



“Get the Scoop”

On Whitecourt Central School

JUNE 2016

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

2016/2017 Get The Scoop!

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June has arrived and we are now beginning our final month of the 2015/2016 school year!

It is, of course, a very busy month in terms of student learning and assessment. All classes are currently completing the final requirements of their grade level learning. They will also be completing a number of assessment activities, including performance tasks and written tests, to demonstrate their understanding of the key curricular outcomes. We ask that parents continue to work with us to ensure that students are in attendance, well rested, and are able to perform at their very best during this final month..

This month is also a time that we reflect upon what we have accomplished and celebrate the journey that we have been on for the last ten months. Many classes will be having year end celebrations. We will hold our annual Sports Day as well as field trips. All classes will celebrate student achievements during the scheduled awards ceremonies in late June.

Principal’s Message

Throughout June, we begin the preparations for the 2016/2017 school year. On August 30/16 from 5:30—7:00 p.m. we will host our annual *Get the Scoop Night*. Parents and students are invited to come and meet their teachers, find their classroom and enjoy some delicious ice cream. If you are unable to make it that evening, teachers will have student names posted outside their classrooms on the first day of school.

Class lists are in the process of being created by our grade level teaching teams. Each year, teachers spend a significant amount of time creating class lists that will ensure balance within all classrooms. In achieving this balance, teaching staff consider intellectual, social and emotional needs, as well as classroom dynamics. This is a challenging process, but is essential to ensure that each and every child who attends our school is placed within a classroom that engages them in learning. This being said, we will not be accepting any class requests.

If your child(ren) are not planning on attending Central School next year, or, Percy Baxter for our Grade 5 students, please let us know so that we can move forward with our planning.

We are currently hiring for our teachers who are or will be on maternity leave next year. When these positions are filled, and our support staff is in place, we will post the list of all staff returning for the 2016/2017 school year on our web site.

It has been a wonderful year and we look forward to welcoming everyone back along with new families in August. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. T. McKeever
Principal



A BIG Thank you goes out to everyone who bought pizza this year in support of our Grade 5 Field Trip. Also, thank you to all of the Pizza Day helpers from 5L. Your support, and your time are deeply appreciated!!



Sports Day:

Students will participate in our annual Sports Day on Friday, June 24/16. Please come out and cheer our students on! Our rain out day is scheduled for Monday, June 27th.

A BBQ Lunch will be held in conjunction with Sports Day. The BBQ lunch will proceed on Friday, June 24th regardless of sports day weather.



Year End Awards

Our Year End Awards Ceremonies will take place on the following dates:


















Grade 3 Awards will take place on Wednesday, June 22/16 at 9:30 a.m.

Grade 4 Awards will convene at Wednesday, June 22/16 at 1:00 p.m.

Grade 5 Awards will begin Thursday, June 23rd at 9:30 a.m.


















We look forward to seeing you at our Awards Assemblies as we celebrate the achievements of our students!



Get the Scoop!

Save the date of Tuesday, August 30/16 for our Annual Get the Scoop Night. Please join us from 5:30—7:00 p.m. to get acquainted with our school, our staff, drop off school supplies, and, of course enjoy some ice cream! See you there!

ASSEMBLY

We will recognize our June Eagles of the Month at an assembly on Tuesday, June 28th beginning at 9:30 a.m. Our Grade 4 Glee Club will perform at this year end assembly.

To end the year off, we will also celebrate with Beach Day. Students may come dressed in their beach attire, but no swimming suits, please.

Way to Go Central!

The community of Whitecourt Central School certainly showed their Alberta Strong spirit in recent fund raising efforts for the Canadian Red Cross Society's Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund. Along with your help, through a fabulous Bake Sale, Freezie Sale and Lemonade/Iced Tea Sales, we raised a total of \$2916.45. All funds have been forwarded to the Canadian Red Cross. Thank you for all your support!

Scholastic Half Price Book Fair:

We're excited once again to host the Scholastic Half Price Book Fair on Tuesday, June 7/16 and Wednesday, June 8/16 from 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. each day.



Eagles of the Month

Congratulations to our Eagles of the month for May 2016!

Grade 3:

Velma Alexis
Frank Dyck
Kyla Evans
Brady Goudreau
Jeffer Mayer

Grade 4:

Teagen Halbert
Carter Romanchuk
Brooke Collin
Jayda Whiteside
Grayden Turcotte

Grade 5:

Emily Hay
Taryn Lamb
Piper Entz
Teagen Stephan
Emma Penney



Breakfast Program:

The last day for our Breakfast Program for this school year will be Friday, June 24, 2016. Thank you to each of our Breakfast Volunteers—without you, our Breakfast Program would not be a reality!!



Upcoming School Year

As we finish the 2015/2016 school year, we begin to look forward to the new school year. Two items to consider for your convenience are: **SchoolCashOnline** and **Back to School Solutions**.

Both of these programs are designed to save you time and are easily accessed online.

SchoolCash is an easy and effective way to pay for all school related fees. Please visit <https://ngps.schoolcashionline.com> to register.

