



“Get the Scoop”

On Whitecourt Central School

NOVEMBER 2016

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Principal’s Message

November is here and although we get an extra hour of sleep, the weather is certainly turning cooler. We do encourage students to dress warmly as they are expected to be outside for recess and lunch breaks.

Our resiliency project is well underway. Teachers are spending time in classes talking about how to solve problems effectively. We are also sending messages over the announcements in the morning about ways students have demonstrated their “bounce back nature.” Part of resiliency is the idea our students are capable of being prepared for class and any other activities that may arise during the week. Please remind your child or children to check class notes or the agendas for special activities that may be happening. It will be necessary for them to feel prepared for the week. Building independence and self-reliance are necessary as you get older. Thank you to the parents who are supporting this program.

Parents should have received a letter providing them with their PowerSchool login information. This will enable parents to check on attendance at any given time. At the end of November, parents will have access to the Gradebook portion of PowerSchool. This program will outline your child’s progress in the term. The marks are entered regularly and updated so parents can check in daily. This

is a new system for students, teachers, and parents. If you have any questions regarding your child’s progress, please have a discussion with the classroom teacher during our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews.

It is wonderful to see all of the parents around the school helping out in a number of different activities. At the end of the day, if you are picking up your child, or children, please wait at the red railing outside. When students, especially our younger ones, see parents outside the classroom door, they tend to become distracted and have difficulty finishing their tasks. We also use the hallway to speak with students who may be struggling in the classroom with decision making, or, as a space to complete tasks. If you need to speak with the classroom teacher, please proceed into the classroom after all the students have been dismissed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful November and stay warm!

Mrs. T. McKeever
Principal



Congratulations!!



Congratulations to our Eagles of the Month for October 2016!

Grade 3

Bradley Marin
Sara Sadoway
Andie Kennedy
Keira Leggette
Lucas Boudreau

Grade 4

Boyd Gaffney
Grace Craft
Brenden Baxter
Ken Ou Yang
Jacob House

Grade 5

Makenna Barraclough
Delta Christianson
Ava Spink
Natalie Weed
Jake Rowland



Service Providers:

We would like to inform you of some of the service providers who are in our school working with students and staff:

Dr. Jim Canniff—School Psychologist—at Central School two days a week.

Holly Robson—Occupational Therapist—Aspen Health Regional Collaborative Team

Carolyn Lynch—Psychologist—Aspen Health Regional Collaborative Team

Eileen Chipchar—Education Behavioral Consultant—Aspen Regional Collaborative Team

Debra Mastronardi—Speech and Language Pathologist with Aspen Regional Collaborative Team

Kyria Baranowski—Family Community Liaison Program

If you would like information on any of the above services, please contact Mrs. Kristine Johnson, Inclusive Education Facilitator, at the school.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the evenings of Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 5:00—8:00 p.m. each evening. Please complete the interview request form included with this newsletter and return to the classroom teacher no later than Monday, November 14th. An Interview Request form is also available online at <http://tinyurl.com/InterviewsWCS>. We will do our best to honor all requests. Your interview day and time will be printed on a form letter and sent home on Friday, November 25/16.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Students from 4S/B will host our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 8th beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us as we pay an important tribute to the individuals whose sacrifices have ensured the freedom we enjoy today! The ceremony will feature a performance from our school choir and a shadow presentation from 4S/B.

Poppies will be available to our students for a small donation.



After School Plans:

Unless there is an absolute emergency, we are very reluctant to interrupt classes to pass along student messages.

Please ensure that your child(ren) know of any changes in their schedules and plans **before** they come to school each day.

Thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair

We will host our first Book Fair of the year on November 30 and December 1, 2016.

Classes will be scheduled to tour the Book Fair during the day. For your shopping convenience, the fair will be open from 5:00—8:00 p.m. on these two evenings. Please stop by and check out the exciting new titles!

Assembly & Theme Day

Our November assembly will be held on Friday,

November 25th at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us as we recognize our students of the month for all their hard work and accomplishments.

Our Theme for this day will be Pajama Day!

School Fees:

School Fees for all students are now due.

If you have not paid the \$60.00 fee, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Please consider registering with our SchoolCashOnline program as a secure and convenient option to pay all school related items. Visit ngps.schoolcashionline.com to register. Thank you!



