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On Whitecourt Central School

APRIL 2015

Principal’s Message

Spring is finally here and with it comes the final few snow storms. As the warm weather arrives, and the snow melts away, our playground will get very wet and muddy. We all realize that students love to play in the puddles but doing so could result in an uncomfortable afternoon for the students if they are 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.

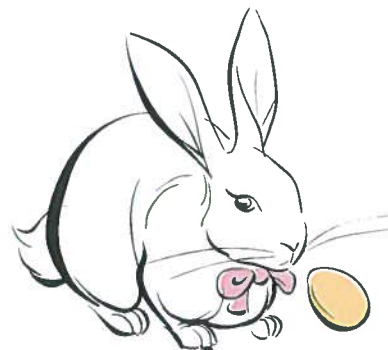
The budget for the upcoming school year was released and we are now working at developing a plan for our 2015/2016 school year. Enrollment drives many of the programs and number of classes that are offered within the school.

If you are planning on moving, or not attending Central next year, please let the office know as this will assist us in our planning for next year.

As more information on the school budget is 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.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have been at the school making and serving breakfast, making lunches, helping out in the classroom, and with our special events. Your dedication to the school is greatly appreciated!

Mrs. T. McKeever
Principal



Student Awards

Congratulations to our Eagles of the Month for March 2015!

Grade 3:

- Jayda Whiteside
- Emma Hallowes
- Hunter Krog
- Kara Gunderson
- Owen Magdiak
- Carter Romanchuk

Grade 4:

- Emma Bisson
- Trudy Harms
- Owen Merrill
- Radek MacDougall
- Baylee Duchesne

Grade 5:

- Erin Gallant
- Jaden Salmond
- Haley Gunderson
- Kyle Headington
- Kallie Soch



What's Happening in our Library??

Another successful book fair was hosted by Mrs. Granley in our library last week. Alicia Betteridge was the lucky winner of \$25.00 in books and Alicia's class, 5B, also won \$25.00 in books. Congratulations!

Assembly and Theme Day

Please join us on Friday, April 24/15 at 9:15 a.m. for our regular school-wide recognition assembly.

In conjunction with our assembly, our school theme will be "Rock Star Day."

Students are invited to dress up as their favorite rock star!



Volunteer Assembly and Tea:

Please join us on Friday, April 17, 2015 for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Assembly and Tea! We will meet in the gymnasium at 1:00 p.m. for performances. Following the assembly, please join us in the community center for refreshments! Please allow us the opportunity to thank each of our valued volunteers for all that you have done for our school this year!

Jump Rope for Heart:

Are you ready to be Jumpcredible? On Friday, April 24/15, Whitecourt Central School students will participate in Jump Rope For Heart activities to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students have already received pledge packages and can register on line at www.jumpropeforheart.ca for a \$5.00 kick start. Our school goal is to meet last year's fundraising total of \$8000.00. The top fundraising class will receive a pizza party (donated by Dominoes Pizza) in the staff room! Parent help is always appreciated. Thank you for supporting this very worth while cause!

Get the Scoop on Cell Phones and After School Plans:

We are noticing that more students are bringing cell phones to school. It is important for both students and parents to understand that the school is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or broken devices. Whitecourt Central School has Chromebooks for every student as well as access to a student phone; therefore, students are not required to bring their own devices to school. If students have a device, we ask that they leave them in their back packs and to not use them during the school day. When we have students phone parents from their cell phones during the day, parents often phone back to the school to inquire who has tried to reach them. The staff then is left trying to solve the mystery. If a student needs to reach a parent, they may ask the teacher permission to use the student phone. Then we are able to determine who has done the phoning, and why, in case a parent phones back.

Some students have also been using their cell phones to make after school plans with friends. This is not permitted as there is often miscommunication between family members and then parents phone the school worried at the end of the day when their child does not return home from school. Any after school plans must be made in advance of the school day, in consultation with all parents involved.

In addition to this, students are not permitted to ride other buses without a note from the principal and this will only be granted in an emergency situation. Bus drivers have been advised to direct any inquiries regarding bus rides to the school.

Tell Them From Me Survey Results:

The Tell Them From Me survey results are in and will be shared with parents at our next School Council Meeting.

Artsfest:

The Northern Gateway Public Schools Annual Artsfest will be held on April 23/15 in Sangudo.

Our Grade Five Glee Club will perform at Artsfest this year at approximately 1:00 p.m. at the Sangudo Community School.



Newsletters—2015/2016:

: Beginning with the 2015/2016 school year, we are moving to a paperless newsletter. At the beginning of each month, a Remind message will inform parents when the newsletter has been posted to the website. Parents will be able to access the calendar and order forms for all of the hot lunches, milk program, etc. on our website. We will have a few hard copies of the newsletter for those families who require one. We will send home a reminder in September.

