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January has quickly come to an end and we are cruising right along into February!

Thank you to all of our Grade 5 students who played hockey against the Wolverines Junior A Hockey Team on January 18th. Thank you to the Wolverines for participating in the game and for the great role models they continue to be for our students at Central! We also appreciate all of the parents who came out to support our players. Good luck to the Wolverines as the playoff season approaches!

We would also like to say excellent job to Bekka Erickson who sang O Canada at the hockey game. You did a fantastic job, Bekka! Ava Spink, our radio broadcaster has also done a wonderful job sharing all of the Whitecourt Central Events on XM 105 Radio. Our students who volunteer at Tennille’s Hope and those who travel to the Seniors Villa to spend the afternoon—thank you for a job well done! We are very proud of how you are representing Whitecourt Central School.

Principal’s Message

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

It is that time of year again when we ask all of our Grade 4 parents to respond to the Accountability Pillar surveys that have been sent out in the mail by Alberta Education. Responses are due back to Alberta Education by February 26/17. These surveys ask questions in several categories such as Citizenship, School Improvement, Safe and Caring, Work Preparation, and Parental Involvement. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact the school.

Our Grade 4 and 5 students are also completing the OurSchool (Tell Them For Me) Survey. This year we have customized the survey to include questions about resiliency. We would like to collect some base line data to compare as we continue to plan and develop our school wide resiliency program.

As the school year progresses, our school staff are continually reviewing and reminding the students about the EAGLE behavior expectations. Reminders ensure that students stop and think about their choices before they are made. Our students are doing a fabulous job of demonstrating good citizenship and a sense of concern for fellow students and staff!

We hope you have a great month and please keep your fingers crossed that Spring is just around the corner.

Sincerely,

Tammy McKeever
Principal



Get Connected!

At Whitecourt Central School three of the ways that you are able to connect to services and information are:

School Remind:

Be in the know! Our school uses Remind to text or email timely school reminders (*hot lunch orders due today!*) and emergent information (*Bus 63 is running 15 minutes late.*)

To subscribe, text @CentralSch to (587) 409-2946. You can unsubscribe at any time.

School Cash Online

You can now pay school fees, pizza orders and field trips through a secure website, 24/7! To set up your SchoolCash online account, use the quick start guide to enroll at <https://ngps.schoolcashionline.com>. It takes less than five minutes to register! Registered parents can see their payment history, print receipts, and receive email notifications whenever new student fees are posted.

PowerSchool Gradebook

Central School allows parents to view their child's academic progress and attendance, 24/7, through a secure portal called PowerSchool Gradebook. To access the parent portal, direct your browser to: <http://ps.ngps.ca>

After creating a parent/guardian account, you can enter a code that has been provided by the school to connect your children to your account. (Contact your child's teacher if you require this code.) Once you are logged in, you can review current information about your child's attendance and academic progress.

A video walk-through of the Parent Portal for PowerSchool is available at:
<http://bit.ly/NGPSPortal>



Student Awards:

Congratulations to our Eagles of the Month for January 2017!



Grade 3:

Ethan Gallant
Rane Stambaugh
Emma Harrison
Jadyn Moore
Romey Rantucci

Grade 4:

Kami de Jong
Kaiden Cullins
Lili Craft
Alexis Frizell
Kael Detert

Grade 5:

Nicolas Braun
Kavan Osborne
McKenna Dickson
Cassidy Gervais
Daxon McDonald

Website

New pictures and events are being added to the website each month, so please keep checking!

The website is also a great resource for the different dates, activities, and programs in our school.

Our monthly newsletter is also available on the website. Please check us out at whitecourtcentral.ca

Jump Rope For Heart

Central School students have been learning about Heart Health and will participate in our annual Jump Rope For Heart event on Wednesday, February 8th. Each class will skip, run, and jump for 60 minute blocks throughout the day. Pledge forms are due on the day of the event, with all proceeds being forwarded to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Join us for this '*JUMPCREDIBLE*' event and help support this worthwhile cause!

Pink Shirt Day:

Please join us for our annual Pink Shirt Day Assembly on Wednesday, February 22nd at 9:30 a.m. Both our Grade 5 Glee Club and School Choir will perform at this assembly.

Assembly/Theme Day:

Please join us on Friday,
February 24, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for our monthly assembly.
We will recognize our Eagles of the Month and participate
in other fun-filled activities!
The Theme for this assembly day is Job Day!
Come dressed as the occupation you want to be when you grow up!

Whitecourt Central School Bell Times:

9:00 a.m. — School Begins
 10:35—10:45 a.m. — Morning Recess
 11:46 a.m.—12:29 p.m. — Lunch Break/Noon Recess
 2:00—2:10 p.m. — Afternoon Recess
 3:15 p.m. — Dismissal



Teachers arrive at school at 8:30 a.m. and leave at approximately 4:00 p.m. and can be reached by phone before or after school. If teachers receive phone calls during instructional time, messages will be taken by our school secretary so that teaching is not disrupted. Parents are also invited to email the teachers, but due to supervision and other professional responsibilities, they may not check DOJO Remind, or email until the end of the day and may not be able to reply immediately. Please allow twenty four hours for responses to any questions or concerns. If you require immediate information regarding school events, please contact the office, or refer to the school website.

**APEGA Night**

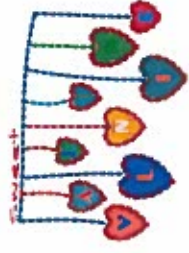
**You will want to mark Monday,
 March 13, 2017 on your calendar
 as Central School is proud to host
 a Family Science Night!**









**The Association of Professional
 Engineers and Geoscientists of
 Alberta (APEGA) invites all
 families of Central School to join
 them in celebrating an evening of
 hands-on science for the whole
 family!**





February 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Jump Rope for Heart Day 	9 Teachers' Convention School Closed 	10 Teachers' Convention School Closed	11
12	13 PCSS Meeting and Resiliency Presentation—7 pm	14 Pizza Day <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 	15 Soup Day 	16	17 Relay for Life Hat Day for \$1 	18
19	20 Family Day Holiday <i>MAKE A GREAT DAY!</i> 	21 Pizza Day 	22 Pink Shirt Day and Assembly—9:30 am Soup Day	23	24 Job Day Assembly—9:30 a.m. Skating at Rotary 	25
26	27	28				

February

Team for Success

How to Contact the Team for Success:

Project Coordinator:
E-mail: 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

Programming

The Team for Success is shifting our focus from targeted groups (anxiety and anger management) to universal programming where we will provide programming to ALL students in our schools! In addition to our regular programming, we will be supporting our schools on Pink Shirt day February 22nd.

Staff:

**Project
Coordinator
Teagan Arnott**

Success Coaches

**Pat Hardy
Corinne Millington**

**Central School
Maren Skipper**

**Percy Baxter
School
Stacey Wright**

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Success on Twitter:
[@Team4SuccessWct](https://twitter.com/Team4SuccessWct)
or on Facebook for
more updates!

FACT: Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their parents are involved in their education and school.

Three ways to be more involved with
your child's education:

1. Encourage your child's teacher to meet with both you and your child so that everyone can have a say in expectations and goals.
2. Go to a museum together to look at exhibits that are related to your child's classes.
3. Make attending school events a priority. Keep track of them on a family calendar.

