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# “Get the Scoop”

## On Whitecourt Central School

NOVEMBER 2014

### Principal’s Message

November is already here, and with that the weather is turning cooler. We encourage students to dress warmly and appropriately for the weather conditions as they are expected to be outside at recess and lunch times.

It has been very exciting to visit the classrooms now that everyone is settled in. Students are busy researching on the Chromebooks, tracking their reading progress on Raz Kids, and creating story boards and murals. Watching students use the Smart boards to solve problems or working as a group to find solutions is great evidence that learning is taking place. Our Glee and Choir groups are in full swing and working hard to prepare for their upcoming performances. All students are working extremely hard and we encourage them to continue with their best efforts.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to some of the service providers who are in our school working with students and staff.

Dr. Canniff—School Psychologist.—at Central every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Jane Henry—Occupational Therapist—Alberta Collaborative Services

Melissa Soares—Psychologist—Alberta Collaborative Services

Patti Cote—Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant

Kyria Baranowski—Family Community Liaison Program

If you would like information on any of the above services, please contact Mrs. Kristine Johnson, Inclusive Education Facilitator at the school.

Have a wonderful November and stay warm!

*Mrs. T. McKeever*  
**Principal**

#### Effective Behaviour Supports

As parents, we know that we must take responsibility for teaching our children to behave and think in positive ways. Making mistakes can be used in a positive way to develop strategies that will decrease the likelihood that the same mistake will be made multiple times. We also know that learning is a process that must include thinking skills. The “Think Tank” at Central offers children time to reflect on their behaviour and decisions.

Dr. Jim Canniff

# Congratulations!!



Congratulations to our Eagles of the Month for October 2014!

### Grade 3

- Emma Layton
- Aliya Dibben
- Maryum Saif
- Jordynn Favreau
- Brean Evenson
- Katie Motkoski

### Grade 4

- Zach Merrifield
- Cole Bradley
- Jaelyn Shuck
- Emma Headington
- Rylee Lunde

### Grade 5

- Kyliee Paquette
- Mariah Delaronde
- Ngan Pham
- Cadence Willsher
- Ella MacRitchie

### Raffle:

Whitecourt Central will support Santa's Anonymous and the Whitecourt Food Bank by holding a raffle for an Ipad Air, Xbox, Duffel Bag, and a \$50.00 Itunes gift card. Tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each. A schedule for purchasing tickets will be announced during our morning announcements. Tickets will be sold from November 24 through December 5, 2014. Thank you for your support!

### Thank you, Thank you!!

Thank you to the following companies and individuals who donated the fantastic prizes for Operation Christmas Child, Santa's Anonymous and the Whitecourt Food Bank!

- Essential Energy Services*
- Clarke Vegetation*
- New Venture Safety*
- Matrix Solutions*
- Brad and Dawn Beck*

### Photo Retakes:

Smart Photography will visit our school for photo retakes on Wednesday, November 5/14 at 10:00 a.m.

If your child requires first time photos, please pick up a pose form from the office. If you require retakes, please bring your photo proof package to the school on November 5th.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Report Cards will be sent home with all students on Friday, November 21, 2014. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the evenings of Wednesday, November 26 and Thursday, November 27 from 5:00—8:00 p.m. each evening. Please complete the interview request form included with this newsletter and return to the classroom teacher no later than Thursday, November 6th. We will do our best to honor all requests. Your interview day and time will be printed on the front of the report card.

## Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Grade Five students will host our annual  
Remembrance Day Assembly on  
Friday, November 7, 2014 beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Please join us as we pay an important tribute  
to the individuals whose sacrifices have ensured the  
freedom we enjoy today!



### After School Plans:

In most cases, we will not be able to pass along student messages throughout the day, so please ensure that your child(ren) know of any changes in their schedules and plans **before** they come to school each day. This will help alleviate confusion for everybody at the end of the school day. We will not interrupt classes for student messages.  
Thank you!

### *BOOK FAIR*

We're excited to host the Fall Scholastic Book Fair on November 25, 26 and 27, 2014.

Book Fair hours are:

Tuesday, Nov. 25— 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26— 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27—

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to purchase books at discounted prices.

The Book Fair will be held in our school library.

### *School Choir Notes:*

The Whitecourt Central School Choir has been working very hard the last six weeks preparing for performances.

