

“Get the Scoop”

On Whitecourt Central School

SEPTEMBER 2017

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Principal’s Message:

Welcome back for another fantastic year at Whitecourt Central School!!

It has been a very busy summer with installation of new flooring in the office and Grade 3 classrooms. Thank you to the Northern Gateway Maintenance crew, contractors and our custodians for ensuring that everything was ready for our new school year.

Our Central School staff has changed slightly from last year. Mrs. Moir is our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Doble, Ms. Kreutzer and Miss Richardson have joined us to cover maternity leaves and Ms. Mather is teaching the additional Grade 3 class for the 2017/2018 school year.

The calendar is quickly filling up with a number of events. The Google calendar is available online and is updated regularly. We also update the website and messages are sent out through Remind. Please make sure to sign up to get all of the current school information.

On September 28th, in recognition of the Spirit of Reconciliation, students and staff are encouraged to wear Orange Shirts. In June, when we celebrate National Aboriginal Day, we will place an order for official orange shirts at that time.

The Government of Alberta has removed school fees this year; however, there will still be costs associated with hot lunch and milk programs that are run through our School Council. Fees that will be charged this year for extra supplies and activities are:

- Recorders—Grade 4 and 5
- Electric Car kids—Grade 5
- Skiing—Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Field Trips—Grades 3, 4, and 5

On behalf of the staff, we welcome our new families to Whitecourt Central and extend a huge welcome back to those who are returning. It will be a fantastic year and we look forward to seeing you!



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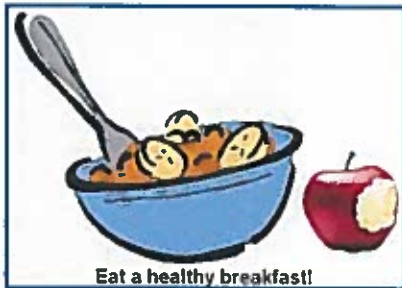
Get the Scoop on Resiliency

“Resilient people immediately look at the problem and say, “What’s the solution to that? What is this trying to teach me?”

Dr. Canniff, our school psychologist, has been working with the school staff on the idea of building resiliency in children and of being resilient. With the changing dynamics of society and some of the challenges that children are now facing, these skills will be beneficial. Throughout the year, the staff will be introducing themes around the idea of resiliency and participating in activities that enable students to build on their knowledge and skill set. We will also be providing sessions on resiliency for parents and community members/agencies. Information will be shared through our school newsletters.

Breakfast Program:

Our Breakfast Program will begin on Monday, September 11, 2017. All Students are welcome to access breakfast in the community center beginning at 8:30 a.m. each morning.



School Photos

Our school photos will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017. Pose forms will be sent home with your child prior to photo day. Proof ordering packages will follow approximately three weeks after photo day.

HOJA:

We are excited to once again host HOJA for an energetic back to school performance at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium on Friday, September 8/17. Please feel free to join us for this event!

Student Names

Northern Gateway Public Schools will use the students’ legal names on all legal documents including report cards and student files. Students may use their preferred names in the classrooms.

Student Phone Messages:

Unless it is an absolute emergency, we will not interrupt classes to deliver student messages, so please ensure that your child is aware of any after school plans before leaving home in the mornings. If after school plans are different than the normal routine, please include a note in your child’s school agenda. If you are picking your child up early in the school day, please check in at the office and sign them out. Thank you!

Terry Fox Walk:

Our school will participate in the Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 29/17 at 1:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to bring a Loonie or a Toonie in support of the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research.



STUDENT FORMS:

Over the next several days we will send home a *Student Registration Validation Report* and an *In-Town Field Trip Form* for each student. Alberta Education requires that we have completed registration forms on file for all students each year as this is one way that our funding is verified. Please take the time to complete these forms and return to your child's classroom teacher. If your family is new to Whitecourt and you have recently completed our registration package at the school office, it is not necessary for you to complete these forms again

Please return all forms to the classroom teachers by Monday, September 18/17 Thank you!

Student Absences/Lates
Please be sure to notify the school in the mornings **before** 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be late or absent. We must account for all of our students' whereabouts. Our phone system is equipped with an answering machine for your convenience. If we are unaware of why a student is absent, our automated phone system will place a phone call home. Thank you!



Parent Handbook
Our parent handbook is available on our website—
<http://whitecourtcentral.ca>
Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the information included in our school handbook.



