

“Get the Scoop”

On Whitecourt Central School

SEPTEMBER 2015

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Thank you!

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Principal's Message:

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

It has been a very busy summer with the removal of our old playground, new flooring installation, the completion of the outdoor classroom, and, the pouring of the concrete deck off of the Community Center. Thank you to the Northern Gateway Maintenance crew, Harris Landscaping, the Community Center Board, and the contractors for all doing such a great job!

Our Central School family is growing! Mrs. Dawnelle Bills and Mrs. Aimee Clarke will not return this school year as they are expanding their families and will take this year for maternity leaves. We welcome back Miss Breanne Spence who will be taking over for Mrs. Bills, and Mr. Vasquez who will replace Mrs. Clarke. Mrs. Cho is still off on maternity leave, so we welcome Mrs. Melanie Buha as our 5th Grade 3 teacher. Our Educational Assistant team also grew by one, as Mrs. Karen Marin has joined our staff and will work with Mrs. Buha in Grade 3.

Whitecourt Central School is moving to paperless newsletters. Our monthly newsletters will be posted on our web site. If you are unable to access the web site, please let Mrs. Tarcon in the office know and she will ensure a hard copy of our newsletter is sent home for you.

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

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!

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 for our annual Get The Scoop Night held this past August 27, 2015.

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



Division Calendar:

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 2015/2016 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!

Playground Update:

Our new playground is built and ready to be shipped out to us in early September. The scheduled installation date is September 14, 2015 and we are so excited!

A huge thank you to:

- * Our School Council for planning and running the many fundraisers for our playground.
- * Everyone who participated in the fundraisers.
- * The students who spent many hours looking at books and having discussions with their classmates as to which pieces of equipment to choose.

Peanut Allergies:

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



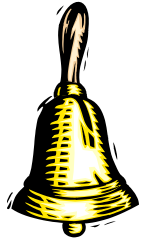
STUDENT FORMS:

Over the next several days we will send home a registration form and In-town Field Trip Form for each student. Alberta Education requires that we have completed registration forms on file for each of our students, each year as this is one way that funding for students 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 Wednesday, September 9, 2015. 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!

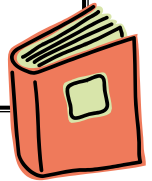


Parent Handbook

Our parent handbook is available on our 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 2015/2016 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, bussing to and from the swimming pool.

Items such as recorders for Music 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 we 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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WhitecourtCentral

ASSEMBLY

Our first school wide assembly will take place on Friday,

September 25th

beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please join us as we celebrate the start of a new school year!



The Staff of Whitecourt Central School

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Mrs. R. Hunter	Educational Assistant
Mrs. T. Law	Educational Assistant
Mrs. M. Lee	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Marin	Educational Assistant
Mrs. E. Newhook	Educational Assistant
Mrs. C. Sebo	Learning Commons
Mrs. T. Adams	Success Coach

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



PCSS News:

Welcome to the 2015/2016 school year at Whitecourt Central!! We are so happy to see our returning students and families and meet new to Central families! One of the greatest parts of being involved in the School council is getting to know all the students and seeing them on Hot Lunch days, soup days, assemblies, family fun night, and just hanging out around the school.

There are many opportunities to get involved in the School Council and EPIC Society. The first will be an information night on Wednesday, September 16 from 6:30—9:00 p.m. with a presentation from **Alberta School Councils**. They will be helping all parents, staff and community members understand the roles and responsibilities of an effective school council. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and gather some information before the new School council and EPIC Society Boards are elected.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for September 25 at 10:30 following the first school wide assembly. There will be eight executive positions to fill this year as we are separating the School Council and EPIC Society Boards to help keep the focus of each board on its specific purpose.

Programs you will see at Central School this year:

- ◆ Hot Lunch—Once a month, hot dogs alternating with different restaurants in Whitecourt
- ◆ Soup Program—runs through the cold winter months, twice a month.
- ◆ Breakfast Program—Provided by Breakfast Clubs of Canada and run by school staff and volunteers for all students, every day
- ◆ Milk Program—twice a week from October through to June
- ◆ Fundraising—Lamontagne for Christmas. Our Travel Raffle is still running until May 2016, EPIC Night out in February
- ◆ School wide Breakfast just before Christmas
- ◆ School Staff Appreciation Week
- ◆ School Staff Luncheon in December
- ◆ Monthly meetings—date and time to be set once the new executive are in place.

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser:

Order on line with Mabel's labels to purchase labels for school supplies, household needs, and return address labels, all customized for you. The Parent society will receive a 20% commission on every order placed. Go to www.mabelslabels.com to order all of your label needs. If you sign up to receive their newsletter you will receive all special offers and new item notifications.

The School Milk Program runs from October through to June and is ordered in three month increments. If you would like your child to receive milk twice a week, please complete the milk order form and return it no later than September 14/15. Please come to the school at 9:15 a.m. if you can help count and sort the orders. All help is greatly appreciated!

All of these events do not happen without volunteers like you! You will see the current executive at the school on September 16th and September 25th with sign up sheets so we can obtain your contact information and help you get involved in as much or, as little as you want.

If you have any inquiries, or are looking for further information, please check out Whitecourt Central School PCSS and EPIC society on FB, Whitecourt Central School's web site at whitecourtcentral.ca, or email us at: centralschoolcouncils@gmail.com

Welcome and Have a Great Year!
Your School Council and EPIC Society



September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>School Forms due</i>	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Playground Installation</i> 	15	16 <i>PCSS information evening with Alberta School Councils—6:30 p.m.</i>	17	18 <i>Staff Professional Development Day</i> <i>No school for students</i>	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Assembly—9:30 a.m.</i> <i>AGM—PCSS—10:30 p.m.</i>	26
27	28	29	30			