Their first performance was

“The Central Family” song at the

Halloween Assembly. Their next performance, “Why Do We Have

Remembrance Day?” is planned for the

Remembrance Day assembly scheduled for Friday, November 7th at 9:30 a.m.

All choir members are required to wear dark pants/skirt and a white top for the Remembrance Day performance.

We hope you will join us for these performances.

The choir will be busy for the next two months preparing songs for the Christmas Season as well.



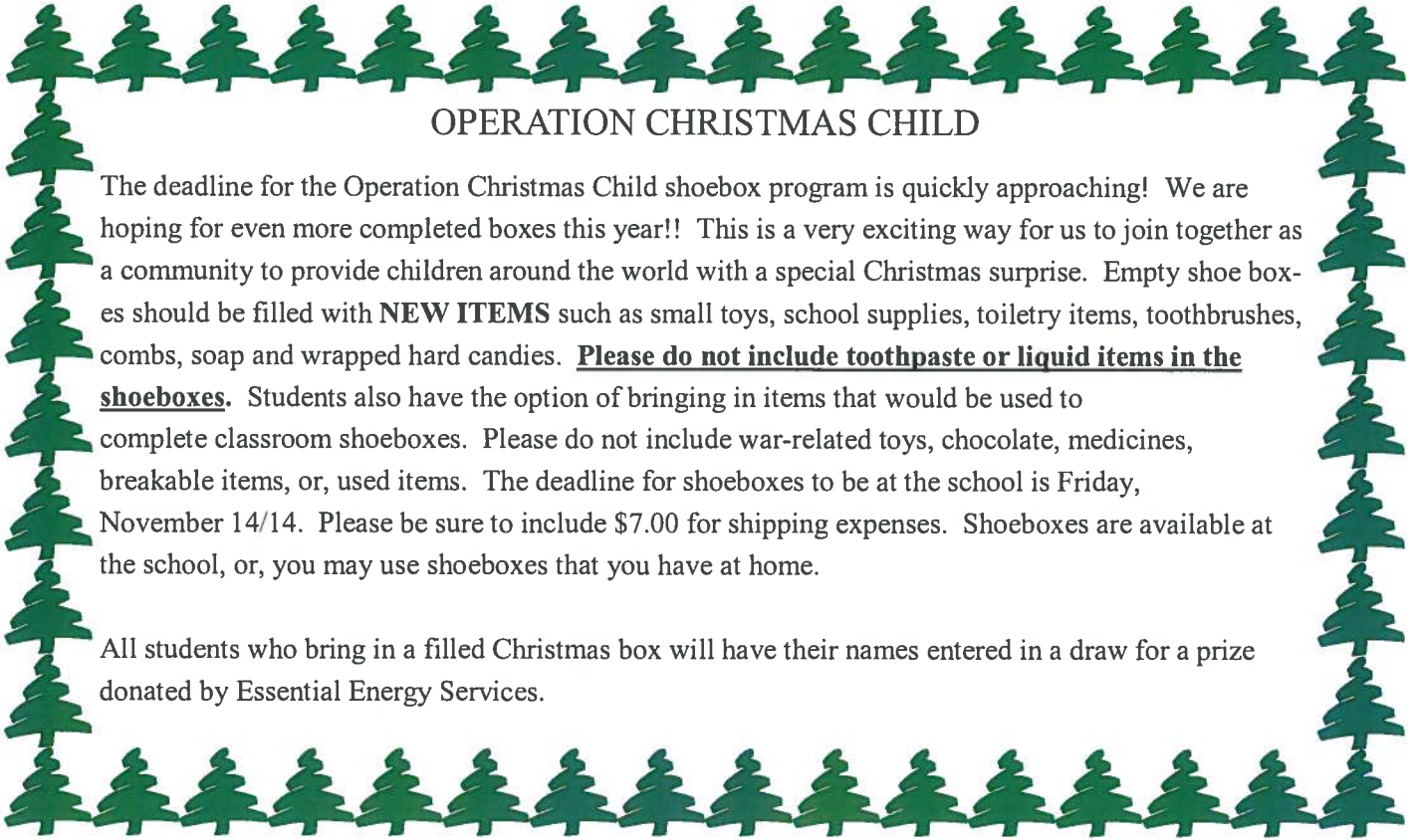
### Assembly

**Our November assembly will  
be held on Friday,  
November 21, 2014  
at 9:15 a.m.**

**Please join us as we recognize  
our students of the month for  
all their hard work and  
accomplishments.**

### Excellence in Teaching Award:

The nomination packages for the Alberta Education-Excellence in Teaching Award are now available. If you are interested in nominating a teacher for this award, please contact the office for a package.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The deadline for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program is quickly approaching! We are hoping for even more completed boxes this year!! This is a very exciting way for us to join together as a community to provide children around the world with a special Christmas surprise. Empty shoe boxes should be filled with **NEW ITEMS** such as small toys, school supplies, toiletry items, toothbrushes, combs, soap and wrapped hard candies. **Please do not include toothpaste or liquid items in the shoeboxes.** Students also have the option of bringing in items that would be used to complete classroom shoeboxes. Please do not include war-related toys, chocolate, medicines, breakable items, or, used items. The deadline for shoeboxes to be at the school is Friday, November 14/14. Please be sure to include \$7.00 for shipping expenses. Shoeboxes are available at the school, or, you may use shoeboxes that you have at home.

All students who bring in a filled Christmas box will have their names entered in a draw for a prize donated by Essential Energy Services.

### **Tenille's Hope:**

Our Grade 5 students will once again assist with the Tenille's Hope Program this year. Beginning in November, each Wednesday, a group of four students and a school supervisor will help out at the community soup kitchen. Students will be involved in serving meals, clearing dishes, cleaning tables, and washing dishes. In order to volunteer, students must complete an ACE Squad (Always Caring Eagles) application. This program is organized by our Leadership Committee at Whitecourt Central with the goal of instilling the core values of Citizenship, Community and Kindness in our students.

