



# “Get the Scoop”

## On Whitecourt Central School

APRIL 2016

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### Principal’s Message

Spring has arrived and with it the sunshine! Our playground may be a little wet and muddy at times so it may be beneficial for students to pack an extra pair of socks and pants to change into if they should get wet while playing at recess times. Additionally, splash pants and rubber boots may be necessary at times.

Our students have been busy participating in a number of activities at the school. They have been learning all about Canada as they played games on the large travelling map that arrived prior to Easter. Our Grade 5 students continue to participate in kitchen activities and share their home baked creations with a lucky Grade 3 class at the end of their five week session. The Ipads have been a huge success as classes use them for a number of activities including learning about area and perimeter. Our student initiated clubs are going

strong and will continue to do so until the middle of June. Great job to everyone who is helping out with all of these activities.

It is budget time again and we are beginning to plan for the 2016/2017 school year. Enrolment determines many of our programs and number of classes that are offered within the school. If you are planning on moving, or not attending Whitecourt Central School next year, please let the office know as this will assist us in our planning.

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.

There will be a number of activities happening at the school throughout our final term. Please check the website and Remind for updates. Happy Spring!

Mrs. T. McKeever  
Principal



# Student Awards

Congratulations to our Eagles of the Month for March 2016

**Grade 3:**

Rylan Johnson

Cash Hunt

Danika Gallien-Jardine

Isabella Waters

Boyd Gaffney

**Grade 4:**

Rebekah Erickson

Mackenzie Richards

Olivia Foster

Justin Epp

Erin Zaddery

**Grade 5:**

Aspen Krog

Abigale House

Jacob Stoyles

Justin Bowman

Cali Smith



**School Cash**

SchoolCash is now available for on-line payments of school based items such as school fees and field trips. School Council items are not available for this service.

To access online payment options, please enroll at [ngps.schoolcashionline.com](http://ngps.schoolcashionline.com). It will take less than five minutes! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.



## Assembly and Theme Day

Please join us on Thursday, April 28/16 at 9:30 a.m. for our regular school-wide recognition assembly. In conjunction with our assembly, our school will celebrate with a "Rock Star Day." Students are invited to dress up as their favorite rock star!



**Volunteer Assembly and Tea:**

Please join us on Friday, April 22, 2016 for our annual

Volunteer Appreciation Assembly and Tea! We will meet in the

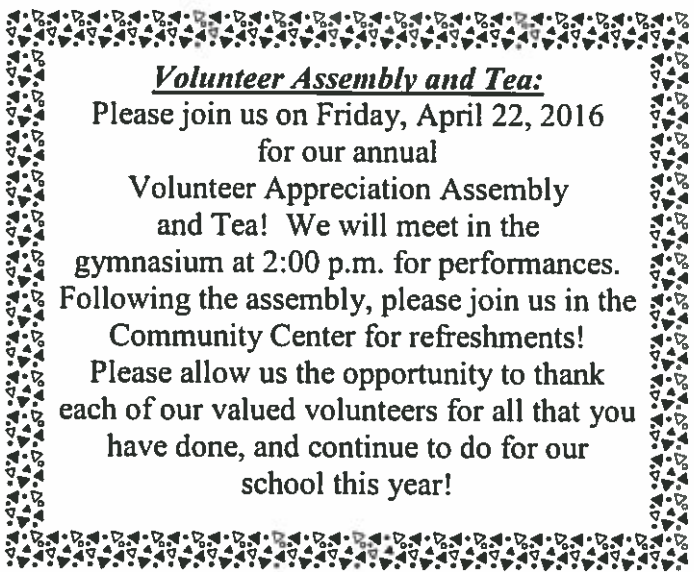
gymnasium at 2:00 p.m. for performances.

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, and continue to do for our school this year!



### Education Week Activities:

Education Week will be held from May 2-6, 2016 and the theme this year is:

Learning for Life, Together. Central School students will take part in several exciting and educational activities throughout the week. A school wide Book Swap will take place on Tuesday, May 3rd. Please send no more than five gently used books by April 28th if your child would like to participate. Other school-wide activities include: Book Report Fair, How-to Projects, Science Experiments, Staff Favorite Book bulletin board, and, Community Clean-Up. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of these exciting events!

EDUCATION WEEK

### After School Plans and Bussing:

We appreciate when parents make after school plans for their children the night or morning before school starts, and provide the teacher with a note in the agenda. This makes it much easier to direct the children at the end of their school day, and avoids classroom interruptions. Thank you for respecting that students cannot ride on different school buses unless school administration deems it as an emergency situation. Bus drivers have been asked to direct any bus transportation inquiries and changes to the school.

### OurSchool Survey Results:

The OurSchool Survey results are in and will be shared with parents at our April 12/16 School Council meeting.



