



Wainwright Elementary School

September 2021

School Council

School Council is a group consisting of elected parents of WES students, staff members, and a community member who help advise the school's administration on policies and procedures that affect the operation of the school.

School council meetings will be held virtually through Google Meet this year. Our first meeting is September 20th at 7:00 PM. The meeting is open to all parents of WES students. If you would like to join us, or if you have questions about school council please email: wescouncilparent@gmail.com.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back! We are so excited for the new 2021-2022 school year. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming year, with the focus on your child's safety and success being front and center of our preparations!

As you know we are still working with the "New Normal" and here at WES, we make Buffalo Trail's mission statement come to life each and every day. We are "**committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team**".

It is a privilege to include your child as one of our students. I welcome and encourage you, as parents, to share in your child's successes and know that we will always make ourselves available to discuss your questions or concerns.

We are excited to have your family be a part of our WES family. Our wish is for everyone to have a safe and successful school year!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- **September 13: Milk Sales Start**
- **September 16: Grade 4 to 6 Cross Country Running Program Starts**
- **September 20: School Council Google Meeting 7 PM**
- **September 21 & 22: Picture Days**
- **September 27 & 28: School Bus Safety**
- **September 29: Terry Fox Run**
- **September 30: Orange Shirt Day**

TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN

Every year we take time out of our school day to participate in the National Terry Fox School Run Day, and this year is no different.

We are still following Covid-19 guidelines, so our students will run as part of their phys. ed. program rather than run with all schools in the community.

Subway order forms were sent home last week and are due back to the school on September 20th. Orders will be delivered to the classrooms on September 29th. All proceeds from the orders will go to the Terry Fox Foundation toward Cancer Research.

THANK YOU MALCOLM TORPE

We would like to thank Malcolm Torpe for donating 16 broom ball sticks, broom balls, and knee pads to our Phys. Ed. department.

We are excited to have our students play a classic winter game and hope they like it as much as we do.



PICTURE DAYS SCHEDULE

All students will have their picture taken. If a student is not going to be here on their scheduled day, let your child's teacher know. That way we can make sure they get their picture taken on the day they are here or on picture retake day.

The schedule is as follows:

September 21st - Morning:

Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten Tuesday/Thursday AM Class, Little Leaders Tuesday AM Class, Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten Class, Students who will not be here on September 22nd, and Grade 6

September 21st - Afternoon:

Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten Tuesday/Thursday PM Class, Little Leaders Thursday AM Class, Grade 5, and Grade 3

September 22nd - Morning:

Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten Monday/Wednesday AM Class, Little Leaders Wednesday AM Class, Grade 1, and Grade 2

September 22nd - Afternoon:

Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten Monday/Wednesday PM Class, Grade 4, and Students who were not here on September 21st

Picture Proofs and Ordering:

Picture proofs will come home with your child within 3 weeks. We encourage parents to order online within a week of receiving your proofs to avoid additional shipping charges. Orders will arrive before retakes on November 16th. If you want retakes, send the proofs back to school with retakes written on them, this is so we don't miss getting their picture taken if needed.

THANK YOU PRAIRIE VISION!



We would also like to thank Prairie Vision for generously donating 4 backpacks full of supplies and \$70 to go toward more supplies for students in our school. The supplies have definitely come in handy this year. We appreciate you for taking the time to gather and organize the supplies, and for thinking of our families in need.

WEPA & THE HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Our WEPA President, Katherine Petersen, and WEPA Treasurer, Allyson Banfield are in the process of organizing the hot lunch program this year. They are hoping to have it start mid-October. Information will be emailed to parents as soon as everything is finalized.

When the program opens up, we want to remind our families that all orders and payments need to be made online.

PARENT PORTAL & DIGITAL REPORTING

If you have a child in Grades 1 to 6 and haven't set up your parent portal account, please contact the school office by email to wes@btps.ca or phone (780)842-3361.

This program is used by our teachers and Buffalo Trail Public Schools to report student grades, attendance, and school/bus fees. Paper report cards are not sent out during the year. So to see your child's grades or to print off a mid-year report card, you will need to have an account.

That being said, it is always nice to revisit current practices and see what we could do differently to benefit our families. So, this year we will start sending out a year end report card on the last day of school in June.

Looking ahead, if you know your child will not be here on the last day of school, we would be happy to mail it to you. We just ask that you send a self addressed envelope with prepaid postage to the school office.

KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS MEETING

A virtual meeting will be held September 27th at 7:00 PM, the link will be sent out to all Kindergarten parents.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING PROGRAM - GRADE 4, 5, AND 6

The cross country running program will run Mondays after school from 3:30 to 4:45 PM and Thursday during lunch hour starting on September 16th. Permission slips went home with students in Grade 4, 5, and 6, and need to be returned to Mrs. Chaulk by September 16th.



PROGRAM

We will be selling milk again this year starting on September 13th. For \$1.00 your child can buy either a white or chocolate milk. We do not have tickets to buy, so students will need to bring money with them to school on the days they would like to buy it.

THANK YOU TOWN OF WAINWRIGHT PARKS & RECREATION

Thank you to Murray Bretzer and Robert Nelson with the Town of Wainwright Parks & Recreation Department for working up and floating our two ball diamonds this fall. They look great!

And so the adventure begins...





BUFFALO TRAIL SCHOOL DIVISION

Nominations are open for the 2021 School Board Election.

The 2021 School Board Election Nomination Period is open and will remain open until 12:00 noon on Monday, September 20, 2021. The positions for 9 Trustees are open for nominations.

Please contact the Returning Officer, Faye Dunne to make an appointment to submit nomination papers between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Nominations are required to include a \$200.00 cash deposit.

For more information check out the Buffalo Trail Public School website at www.btps.ca then click on Board/Policies then click on Election 2021.

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