### **"Get the Scoop" on School Improvement**

Our goal for 2014/2015 is:

*"Whitecourt Central School is committed to a focus on literacy and numeracy to provide a greater opportunity for student success within an inclusive setting, using differentiated instruction and a variety of assessment strategies."*

So, what does that really mean?.....

When teachers are planning activities and assignments in the classroom, a great deal of research and time are taken to ensure the work is the right fit for everyone in the classroom. An assignment could have visual prompts to assist the visual learners in the class. There could be manipulatives that go with the lesson to offer kinesthetic learners the chance to work with their hands or there could be a video for students to listen to on their Chrome-book for those who require an auditory approach. All of these options need to be taken into account when a teacher plans their lessons. Teachers spend a great deal of time to ensure that all student learning needs are met within a lesson. In addition to different ways to demonstrate learning, teachers also provide small group and one-on-one support when necessary.

## PCSS NEWS

Our **Hot Lunch** will be Subway this month, on November 21/14. Please fill out the attached order form if your child would like to order. Forms are due back on November 7th at 9:00 a.m. Please consider coming to help count the orders at this time.

Soup cards are going out once again. If you would like your child to take part in this hot soup program, twice a month throughout the winter months, please complete the **one time soup order form** included with this newsletter and return to the school no later than November 12th at 9:00 a.m. If you can assist with making soup on the Tuesday before each soup day, please contact Joanne at 780-396-9994. Please feel free to share your favourite soup recipes with us!

**Mark your Calendars!** We are currently planning our **Adult Only Dinner, Dance and Auction** for **January 24, 2015**. We have reserved Dammit Jim who will play live Rock and Roll. An auctioneer will be on site as well to help us raise funds. Dinner will be served by Abby's Catering. All proceeds will go towards our Playground Project. If you would like to donate a raffle or auction prize, please contact Cec McDonald at 780-706-6995.

We are still selling cook books for \$10.00 each, so pick up some stocking stuffers and keepsakes now. Call Nicky at 780-706-3520.

The Christmas Gift Shop is just around the corner and we will need plenty of help on December 3rd and December 4th for this to run smoothly. I will contact those individuals who signed up, but if you can help, please contact Nicky or Joanne.

Our next PCSS meeting will be held on November 12th at Noon. We hope to see you there!