Website/Remind :

Please take a few minutes to check out our website at:

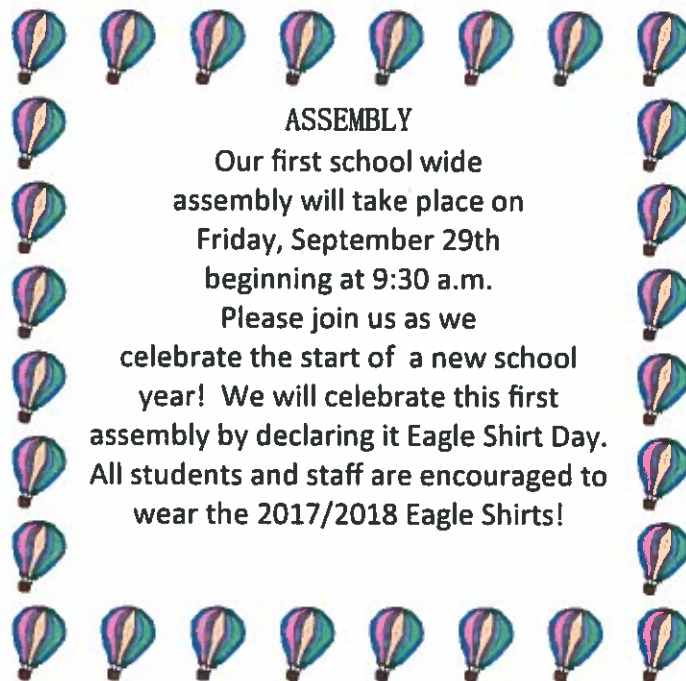
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We're also on Twitter: @ngpswcs

Sign up to receive important messages through Remind:

Remind: Text @centralsch to (587)409-2946

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WhitecourtCentral



ASSEMBLY

Our first school wide assembly will take place on Friday, September 29th beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate the start of a new school year! We will celebrate this first assembly by declaring it Eagle Shirt Day. All students and staff are encouraged to wear the 2017/2018 Eagle Shirts!

Peanut Allergies:

Whitecourt Central School is a peanut aware school. If your child has any severe allergies, please contact the classroom teacher.



Some Important Information for Whitecourt Central Families:

School Security:

Whitecourt Central School and Northern Gateway Public Schools Occupational Health and Safety teamed up last year to increase the security of our school. The doors leading to the hallways have a fob system which means that these doors will remain locked at all times unless scanned by a fob. If parents are dropping off lunches, clothes, supplies, etc. they can leave them at the office and we will call the student to the office to pick those items up. If you want to go down to your child, the door release will need to be activated by the office staff. When volunteers come to the school, they will be asked to sign in, take a Volunteer Identification lanyard and then Mrs. Tarcon will release the door for entry. This new system enables us to know who is in our school at any given time in case a lock down or fire drill are required.

Newsletter:

Whitecourt Central School has a paperless newsletter than can be found on our web site. If you are unable to access the website, please let Mrs. Tarcon know and she will ensure that a hard copy of our newsletter is sent home.

Teacher Contact Information:

Teachers may only be reached during the following times:

Before School—8:45—8:55 a.m.

Recess Time—10:35—10:45 a.m.

Lunch and Recess—11:45 a.m.—12:29 p.m.

Recess time—2:00—2:10 p.m.

After School—3:15—3:30 p.m.

Classes will not be interrupted to take phone calls. Messages can be left with our school secretary.

If you are emailing teachers, please know that they do not always have time to check email throughout the day. They have supervision, meetings, and other commitments that often take their non-instructional time. Please allow for a twenty four hour response time, therefore, please do not email teachers with student messages, but include a note in the agenda and ensure that your child knows of any changes of plans before they come to school.

Christmas Concerts:

As discussed at our last School Council meeting, Christmas concerts will be held on two afternoons this December.



The Staff of Whitecourt Central School

Teaching Staff:

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 Mrs. Rose Hunter—Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Blaine James—Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Tracey Law—Educational Assistant
 Ms. Dawn Linqvist—Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Mona Lee—Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Shannon Leonard—Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Karen Marin—Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Maren Skipper—Success Coach

Mrs. Mary Tarcon—School Secretary
 Mrs. Crystal Titanich—Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Adriane Underwood—Educational Assistant



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Hoja Performance</i> 1:00 p.m.	9
10	11 <i>Breakfast Program</i> <i>Begins</i> 	12 <i>School Council</i> <i>Meeting—7:00 p.m.</i>	13	14	15 <i>AMA Safety Patrol</i> <i>Training—Gr. 5</i>	16
17	18 <i>Student Forms due</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Grade 5</i> <i>Immunizations</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Pizza Orders Due</i>	29 <i>Eagle Shirt Day</i> <i>Assembly -9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Terry Fox Walk</i> 1:00 p.m.	30