

“Get the Scoop”

On Whitecourt Central School

SEPTEMBER 2014

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Principal's Message:

Welcome Back! We are going to have an awesome year!

This year we are welcoming two new teachers to our staff—Miss Breanne Spence, who will be teaching Gr. 3 in the mornings and Mrs. Megan Burgess who is also teaching Grade 3. Mrs. Martell has made a grade change and is now teaching Grade 4. Miss Teagan Arnott is also new to our team. Teagan is the Mental Health Coordinator and is busy in the schools meeting the students and staff.

At Whitecourt Central School we feel it is important to offer students the opportunity to use technology as a learning tool on a daily basis. In order to do this, we have purchased a Chromebook for every student in the school.

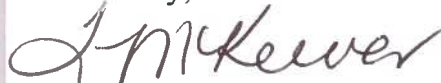
Students will be taught how to start up the devices and how to plug them in at the end of the day to ensure they are ready for the next school day. Students will be taught new programming techniques and given many opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned.

The calendar is quickly filling up with a number of events. Please check out our new web site which will highlight all of our presentations and provide you with information regarding the times and dates of each performance.

On behalf of the staff, we want to express our commitment to developing and promoting strong relationships between home and school. We recognize that when we work together, the best possible program can be established.

Again, welcome back and we look forward to seeing you throughout the year!!!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Tammy McKeever
Principal



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Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Jim Rennie of Dynamic Developments for providing the Ice Cream at our Get The Scoop Night that was held on August 28, 2014.

We were glad to meet many of our school families and look forward to working with you this school year!



Northern Gateway Public Schools has provided a Division Calendar for all families. These calendars contain important contact information for departments within the School Division as well as a 2014/2015 School Calendar. In the next few days, we will send a calendar home with the youngest child of each family .



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:

In most cases 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 planner. If you are picking your child up early in the school day, please check in at the office and sign them out. Thank you!

Hoja:

We are pleased to welcome the musical group, "Hoja" to our school for an energetic performance, that will undoubtedly kick our school year off to a fantastic start!

Hoja will perform for our students on Friday, September 5th beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Please join us for this performance!

Peanut Allergies:

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



STUDENT FORMS:

Included with this newsletter is a two-sided Student Registration Form. Alberta Education requires that we have completed registration forms on file for each of our students, as this is one way that funding for students is verified. Please take the time to complete the attached 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 the attached forms.

Please return all forms to the classroom teachers by Wednesday, September 10, 2014. 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. Thank you!

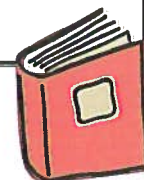


Parent Handbook

Our parent handbook is available on our web site—

<http://whitecourtcentral.ca>

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the information included in our school handbook.



School Fees:

Our school fees for the 2014/15 year are set at \$60.00 for all students. Classroom Teachers are collecting the school fees. These fees are used to cover the cost of the student agendas, school related consumables, bus-
 -ing to and from the swimming pool. Items such as swimming lessons, recorders for Music, Grade 5 electric cars and field trip costs will be additionally charged throughout the year. Due to the rise in transportation and rental fees, all school fees must be paid in order for students to attend grade level swimming sessions, as well as field trips.

If you require a payment plan for school fees, please contact the office and will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

Website:

Take a few minutes to check out our new web site at: <http://whitecourtcentral.ca>

We're also on Twitter: @ngpswcs

Remind: Text @centralsch to (587)316-2812

ASSEMBLY

Our first school wide assembly will take place on Friday, September 26th, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Please join us as we celebrate the start of a new school year!



The Staff of Whitecourt Central School

Teaching Staff:

NAME	GRADE/CLASS	ROOM NO.	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Support Staff:

Miss T. Arnott	Success Coordinator
Mrs. D. Beck	Educational Assistant
Mrs. F. Crebas	Educational Assistant
Mrs. F. Drysdale	Educational Assistant
Mrs. C. Granley	Library Technician
Ms. R. Hansen	Educational Assistant
Mrs. R. Hunter	Educational Assistant
Mrs. T. Law	Educational Assistant
Mrs. M. Lee	Educational Assistant
Mrs. E. Newhook	Educational Assistant
Mrs. C. Sebo	Educational Assistant
Mrs. M. Skipper	Success Coach

Mrs. M. Tarcon	School Secretary
Mrs. C. Titanich	Educational Assistant
Mrs. A. Underwood	Educational Assistant



PCSS News:

Welcome to the 2014/2015 School year at Whitecourt Central!!

Playground Update:

We are very excited to continue our efforts to build a new playground for the school. Last year we raised approximately \$17,000.00 through everyone's efforts with raffles, catalogue sales, dunk tank, cook books, dance and the Keith Miller hypnotist show.

We are excited to host the Rocks and Rings program for two days in January. This program is being funded through a Town of Whitecourt Grant we received last year.

This year we have applied for Grants and are looking at larger raffles to speed up our fundraising process!

We will continue on with the Mabels Labels fundraising program.

Last year we applied for Society status, therefore; all our fundraising will now be run through "Eagle Parents Including Community Society" (EPICS.)

The milk order form for October, November, and December is attached to this newsletter. The form must be returned by Wednesday, September 17/14 if you would like your child to receive milk. If you could assist with counting orders, we will meet in the morning of September 17th.

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on Friday, September 26th, following the first assembly. We will have elections for all positions at that time, answer any questions you may have, and, discuss what events will take place this year for our school.

