



“Get the Scoop”

On Whitecourt Central School

JANUARY 2017

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Principal’s Message

Welcome back to 2017! The holidays have come to an end and we are now back in full swing. We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Rhonda Wilde, who has joined our team to help cover maternity leaves in our Grade 5 classrooms.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have worked at the school before Christmas. Many hours of reading, practicing math facts and sight words, and preparing breakfast all assist in developing and strengthening student skills. Additionally, we also thank our School Council for organizing the delicious Christmas lunch for the staff and the Holiday Gift Shop for our students. Both were deeply appreciated! If any parents would like to volunteer in their child’s classroom, or in the breakfast program, please contact the school. We value the time that our volunteers dedicate to our students.

As we move into Term 2, students will be given new challenges and projects to demonstrate their understanding of curriculum outcomes. Technology, hands on activities and projects are being used to allow all students the opportunity to be successful in their learning. In addition to a variety of learning opportunities, consistent attendance is essential.

When students miss a great deal of school, or arrive late on a daily basis, they miss valuable instruction time. Teachers do not always have time to go back and review when students continually arrive late, or are absent. Letters regarding attendance and tardiness concerns will be sent out by the end of January. We hope everyone has a prosperous and rewarding 2017!

Mrs. T. McKeever
Principal



Effective Behavior Supports:

Last month, we wrote about the write-up process and communication with parents. This month we will begin to describe the different kinds and levels of behavior that we monitor at the school.

Unsafe Behaviour:

Level 1:

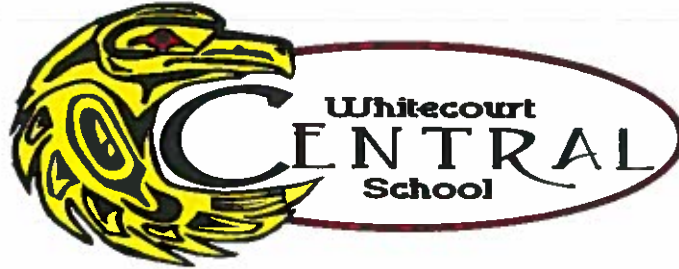
- Rough play
- Play fighting
- Throwing sticks, rocks, snow
- Unsafe use of equipment

Level 2:

- Physical aggression
- Continued repetition of Level 1

Level 3:

- Serious fighting or assault
- Continued repetition of Level 1/2



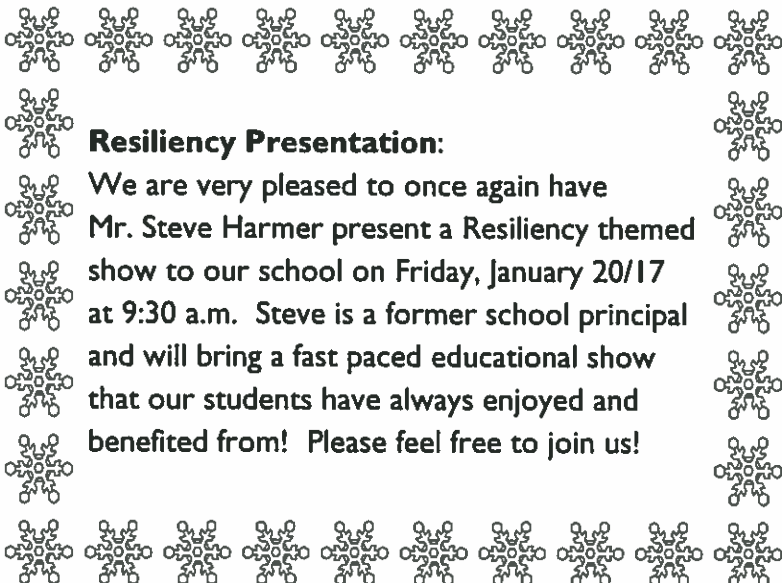
Tidbits:

Children learn in many different ways beginning at home with modeling and playing. By exposing them to many learning experiences it becomes evident what type of learner they are.

Teachers provide differentiated instruction to meet the needs of various types of learners.

