ngps.schoolcashionline.com>

After School Plans and Bussing:

We appreciate when parents make after school plans for their children the night or morning before school starts, and provide the teacher with a note in the agenda. This makes it much easier to direct the children at the end of their school day, and avoids classroom interruptions. Thank you for respecting that students cannot ride on different school buses unless school administration deems it as an emergency situation. Bus drivers have been asked to direct any bus transportation inquiries and changes to the school.

Bullying

It is important to have a common understanding and use the same vocabulary when speaking about bullying. We will continue to publish this definition as a reference for our school community.

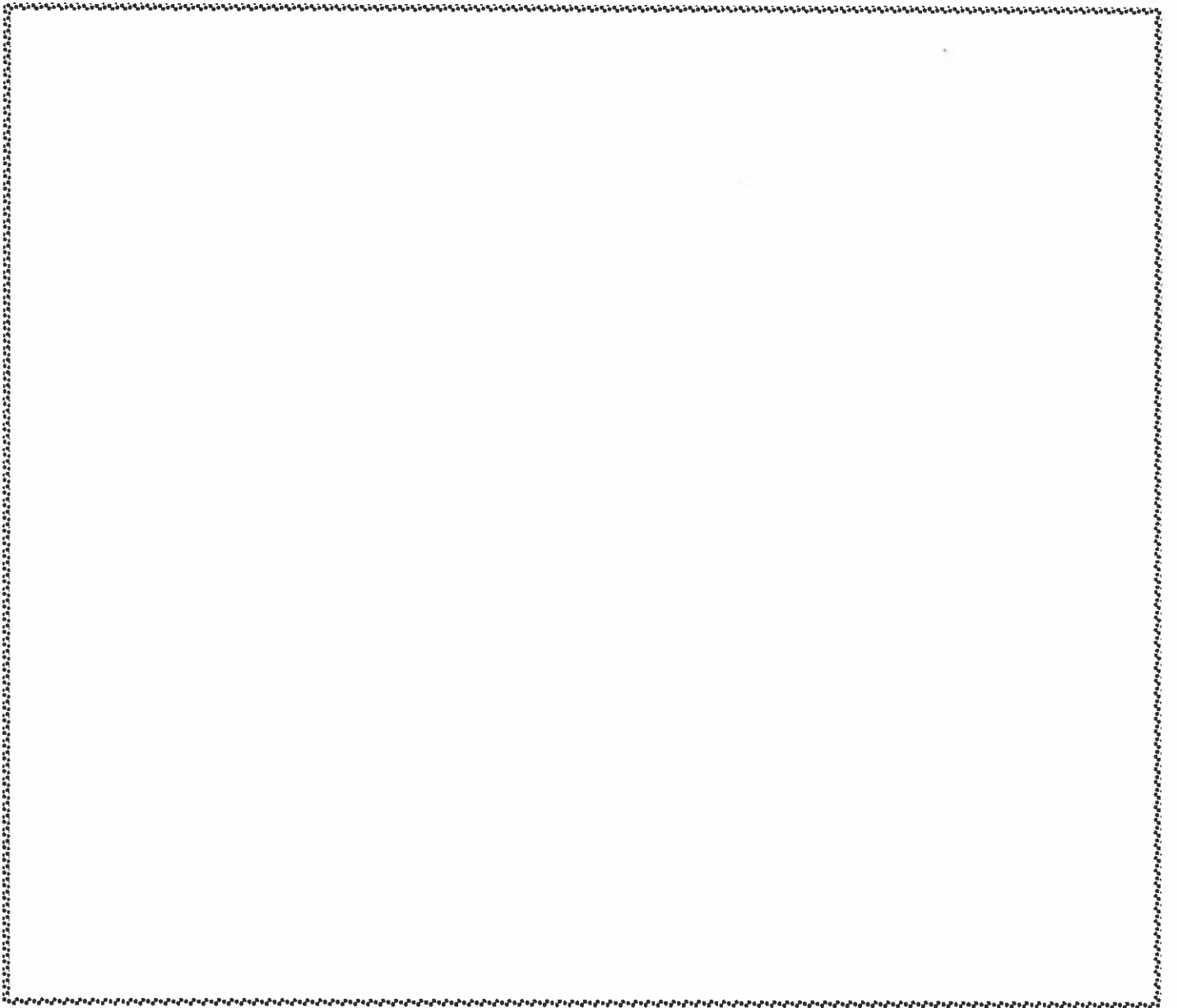
Bullying is defined in the new School Act as "repeated and hostile or demeaning behaviour by an individual in the school community where the behaviour is intended to cause harm, fear or distress to one or more other individuals in the school community, including psychological harm or harm to an individual's reputation."

