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# “Get the Scoop”

## On Whitecourt Central School

PCSS NEWS

MARCH 2015

### Principal’s Message

As the months fly by, we are often found asking ourselves, “where has the time gone?” The weather has been very unpredictable this last month and the students are ready for some warmer weather.

March is proving to be a very busy month at Whitecourt Central School. We would like to welcome Ms. Tessa Barrass and Ms. Jenna Morton who are completing their five week Field Experience course through the University of Alberta, Faculty of Education. Ms. Barrass has joined Mrs. Jensen in Grade Four, and Ms. Morton has joined Mr. Landry in Grade Five. The Field Experience portion of the Education program enables potential teachers to develop lesson plans, deliver lessons to students, and, manage any classroom behav-

iours while under the guidance of experienced educators. This is a safe environment in which beginning teachers are able to practice what they have learned. Whitecourt Central School enjoys sharing the expertise of our teachers with those just beginning their career!

Whitecourt Central School is always looking for ways to improve. The Tell Them From Me Survey has been completed by our Grade 4 and 5 students. They did a fabulous job and the results of the survey will be discussed with them in the upcoming weeks.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who are busy helping out in the Breakfast Program, making lunches, and volunteering in other areas around the school. The staff and students appreciate all that you do!

  
Tammy McKeever  
Principal



### Student Awards:

Congratulations to our Eagles of the Month for February 2015

**Grade 3:**

- Julie Bisson
- Ava Spink
- Roan Ramstead
- Ryker Williams
- Kavan Osborne
- McKenna Dickson

**Grade 4:**

- Susannah Purcka
- Brynn Munro
- Taylor Cartwright
- Layla Perrin
- Abigale House

**Grade 5:**

- Grace Baranitsky
- Rebecca Birtles
- Abigail Bryant
- Alexia Trigg
- Kodan Whitehorse



### Winter Skating Party

Our Gym Jamboree this year will be a Winter Skating Party for students and staff on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 4/15 at Rotary Park.

*If the weather does not cooperate on March 4, skating parties will take place on Friday, March 13th.*

The skating schedule follows:

Grade 3—1:00—1:45 p.m.

Grade 4—1:30—2:15 p.m.

Grade 5—2:00—2:45 p.m.



Any students who are not skating may play at the Rotary Park playground

- ★ **Trickster Theatre**
- ★ Trickster Theatre Company will be coming to Whitecourt Central to lead a one-week artist-in-residency program! This residency involves the entire school in daily workshops, lecture/demonstrations and rehearsals to create and perform an original performance. A ninety minute performance will be presented to the community on the last day of the residency.
- ★ This program is a spectacular event thanks to a grant from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts!
- ★ The Theatre company will be working at our school throughout the week of March 16-20, 2015.
- ★ The final show will take place on March 20, 2015, with two performances, the first one at 1:00 p.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m. Please refer to an earlier note about Trickster for ticket reservations and volunteer opportunities! We hope to see you there!

### Report Cards:

Report Cards will be sent home with all students on Friday, March 20/15. Interviews for this reporting period will be held on the evening of Thursday, March 26/15 from 5:00—8:00 p.m. Interviews for this reporting period are by teacher or parent request. If you would like to have an interview with your child's teacher, please contact the school office at 780-778-2136 and we will be happy to schedule a time for you!



### Effective Behaviour Supports:

Thank you to the parents who contacted the school to ask questions regarding our Think Tank. Below is a short summary of how our Think Tank operates.

The Think Tank is just that—a “Thinking” place. This means that when the students meet with the teacher, there is a great deal of thinking going on. Students will first discuss the events that led up to the problem and subsequently write up. Then, as a group, each person identifies their part in the issue. This is important as students need to recognize their role and accept responsibility for the choices that they have made. Then, a plan is built—what can we do differently next time? If we are faced with a difficult situation again, how are we going to handle it? The teacher helps students create a plan to be successful in difficult social situations and then information is sent home to parents. We ask that you review the situation and listen to the plan that is developed. The sheet then is signed by the parents and returned to the school. If a parent has any questions, they can contact the classroom teacher.

### Book Fair:

Mrs. Granley will once again host a Scholastic Book Fair in our library this month.

Book Fair hours are:

March 25th - 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

March 26th —9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

March 26th—5:00 p.m. —7:30 p.m.

Please stop by and see the great selection of books that will be offered.

All items will be priced with a discount of 25%.

### Assembly/Theme Day:

Our March assembly will be held on Friday, March 27/15 at 9:15 a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate  
**Whitecourt Central!**

In conjunction with our assembly this month we will celebrate with **Western Day**. We encourage all students to dress western this day!



**PCSS News:**

What a busy school year this has been. Thank you so much to all the parents and families who have helped out thus far! We had a great time helping with the Ice Sculpture event at the World Sled Invasion and cleaning up the hall all day on the Saturday of this event. We will have a fundraising amount for you soon.

