

# **Volunteering At a Glance**

Welcome to Whitecourt Central School! We appreciate and value all contributions made by our volunteers and recognize the important role they play in the successes of our students.

# Philosophy

We believe that a volunteer program is valuable to our school but needs to be supported by sound policies, procedures and planning in order to meet our objectives. Interaction between volunteers and the school staff strengthens the school's relationship with the broader community. We believe that volunteers enhance our ability to deliver an effective education to our students.

## The How tos

\*If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, please contact the teacher. Together you can decide on a date that works for both of you. Giving notice to the teacher will enable them to have activities prepared for you. Please bring in a signed confidentiality form (attached) on your first visit.

\*If you are unable to attend the day you are scheduled to volunteer, please contact your child's teacher.

## **Questions/Communication**

Teachers will review the prepared activities when you arrive at school. If you have any questions, please ask. They will be glad to assist you.

### **Process**

When you arrive at the school, please sign in at the office and collect a volunteer lanyard.

### **Other Information**

\*We ask that volunteers respect our FOIP guidelines and not take pictures or videos of any students while you are at school.

\*Modeling good digital citizenship behaviour is important when volunteering at the school.

\*If you see a conflict between any students, please speak with a school staff member.

\*Students are encouraged to take risks and make mistakes in order to learn. Our classrooms are "mistake friendly" areas where we promote responsibility and respect.

\*Younger children who come with parents will need to remain with parents as to not disturb the learning environment of the school.

## Thank you for volunteering at Whitecourt Central School!