Students are asked to go to a supervisor when someone is bothering them or they need assistance.

If students are not making contact with a supervisor but going home and telling parents, it is essential that parents redirect their children back to their classroom teacher. It is more difficult to deal with a situation the more time that has passed.





The school investigates all allegations of bullying; however, sometimes we find that both parties have played a role in the problem, or it is a disagreement between students.





April 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Orange Shirt order forms due Soup Day—Potato Bacon	Choir at Rotary Music Festival— 9:45 a.m.		Mini Handball Tournament - Mayerthorpe
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Pizza Day 	Soup Day Taco 	No School Today Easter Vacation Begins	Good Friday 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Sunday	Easter Vacation					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	First day of school following Easter Vacation	Pizza Day 			Assembly—9:30 a.m. Formal Dress up Day Class Photo Day	
30	May 1, 2017 Volunteer Tea - 2:00 p.m. Music Monday	May 2, 2017 The Ned Show - 2:00 p.m.				

Helpful Hint from the Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP)

One of the most important skills that we can teach our children is empathy. This is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Empathy gives us the ability to build close relationships, maintain friendships, and develop strong communities.

Research tells us that kids who engage in meaningful conversations about emotional experiences have higher levels of empathy. Kids whose parents and caregivers ask questions like, "How do you think she felt when that happened?" are helping to increase this skill within their children.

Parents sometimes struggle with how to turn regular conversations into meaningful conversation. Here are some strategies to help create an empathetic conversation:

1. "WH" Questions – Who? What? Where? Why?
2. Repeat and Add – Repeat what your child said and add a bit more.
3. Follow the Leader – Let your child lead the conversation. Follow with questions such as "What else happened?" Or "Tell me more about this part."
4. Ask for Feelings – Ask about more than just events, ask about feelings.
5. Connect Events – Help your child connect to a similar event in the past.

The Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP) provides individual counselling and family support. For more information about the program or the referral process, feel free to contact Kyria or Kateryna at the FCLP office at (780) 778-8755.

April

Team for Success is now on Facebook! Please like and share our page for regular updates and fun pictures! Follow @Team4SuccessWct on Twitter as well!



POWER Training Opportunity

Please see the Positive Youth Development Poster in this month's newsletter. The POWER Group is going to sponsor one parent from each school to attend the training. Focus will be on the 40 developmental assets.

How to Contact the Team for Success:

Project Coordinator:

E-mail: teagan.arnott@ngps.ca or

Call: (780)262-0466.

Corinne (Pat Hardy):

Call: (780)778-6266 ask for Corinne

Maren (Whitecourt Central):

Call: (780)778-2136 ask for Maren

Stacey (Percy Baxter):

Call: (780)778-3898 ask for Stacey

April Mental Health Tip

Three ways to help your child value honesty:

1. Encourage each family member to make a personal commitment to tell the truth. Honestly acknowledge feelings. Honestly admit to successes and mistakes.
2. Don't overreact when your child lies to you. Children will lie if they fear your reaction.
3. Work together to come up with family rules about honesty and the consequences for dishonesty.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

MAY 2 & 3, 2017

FOREST INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

A UNIQUE TRAINING OF TRAINERS
FOR CANADIAN COMMUNITIES

- BUILD & MAP ASSETS**
- SPREAD THE WORD**
- STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY**



LEARN HOW TO APPLY POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO YOUR LIFE AND WORK

TUESDAY MAY 2 & WEDNESDAY MAY 3

TRAINING TAKES PLACE AT THE FOREST INTERPRETIVE CENTRE (FIC)
LOCATED AT 3002 33 STREET IN WHITECOURT
LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED

**REGISTER BY
APRIL 21**

SPACE IS LIMITED

TO REGISTER:

Contact Sara Sears at
780-778-7123 or sara.sears@ohs.ca

\$50/person

For stakeholders, community partners
and other agencies serving Whitecourt

\$100/person

For individuals from outside
communities/agencies

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT is an approach to intentionally structuring opportunities, supports and services for youth so that young people develop the skills they need to thrive and transition smoothly into adulthood.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT deliberately seeks to increase the number of protective factors surrounding a young person that can ultimately translate into more positive social behaviours and reduced risk-taking behaviours.

Boys and Girls Club



Presents the EASTER EGG HUNT

Whitecourt Rotary Park

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Fundraising BBQ @ 11am

Egg Hunt starts @1:00pm

***Bring your own basket**



THERE WILL BE GAMES & FUN FOR ALL AGES!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WHITECOURT AND DISTRICT

780-778-6696