Thank you to UNIFOR Local 909 for the \$1000.00 donation to our Playground Project!

Hot lunch for March will be Kentucky Fried Chicken. Please fill out the attached form and if you can help count lunch orders on March 13 at 9:15 a.m. all help would be appreciated. Help is also required on lunch day, March 27th beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, April 24/15. Stay tuned for information on this event in the April newsletter.






The next PCSS and EPIC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11/15 at Noon—everyone welcome! Please come and hear what is going on at Whitecourt Central and how you can help make decisions involving your child's education.

As always, if you cannot attend a meeting and have any comments, concerns, or ideas to bring forward, please feel free to contact a board member through the web site, or a note in our mailbox and we will be sure to find you an answer.

Nicky Birtles  
PCSS/EPIC Society

# March 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Swimming—5B, 5C, 5L	4 Winter Skating Party—afternoon Swimming—3L, 3B, 3C	5 Staff Professional Development Day No school for students	6 Staff Professional Development Day No school for students	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins - "Spring" ahead one hour	9 Swimming - 3S, 3SP, 3P/R	10 Pizza Day 	11 Soup Day PCSS Mtng Noon 	12 Whitecourt Music Festival	13 KFC Lunch Orders Due 	14
15	16 <b>Performing Arts Week with Trickster Theatre</b>	17 Pizza Day 	18 Soup Day 	19	20 Report Cards sent home Trickster Performances 1 and 7 p.m.	21
22	23	24	25 Book Fair	26 Book Fair P/T Interviews - 5-8 p.m.	27 Western Day Assembly—9:15 a.m. KFC Lunch	28
29	30 Swimming - 4J, 4D, 4M	31 Swimming—5CL, 5U				



# April 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>Good Friday Holiday—Easter Break begins</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>First day back to school following Easter Vacation</i>	14 <i>Pizza day</i>	15 <i>Soup Day</i>	16 <i>Alberta Opera 1:30 p.m.</i>	17 <i>Volunteer Tea 1:00 p.m.</i>	18
19	20	21 <i>Pizza Day</i>	22 <i>Soup Day</i>	23 <i>Artsfest</i>	24 <i>Assembly—9:15 a.m. Family Fun Night</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30		



# Whitecourt Central School

## Kentucky Fried Chicken Lunch Order Form

Hot Dog Lunch will be held on **Friday, March 27, 2015.**

All orders (with exact payment) must be delivered to the school no later than

**9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2015**

Please ensure that all cheques are made payable to the PCSS

*Please circle choices:*

	Price	Quantity	Amount Owing
KFC Drumstick	\$2.00	_____	_____
Popcorn Chicken	\$2.00	_____	_____
Chicken Snacker	\$2.00	_____	_____
Popcorn	\$1.00	_____	_____
Apple Juice	\$1.00	_____	_____
Orange Juice	\$1.00	_____	_____
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$1.00	_____	_____
Dilly Bar	\$1.00	_____	_____
Strawberry Smoothie	\$3.00	_____	_____

Student's Name

Class

Total Owing

*Help is always appreciated with our lunches. Orders will be sorted and counted on Monday, March 13/15 beginning at 9:30 a.m. If you are able to assist with tallying the orders, please meet at the school office. On lunch day, Friday, March 27/15, help is needed as well, so please join us in the Community Center kitchen at 10:30 a.m. Thank you!*

# March

## Transitioning Schools

Team for Success coaches Tanya Adams and Stacey Wright will begin transitioning for grade 2s at Pat Hardy and grade 5s at Whitecourt Central school.

## Team for Success



### **Staff:**

**Project Coordinator**  
**Teagan Arnott**  
**780-262-0466**

### **Success Coaches**

**Pat Hardy**  
**Corinne Millington**

**Central School**  
**Tanya Adams**

**Percy Baxter School**  
**Stacey Wright**

## **G.I.R.L.S Group**

Percy Baxter and Whitecourt Central schools are both running grade specific Girls In Real Life Situation groups which focuses on gossip, friendship and self-confidence boosting. Fun Crafts and discussions are held each session!

## Pink Shirt Day

As proud supporters of Pink Shirt Day we provided students with bright pink wristbands to support the cause!

## Want to meet your child's Team for Success Coach?

Each month Team for Success coaches provide coffee at Whitecourt Central's recognition assemblies! We are also present on Parent-Teacher interview nights so please stop by and have a chat!

## CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART

1 in 3 families cannot afford to enroll their children in organized sports. That's almost 750,000 kids every year who want to play, but just can't. Team for Success can connect you with the support to enroll your child in an organized sport without a credit check. Physical activity helps keep your mind and body healthy and we are strong supporters of maintaining mental health.



## *Pat Hardy School*

*Corinne is actively running an emotional regulation program in all of the classes called "Zones of Regulation" if you would like a copy of the program's vocabulary to use with your child please contact Corinne at the school or the project coordinator by phone. You can also ask your children to explain the "zones" to you and practice proper calming techniques together!*