PCSS NEWS:

It is hard to believe April is already upon us! How time flies when we are all so busy!

In March, we attended a school councils' meeting with all of NGRD schools. Parents and staff came out to learn about our roles as parents and council members with regards to our children's education and how we can be involved. We have learned how to conduct a productive council meeting in less time, so if you only have one hour for lunch, you can fit in a meeting on your lunch break. In reply to concerns raised about our lunch meeting times, our May PCSS meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. We will send out the date for the May meeting once we have coordinated with other Whitecourt schools.

We will host our annual **Family Fun Night** on Friday, April 24th from 6:00—8:00 p.m.!! Games, treats, prizes, and so much fun will be had on that night. Please fill out the attached form with how many children over 5 years of age will be attending. Wrist bands and concession tickets that have been pre-ordered will be sent home on the day of the event. Bands will also be for sale at the door. Help will be needed to run the games, sell tickets, work in the concession, and monitor the fun factor! Please contact a board member, sign up on the school web site, join the Whitecourt Central School PCSS and Epic Society FB page, or, contact the school directly if you can assist us.

Hot lunch for April will be a hot dog lunch. Please complete the attached order form if your child would like to participate in this lunch. Forms are due back by April 13th.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for **Remind** so that you can be informed about all that is going on at Whitecourt Central. Text @CentralSch to (587)316-2812 to sign up. This is such a great way to stay on top of events and important dates!

Volunteers are required for the following dates:

- ⇒ April 13 @ 9:00 a.m. to count Hot Dog Lunch orders
- ⇒ April 20th to count Family Fun Night pre-order forms
- ⇒ April 24th @ 10:30 a.m. to prepare and serve Hot Dog Lunch
- ⇒ April 24th from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for Family Fun Night

Our next parent council meeting will be held on April 15, 2015 at Noon.

Happy Spring and have a great Easter break!

Nicky Birtles
PCSS and EPIC Society

April

THANK YOU!

Big thank you to Wal-Mart in Whitecourt for donating MP3s to our acapella group at Percy Baxter called the Percy Vocals! Thank you to Cindy from Culture Stone Studios for all of your work!

Team for Success



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Mental Health Awareness Month

May is mental health awareness month. Please tweet your support using the hash tag #ShakeItOff on May 14th. Follow @Team4SuccessWct for more updates!

Mental Health Tip

1 in 4 people in Canada are affected or have experienced a mental health illness.

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.



Zones of Regulation

Corinne and Stacey are using this emotional regulation program in Pat Hardy and Whitecourt Central schools. Ask your child what zone they are currently in and get them to describe the different zones.



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT ORDER FORM

ITEM:	Number required:	Cost
Wrist Band for Games _____	_____ @ \$5.00	_____
Concession tickets	_____ @ \$1.00	_____
Total owing		_____

Concession Items:

- Cotton Candy – 2 tickets
- Snow cones – 1 ticket
- Water – 1 ticket
- Pop – 1 ticket
- Chocolate Bars – 1 ticket
- Chips or Popcorn – 1 ticket
- Cake and Goodies raffle – 1 ticket/entry

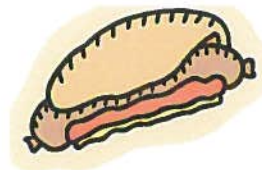
Name of Student _____ Class _____

Tickets and wrist bands will be sent home with students prior to Family Fun Night.

May 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 <i>Education Week</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Class Photos</i>	9
10 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	11	12 <i>Pizza Day</i>	13	14	15 <i>Day in lieu of March Interviews No school</i>	16
17	18 <i>Victoria Day Holiday—No School</i>	19 <i>Pizza Day</i>	20	21 <i>Leduc Band presentation</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Gr. 4 Field Trip to Huestis Forest</i>	29 <i>Assembly—9:15 a.m. Beach Day</i>	30
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Hot Dog Lunch Order Form

Hot Dog Lunch will be held on Friday, April 24, 2015.
 All orders (with exact payment) must be delivered to the school no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015
 Please ensure that all cheques are made payable to the PCSS

Please circle choices:

Amount Owning	Quantity	Price		Student's Name	Class	Total Owning
_____	_____	\$1.00	Hot Dog (Top Dog - All Beef)	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	\$1.00	Popcorn	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	\$1.00	Apple Juice	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	\$1.00	Orange Juice	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	\$1.00	Ice Cream Sandwich	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	\$1.00	Dilly Bar	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	\$3.00	Strawberry Smoothie	_____	_____	_____

Help is always appreciated with our lunches. Orders will be sorted and counted on Thursday, April 16/15 beginning at 9:00 am. If you are able to assist with tallying the orders, please meet at the school office. On lunch day, Friday, April 24/15, help is needed as well, so please join us in the Community Center kitchen at 10:30 a.m. Thank you!