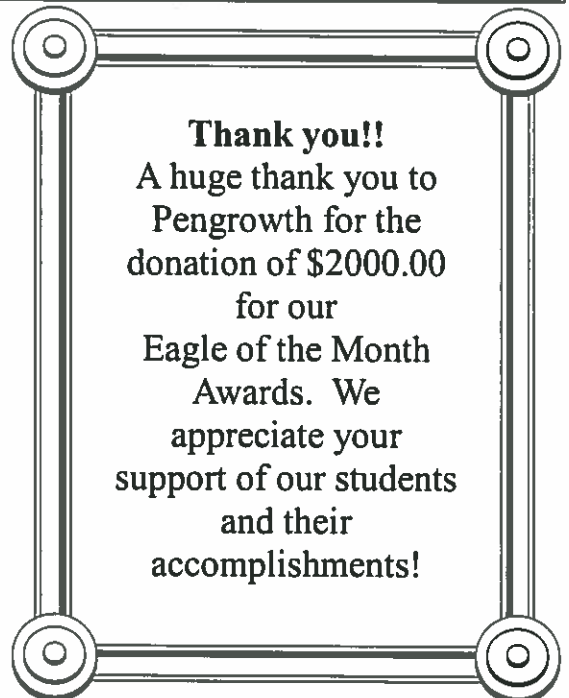
Parents can support learning by:

- ◆ Exposing children to many different learning experiences.
- ◆ Asking questions that promote higher level thinking.
- ◆ Ongoing conversations about everything and anything.



Resiliency Presentation:

We are very pleased to once again have Mr. Steve Harmer present a Resiliency themed show to our school on Friday, January 20/17 at 9:30 a.m. Steve is a former school principal and will bring a fast paced educational show that our students have always enjoyed and benefited from! Please feel free to join us!



Thank you!!
 A huge thank you to Pengrowth for the donation of \$2000.00 for our Eagle of the Month Awards. We appreciate your support of our students and their accomplishments!



CONGRATULATIONS!!

We present our Eagles of the Month for December 2016!

Grade 3

Emma Arthur
 Kasha Petrinchuk
 Jimmy Ferguson
 Evangelina Gould-Iggulden
 Leif Moore

Grade 4

Jackson Arlidge
 CJ Chatman
 Keaton Pearce
 Bronson Ostrander
 Kaleb Johnson

Grade 5

Marlie Kennedy
 Teagen Halbert
 Alyia Dibben
 Kyle Penuela
 Branden Shields



Northern Gateway Public School Board considers reducing number of trustees in 2017 election:

Northern Gateway Public Schools' Board of Trustees is currently seeking public input regarding a potential reduction to the number of trustees who serve and a realignment of electoral areas in the 2017 election.

Have your say! <http://signup.thotex.com/ngrd/vYY!>

Follow the link for details and to take the survey! Completing the survey will take approximately 5 to 15 minutes. Survey closes on January 20, 2017.

Accountability Pillar Surveys:

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will conduct the annual Accountability Survey.

- In January, parents of students in Grades 4 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, Grade 4 students will complete their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2017, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Some Important Reminders:

After a busy day of learning in the classroom and working hard, it is important to us that students get home safely. If there is a change in after school routines, please ensure that you have discussed this with your child before they leave for school in the morning. We often receive questions from students about they are supposed to do after school. Writing a note in the agenda to the teacher is a great way to let us know where your child is going after school, or, who is picking them up. If an emergency arises during the day, please call us at the school and we will gladly ensure your child receives the message.

Our buses enter the parking lot at the end of the day at 3:00 p.m. and finish picking up our students at 3:40 p.m. Vehicles are not permitted to enter or leave the parking lot during that time.



ZingerBug.com

Web Site

**Our school web site is a terrific spot to check out important school dates and information. Check it out at Whitecourtcentral.ca
Follow us on Twitter: [@ngpswcs](https://twitter.com/ngpswcs)**



Bus cancellations:

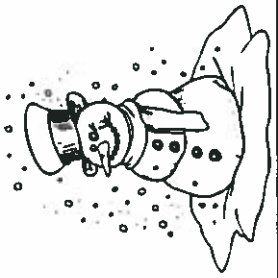
In the event that buses are cancelled due to inclement weather or impassable roads, announcements will be made on the local radio stations beginning at approximately 6:30 a.m. All cancellations will also be posted on the Northern Gateway Web Site (www.ngps.ca)

Please contact the school to let us know if your child will be staying home due to bus cancellations (*or for any other reason.*) We must account for all students' whereabouts, therefore, if we do not hear from parents, even though buses are cancelled, we will still endeavor to contact home to verify all student absences. Thank you!

Assembly

Our regular monthly assembly will take place on Friday,
January 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.






Our theme for January is
Favorite Food Day.
Come dressed as your favorite food!



January 2017



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Day</i>	11	12	13 <i>School Wide Breakfast—9 a.m.</i> 	14
15	16	17 <i>Pizza day</i> 	18 <i>Jersey Day Soup Day Hockey Day</i>  2:15 p.m.	19	20 <i>Steve Harmer Resiliency Presentation— 9:30 a.m.</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>Pizza day</i> 	25 <i>Soup Day</i> 	26	27 <i>School Wide Assembly—9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Favorite Food Day</i>	28
29	30	31 <i>Staff Development Day—no school for students</i>				