“Get the Scoop” on School Improvement

Our goals for the 2016/2017 school year are:

- ◆ Whitecourt Central School will focus on strengthening literacy and numeracy skills in order for students to achieve grade level expectations.
- ◆ Whitecourt Central School will pilot a new assessment and reporting system to provide parents with current information on student achievement.

So, what does that really mean?.....

When teachers are planning activities and assignments in the classroom, a great deal of research and time is taken to ensure the work is the right fit for everyone in the classroom. An assignment could have visual prompts to assist the visual learners in the class. There could be manipulatives that go with the lesson to offer kinesthetic learners the chance to work with their hands or there could be a video for students to listen to on their Chromebook for those who require an auditory approach. All of these options are taken into account when a teacher plans their lessons. Teachers spend a great deal of time to ensure that all student learning needs are met within a lesson. In addition to providing different ways to demonstrate learning, teachers also provide small group, and one-on-one support when necessary.

The new reporting system will enable parents to monitor student progress daily, and ensure that they are up to date with the learning success and challenges of their child. This report system will also align to all schools within Northern Gateway Public Schools.

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**Whitecourt Central School
Parent Teacher Interview Request Form**

Teacher(s)

Child(ren)

Please check your preferred interview day:

_____ I would like my interview(s) on Wednesday, November 30/16 between 5:00-8:00 p.m.

_____ I would like my interview(s) on Thursday, December 1, 2016 between 5:00-8:00 p.m.

_____ Either evening, Wednesday, or Thursday is good for me.





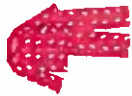
Please return this form to the school no later than Monday, November 14/16. Thank you!

If you prefer, you may complete this form online at <http://tinyurl.com/InterviewsWCS>

November 2016



Lest We Forget

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall back one hour	7	8 Remembrance Day Assembly—9:30 a.m. DQ Lunch Orders Due	9 Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews No School Today	10 No School Today 	11  Remembrance Day Holiday - No School Today	12
13	14 Interview Forms due	15 Pizza Day  PCSS Meeting 7 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20	21 Pizza Day	22 Pizza Day 	23	24	25 PJ Day DQ Lunch Day Assembly—9:30 a.m. 	26
27	28	29	30 P/T Interviews— 5-8 p.m. Book Fair Holiday Gift Shop	P/T Interviews - 5-8 p.m. Book Fair. Holiday Gift Shop		
		1 Japanese Drumming - 9:15 a.m.	2 Photo Retake Day - 11:00 a.m. Soup Orders Due	3	4	5

Helpful Hint from the Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP)

The secret to raising a great child is to have a great relationship with them. There are many ways you can build a strong connection with your child.

Prioritizing time with your child is a great place to start. Make sure you set aside time to foster that one on one connection by doing something that you both enjoy. Whether that is going for a walk, having a snack together, or playing your favourite game, this allows your child to know that he/ she is a priority in your life.

Another great way to build a relationship with your child is to build trust with them. Make sure you follow through on promises that you make. If you decide you are too busy to spend time with your child that you promised you would happen, that trust will be broken. Once your child has built trust with you, they will begin to understand that you expect the same from them. They will understand that you trust them to tell the truth and behave appropriately.

Finally, another great way to develop your relationship with your child is to encourage them. Think of your child as a plant who is programmed by nature to grow and blossom. If you see the plant has brown leaves, you consider that it might need more light, more water, or more fertilizer. You don't criticize it and yell at it to straighten up and grow right. Children need your encouragement to see themselves as good people who are capable of good things, and they need to know you're on their side. If most of what comes out of your mouth is correction or criticism, they won't feel good about themselves, and they won't feel like you're their ally. Children need to know that they have a parent or guardian who thinks the world of them.

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.

INFLUENZA:

Hospitalized **more**
than 1,600 Albertans
in six months

Whitecourt Flu Clinics at Hospital

Oct 25 @ 1pm to 7 pm

Nov 4 @ 10 am to 4 pm

Nov 15 @ 3pm to 7 pm

Nov 25 @ 10 am to 4 pm

Nov 29 @ 10 am to 4 pm

Dec 13 @ 10 am to 2 pm


Dec 20 @ 10 am to 2 pm

Influenza is serious. Prevention is your only protection.

Get Immunized.

ahs.ca/influenza | Call 811

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