Back to School Solutions is offered to you as an option to purchase your child's school supplies for the 2016/2017 school year. Simply visit orders.backtoschoolsolutions.ca before July 10, 2015 and your child's supplies will be shipped directly to the school.

Our school's online order code is 145WHTS. You only need to order the supplies you require.

Used Book Sale:





Our Grade 5 classes will host a used book sale on Thursday, June 2nd from 1:00—6:00 p.m. Come check out our great selection of gently used books. All proceeds will be given to Central School's Relay to Life Team.





June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Used Book Sale	3 Gr. 4 Amazing Race 	4
5	6	7 Half Price Book Fair 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.	8 Half Price Book Fair 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.	9	10 Gr. 5 Field Trip to Waterpark 	11
12	13	14 Pizza Day School Council Meeting and elections for 2016/2017—7 pm	15	16	17 Gr. 5 Talent Show 1:00 p.m.	18
19	20	21 Pizza Day Gr. 2 student orientation 	22 Gr. 3 Awards— 9:30 Gr. 4 Awards - 1:00 pm	23 Gr. 4 Field Study to Heustis Forest Gr. 5 Awards - 9:30 a.m.	24 Sports Day BBQ Lunch Day	25
26	27 Rain Out Day for Sports Day	28 Last day of school for students! June Assembly Report Card Day!	29 Staff Organizational Day 	30		

School Council June News

Thank you to everyone who attended our May School Council meeting.

2016/2017 ELECTIONS

PCSS and EPIC Society will be holding Elections for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year on

June 14th, 7:00 pm at Whitecourt Central School

All Parents/Guardians of Whitecourt Central School students for the 2016/2017 school year are invited to attend.

Why should you participate on School Council?

- 1. Be informed about important issues affecting your child's education.**
- 2. Your commitment to the school teaches your child that education is important! Education research has found that school performance is enhanced by parental involvement.**
- 3. Volunteers contribute to the high quality education our children receive at Whitecourt Central.**
- 4. Meet new people.**
- 5. Learn new skills.**
- 6. Your voice is important!**

****If you are unable to attend Election night but would like to consider a position within School Council please email your request or nomination to centralschoolcouncils@gmail.com**

ONLINE SURVEY

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. *Thank You!* Now we want to know what you think we should do next with our continued fundraising efforts. Please visit our **Facebook Page at Whitecourt Central School PCSS and EPIC Society** to complete a short survey with Google Forms (<http://goo.gl/forms/4d1p1HZAY3>) and help us decide where our fundraising efforts should be focused or email any suggestions you may have for what you think our School Council should be fundraising for next to: centralschoolcouncils@gmail.com by **June 13th, 2016.**

***Results will be shared at our June 14th School Council Meeting and Election Night.**

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

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers.

Contact for more Information:

Natalie Christianson: Text: 780 706 4408

Email centralschoolcouncils@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook at Whitecourt Central School PCSS and EPIC Society

Helpful Hint from the Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP)

Creating a cohesive family has many benefits, yet it can be difficult to do. Here are some tips on how to create a family that sticks together through thick and thin:

1. Stay connected. The importance of spending quality time with your children cannot be expressed enough. Having down time and just 'hanging out' with your children allows them to know that you genuinely care about them, and helps to lay the foundation of a cohesive family.
2. Develop family rituals. Weekly family meetings, Sunday brunch, Wednesday lunch dates with dad, Friday evening swimming with mom, Christmas Eve traditions or annual Halloween costume making are often things that children look forward to. Create something that works for your family, but make it routine. These activities allow the opportunity to build connections.
3. Resist the impulse to overschedule. Sunday night Tae Kwon Do, Monday afternoon ballet, Tuesday morning piano, Wednesday after school soccer practice, Thursday evening gymnastics and Friday night volleyball may be WAY too much for a family to handle. It's important for kids to keep busy and participate in activities they love, but down time with family is just as important. Try to stick to only a few activities per child; and if your schedule is jam packed, make sure to schedule the free time. Sometimes an evening spent drinking hot chocolate in pajamas while watching a family movie is what everyone needs.
4. Limit time on electronics. Unlimited time using electronics can create an addiction in both adults and children. Encourage other activities, such as reading, writing, crafting hobbies, or baking. Having everyone create something together as a team helps children develop a sense of accomplishment and pride.

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.

What is a Transitioning Camp?

Team for Success welcomes students back to school by engaging children in crafts, games and all around fun. Children who stress about their first day back to school benefit from meeting other students and getting a tour of the school.



**When: Tuesday, August 23,
2016 OR Wednesday, August
24, 2016**

**Where: Whitecourt Central
School**

When: 10:00 am—4:00 pm

**Please Bring: Water Bottle &
Lunch (snack will be
provided in the afternoon)**

****Note: This camp is first
come, first serve. Numbers
are capped at 30 students
per day.**

**To register your child please
call or e-mail Teagan Arnott
Team for Success Project
Coordinator by **June 17,
2016.****

**Tel: 780-262-0466
teagan.arnott@ngps.ca**

**Be Kind to
your Mind!**



Transitioning Camp