PCSS and EPIC Society  
Nicky Birtles

### Parent Society Soup Program

The Parent Council is organizing a soup program for the winter months. We plan on serving soup two days a month. Dates and soup flavors will be announced in the school newsletters. A 12 Soup Punch Card is available for purchase for \$36.00 each and is applicable for the entire soup program—a total of twelve soup days. If you would like to purchase a soup punch card, please complete the form below and return to your child's classroom teacher with payment no later than 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12/14. Our first soup day will be held on Tuesday, November 19th and will feature Chicken Noodle Soup.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

# of Soup Punch Card(s) @ \$36.00 = Total Payment of \_\_\_\_\_

Additionally, if you can help prepare or serve soup, please complete this portion:

Yes, I can help prepare soup \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I can help serve soup \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email: [tdwb@telus.net](mailto:tdwb@telus.net) (with subject line of soup) if you are able to assist. Thank you!



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### Whitecourt Central School Parent Teacher Interview Request Form

Teacher(s)

Child(ren)

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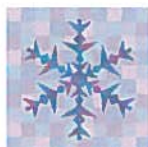
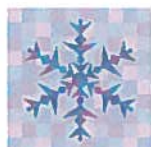
Please check your preferred interview day:

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my interview(s) on Wednesday, November 26/14 between 5:00-8:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my interview(s) on Thursday, November 27/14 between 5:00-8:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Either evening, Wednesday, or Thursday is good for me.

*Please return this form to the school no later than Thursday, November 6/14. Thank you!*



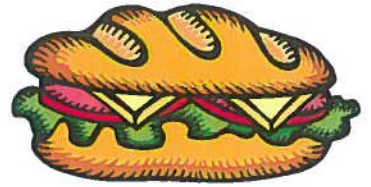
**Education Tidbits:**

Familiarize yourself with How the School and Classroom are Run:

- Check out the School website that contains basic information and special event information.
- Be sure to read the school newsletters and keep them in a designated place for quick reference.
- Visit the school, walk around, go inside and introduce yourselves to the Principal, Assistant Principal, Secretary, and teacher to get a feel for the environment.
- Sign and return on time, your child’s agenda, school assignment, permission forms, and information forms.
- Note routines and help your child stay organized by making sure he/she packs the correct materials for the day—lunch, library book, swimming gear, and all school assignments.
- Know the name of your child’s teacher and where his/her classroom is located.
- Whenever possible, attend school functions such as assemblies and other special events.
- Volunteer your services, if you are able, in the classroom or other areas of the school.
- Be sure to contact the school with new phone numbers, etc. so that you can be contacted.

# Whitecourt Central School

## Subway Lunch Order Form



Subway Lunch will be held on Friday, November 21/14. All orders, with exact payment, must be turned into the school no later than 9:00 a.m. on **Friday, November 7, 2014.**

Please **circle** your choices:

### Subway Sandwiches

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount Owing</u>
Ham & Cheese Sub	\$3.00	_____	_____
Pizza Sub	\$3.00	_____	_____
Turkey Sub	\$4.50	_____	_____
Popcorn	\$1.00	_____	_____
Apple Juice	\$1.00	_____	_____
Orange Juice	\$1.00	_____	_____
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$1.00	_____	_____
Dilly Bar	\$1.00	_____	_____
Strawberry Smoothie	\$3.00	_____	_____

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Help is always appreciated with counting orders on the due date (Nov. 7/14 at 12:30 p.m.)  
Orders will be filled on Friday, November 21/14 beginning at 10:30 a.m. and any help that could be given would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!





# November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends— Fall Back one hour ....	3 Swimming— 3P/R, 3S, 3SP	4 Japanese Drumming Swimming - 5B, 5C, 5L	5 Photo Retakes Swimming - 3L, 3C, 3B	6 Interview Forms Due	7 Remembrance Day Assembly—9:15 a.m. Swimming, 4S/C, 4M.	8
9	10 No School—Day in lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews	11 Remembrance Day Holiday—No School	12 PCSS Ming.—Noon Soup Day Swimming—5U, 5CL	13	14 Christmas Boxes due Swimming— 4J, 4D, 4ML	15
16	17 Pizza Day	18 Pizza Day	19	20	21 Report Cards sent home	22
23	24 Book Fair Pizza Day	25 Book Fair Pizza Day	26 Soup Day Book Fair P/T Interviews 5-8 p.m.	27 Book Fair P/T Interviews 5-8 p.m.	28 Professional Development Day No School	29
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