Whitecourt Rotary Music Festival  
Whitecourt Central will host the  
Whitecourt Rotary Music Festival on  
Thursday, April 14/16.  
Our school choir will  
perform at 9:45 a.m.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL APRIL NEWS:**

*Thank you to everyone who attended our March School Council meeting!*

PCSS/EPIC Society will be hosting our **Annual Family Fun Night** on the evening of **April 29/16 (PD Day) from 6:30—8:30 p.m.** at Whitecourt Central School. This year we will have a family dance with DJ, concession, games and cake draws.

**Admission will be \$10.00 per family at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.**

*Join us for a night of family fun!*

Volunteers Needed: To volunteer for the event contact Joanne at 780-396-9994.

To provide a cake for the cake draw, please contact Jenny at 780-778-9795.

### **We want to hear from YOU!**

Every year, members of Whitecourt Central School's EPIC Society fundraise for various programs, supplies and events for the students of Central School. For the last two years, we have successfully fundraised for the new playground. Now we want to know what you think we should do next with our continued fundraising efforts. No project is too big or too small for us! Please email any suggestions for fundraising items to [centralschoolcouncils@gmail.com](mailto:centralschoolcouncils@gmail.com)

*Check out our April edition of the PCSS/EPIC School Council Newsletter for up to date information from our school council, important dates, and order forms.*

Our next school council meeting will be held on April 12/16 at 7:00 p.m. at Whitecourt Central School.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, your help is greatly appreciated!

Contact for more information:

Natalie Christianson: Text: 780-706-4408

Email: [centralschoolcouncils@gmail.com](mailto:centralschoolcouncils@gmail.com)

And, find us on Facebook at Whitecourt Central School PCSS and EPIC Society

### **Helpful Hint from the Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP)**

Every parent wants to raise a kind child; the type of child who cares about their peers, teachers, and the wellbeing of others.

How can a parent teach their child about kindness? Of course, we have to start with ourselves. Are we making our best effort to be kind, even when it's difficult? Are we emphasizing and calling attention to the kindness that we receive? Are we praising our children when we notice them doing something kind?


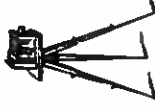



When we call attention to kind acts, we are helping children self-identify as kind, thoughtful, and caring. And it really works! When children see themselves as kind, they're more likely to choose kind behavior that reinforces their self image.

The Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP) provides individual counselling and family support. For more information about the program, or the referral process, feel free to contact Kyria or Kateryna at the FCLP office at 780-778-8755.



# April 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						<i>Mini Handball Tournament in Mayenthorpe</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		 Pizza Day Parent Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.	Coloring Contest due Lunch orders due 9 a.m. Soup Day	Whitecourt Rotary Music Festival	Pink Shirt Day International Kindness Day Hat Day for \$1.00	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Class Photo Day 	Pizza Day 	Soup Day 		Volunteer Assembly and Tea 	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Assembly—9:30 a.m. Rock Star Day Hot Lunch Day Book Swap deadline	Staff Planning Day - No school Family Fun Night 6:30—8:30 p.m.	

# April

Team for Success is now on Facebook! Please like and share our page for regular updates and fun pictures! Follow @Team4SuccessWct on Twitter as well!



## Summer Camps

Keep an eye out for our summer camp brochures! They will be sent home in May!

### How to Contact the Team for Success:

Project Coordinator:  
E-mail: [teagan.arnott@ngps.ca](mailto:teagan.arnott@ngps.ca) or  
Call: (780)262-0466.

Corinne (Pat Hardy):  
Call: (780)778-6266 ask for Corinne

Maren (Whitecourt Central):  
Call: (780)778-2136 ask for Maren

Stacey (Percy Baxter):  
Call: (780)778-3898 ask for Stacey

## MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Lee Thomas will be presenting on Mental Health Stigmas and what it was like growing up in Whitecourt with diagnosed mental illnesses. Please join us at 1:00 PM at Percy Baxter to listen to her journey. If you would like more information please check Lee's website at [www.leethomas.ca/testimonials.html](http://www.leethomas.ca/testimonials.html)

## April Mental Health Tip

Three ways to improve communication about sexuality and drug use with your child:

1. Together choose a book on sexuality, alcohol, or other drugs. Both you and your child read it separately and then discuss it together later.
2. Be clear about boundaries, values, and your reasons. Most teenagers are relieved to hear their parents say, "We expect you *not* to have sexual intercourse or drink alcohol as a teenager." Explain why, and be open to questions.
3. Look for opportunities to respond to what's in the media regarding sexuality, alcohol, or other drugs that doesn't directly involve your child or your child's friends. Discuss your reaction and ask for your child's opinion.