Current Positions:

President	Nicky Birtles
Treasurer	Rochelle House
Secretary	Brandy Humford
Vice President	Vacant



September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Hoja—2 p.m.</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Milk Orders Due</i>	18	19 <i>Professional Development Day No school for students</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Pajama Day Assembly - 9:15 a.m. PCSS AGM—10:30 Terry Fox Walk 1:00 p.m.</i>	27
28	29	30				

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY USE	As a condition of using Northern Gateway Public Schools network resources, I understand that access to division information resources, including access to internet and cloud-based resources, is a privilege and agree to abide by Administrative Procedure 140 - Digital Citizenship and the regulations identified in the Northern Gateway Digital Citizenship - Technology Use Agreement .	
Please initial to indicate that you have read and understood the policies and regulations identified above.		Initials

USING AND DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFORMATION	Northern Gateway Public Schools recognizes that all procedures for the collection and storing of information by Division staff in the course of affairs and procedures regulating the release of information to other parties must follow provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). Access to information is guided by Administrative Procedure 180 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy . Further details can be found in the FOIP and Media Consent document.	
Please initial to indicate that you have read and understood the policies and regulations identified above.		Initials

CONSENT TO POST PERSONAL INFORMATION	Northern Gateway Public Schools requests consent to post personal information to external websites, social media, media publications, and promotional materials. Information regarding consent to post personal information can be found in the FOIP and Media Consent document. <i>Please check all of the following that you agree to and initial below.</i> Consent can be revoked at any time by written notification provided to your child's school.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Last Name <input type="checkbox"/> First Name <input type="checkbox"/> Grade <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Award Recognition <input type="checkbox"/> School Related Activities		
Please initial to indicate that you have read and understood the policies and regulations identified above.		Initials

MEDIA PARTICIPANT CONSENT	Information regarding media participation can be found in the FOIP and Media Consent document. <i>Please initial each of the following that you agree to.</i> Consent can be revoked at any time by written notification provided to your child's school.	
I hereby give Northern Gateway Public Schools permission to photograph, video tape, audio tape, and/or interview my child while he/she is under the supervision of Northern Gateway Public Schools.	Initials	
I hereby give Northern Gateway Public Schools permission to use, publish, display, and copyright any work, written material, or creative work created or authored by my child through school activities. I understand that artwork, written material, or creative work may be used by Northern Gateway Public Schools in division or school displays, publications, websites, social media, other electronic media, and advertising or promotional materials. I understand that Northern Gateway Public Schools may make minor edits as deemed appropriate.	Initials	
I hereby give Northern Gateway Public Schools permission to permit outside organizations to photograph, video tape, audio tape, and/or interview my child while he/she is under the supervision of Northern Gateway Public Schools. I understand that this means that a photograph(s), video(s), audio tape(s), interview(s), or likeness of my child may be collected, used, reproduced, and broadcast by the outside organization.	Initials	
Please initial to indicate that you have read and understood the policies and regulations identified above.		Initials

Policies and Regulations

If the hyperlinked documents are unavailable for any reason, information related to the sections above is available at your school in paper format. Please ask your school secretary or principal.

Collection and Use of Personal Information Disclaimer

The information requested on this form is being collected pursuant to the School Act, Section 23, A.R. 71/99 and the FOIPP Act, Sections 33(c), 39(1)(b), and 40(1)(c). Information acquired through this form is kept secure and access is restricted. In accordance with the Student Record Regulation, this form will be placed in the student's record file.

If you have any questions regarding this request for individual student information and about our use or disclosure of student information, please contact the school or the Northern Gateway Public Schools FOIPP Coordinator at Box 840, 4816 – 49 Avenue, Whitecourt AB T7S 1N9, 780-778-2800 or 800-262-8674, fax 780-778-6719.

DECLARATION	I am the legal guardian or the independent student referred to in this registration form. I have read and understand the information regarding guardianship and I have identified all guardians for this student. I hereby certify the foregoing information to be true, correct, and complete.	
First Parent/Guardian Print Name	Signature	Date
Second Parent/Guardian Print Name	Signature	Date

Whitecourt Central School
Informed Consent/Permission Form
For
In Town Field Trips and Excursions

Whitecourt Central School staff arranges field trips and excursions for our students from time to time throughout the school year.

Types of Activities: neighborhood walks, swimming, skating, visiting business and playgrounds and parks within the Town of Whitecourt. These trips will take place within regular school hours. Parents will be informed of dates and times prior to the activity.

Please read and sign one Permission Form for each student

Educational activity programs require attention to safety. Injuries may occur while participating in these activities. The following list includes, but is not limited to, examples of safety concerns related to trips noted above.

Unintentional injury or mishap while walking to and from the school, or being bussed to and from the school, and while engaged in the activity as listed above.

Such concerns result from the nature of the activity and can occur without fault of either the student, or the school board, its' employees/agents or the facility where the activity is taking place. By choosing to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that your child may be injured.

Note: the chance of an injury occurring can be greatly reduced by carefully following instructions at all times during the activity.

Acknowledgement:

I have read the information above, and by signing below, acknowledge that by participating in the activities described, we are assuming the risks associated with doing so.

In Town Field Trip and Excursion Permission:

I give my child, _____ permission to participate in the above described activities.
(Student Name)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____



Whitecourt Central School
Milk Order Form

Milk will be delivered **Tuesday** and **Thursday** to the classroom at lunchtime.

October - 9 days **November** - 7 days - **December** - 6 days

22 days @ \$.75 per day = **\$16.50**

Please return form and payment in full by 9:00 am Wednesday September 17, 2014.

Make cheque payable to PCSS.

There will be a \$20.00 NSF charge to all returned checks

Please **CIRCLE** choice: if no choice is circled **White milk** will be given.

White Milk

Chocolate Milk

Students Name: _____ Class: _____

Help is always appreciated

If you are able help we'll be meeting to count on September 17th at 9:00 am