

MARCH 2022

What's Happening in March ?

March 4 & 7

No School for
Students

March 8 to 18

Parent Teacher Virtual
Meetings **March 11**

Fri-Yay - Wear Green
and Gold today

March 11

April Hot Lunch Menu
Opens for Ordering

March 13

Daylight Savings Time
ends, clocks go ahead
1 hour

March 18

Fri-Yay - Dress to
Impress, wear your
finest clothes, ties and
tiaras are acceptable

March 21

School Council Virtual
Meeting 7 PM

March 25

Fri-Yay - Backward's
Day, wear your
clothes backwards
today

March 25

Last Day to Order Hot
Lunch for April

Looking

Ahead...April 1

Grade 3 celebrates
their Medieval Day



Wainwright ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Message

March has arrived, which means that winter is almost over and Spring is just around the corner!

As Covid protocols relax the school will continue to adjust and cautiously make those adjustments as we move forward, our goal is to keep our students and staff safe, and in class.

Our second official reporting period takes place this month. Don't forget to keep in mind that with electronic reporting through Parent Portal, your child's progress can be monitored throughout the school year. Our second parent teacher conferences will be virtual and will take place between the window of March 8th to the 18th. I want to emphasize that communication between home and school is so important to the success of each and every child.

And ... oh yes, here is one more change, be sure to move your clocks forward Sunday, March 13th as Daylight Saving Time starts.

Take Care

Everybody say, "Jump! Jump!"

On Wednesday, February 16th, our grades 4-6 students celebrated our 33rd annual Jump Rope for Heart Day. The provincial Jump Rope for Heart celebrated its 40th Anniversary so they sent out extra prizes to go along with our annual 25 extra prizes through our bounty.

The day started early as we organized and prepped the gym for a day of jumping, fellowship and fun. Huge salute to Mrs. Munn, Mrs. Rhodes along with a few Grade 5 helpers for assisting with the preparation. The Grade 4s started the jumping off at 10:30 and performed some individual skipping techniques until 11:00 and then the long ropes and double ropes took over. Students could be seen laughing, tripping, falling, singing and dancing to loud music all the while watching a tribute video.

Grade 6s jumped in their last jump rope at 12:30 and had a blast jumping with their friends in their third annual event. We had the younger grades come to the stage to watch the older students and cheer them on. The younger grades donned sombreros and did their Mexican Hat Dance to add to the atmosphere and excitement in the gym.

Grade 5s finished off the jumping at 1:45 and in their hour of pledge jumping they had a fun time – long rope skipping and developing connections with friends.

Extra skipping incentive prizes were supplied by the Phys. Ed. Department and students were pumped to get a prize whether it was a skipping rope, WES water bottle, extra Jump Rope for Heart prizes and frisbees were also handed out to the fabulous skippers.

WES bounty prizes were handed out in the gym for the Grade 5s while Grades 4 and 6 classes zoomed in via video to avoid mixing cohorts as per Covid protocols. We were able this year to hand out via random draws based upon one ticket per \$10.00 pledge.

Huge WES salute to the following partial sponsors Canadian Tire Wainwright and Armstrong's Clothing and Sports. Full sponsors of items were Sportfactor Inc. (Edmonton) Huxley Hockey Conditioning, Mrs. Boxell WES Library and Mr. Mitchell WES Phys. Ed. Department.

Thank you to our secretarial staff Mrs. Boychuk and Mrs. Wells, WES admin for their continued support of this worthwhile program in our school. Thank you to Mrs. Munn, Mrs. Chaulk, Mrs. Koroluk and Mrs. Rhodes for their continued leadership in assisting me with this project. If I missed anyone in the process, just remember thank you and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

All in all a great day and super energy release for our students. Our 33rd annual Jump Rope for Heart was a huge success and we were able to reach our goal of \$10,000.

As of the end of the day we were at \$10,606.

We want to thank the Wainwright community and any and all grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts and neighbors for pledging our students. It is through citizenship and community that we build leaders for tomorrow.

We always want to remember and pay tribute to our former colleague Mrs. Charlene Turnbull each and every year. She is truly missed but never forgotten.

See you in the gym

Mr. Mitchell





Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

We had another successful Jump Rope for Heart event. We raised \$10,758 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and could not have done it without the support of our friends, family, and community.

Thank you to everyone who pledged a student jumping this year. For the full gallery check out the post on our website at [WES 33rd Jump Rope for Heart](#).

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Wainwright Elementary Parent Association's (WEPA) current executive will be moving on at the end of this year, so we are looking for 4 parents to replace the following positions in 2022/2023:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary



If you are interested in taking over one of these positions, would like more information about WEPA, or just want to find out how you can help out, please contact the school. WEPA is our parent group that raises funds for events, etc., for students in grades 1 to 6. KAP covers Kindergarten.



We would like to thank the current executive, Katherine Petersen, Leanne Lloyd, Allyson Banfield, and Tia Lacey for their years of service. You have gone above and beyond for the staff and students in our school. We appreciate you taking time out of your schedules and working behind the scenes to run Snacking for Success, Pancake Breakfasts, Open Houses, Santa's Workshops, Fundraisers for events and field trips, the Hot Lunch Program, etc. We will forever be grateful for the work you've done at WES to enhance our school environment.

FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

The Kindergarten students would like to challenge each grade group to bring in 100 items to donate to the food bank. Let's see which grade group can donate food items the fastest.

Families who want to participate can send one or more items in with their child between March 1st and 8th. Items needed:

Canned Pork & Beans, Canned Vegetables, Canned Creamed or Kernel Corn, Canned Soup (Mushroom, Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Vegetable, etc.), Canned Meat (Tuna, Ham, Turkey, Chicken, or Salmon), Canned Tomatoes, Canned Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Jam, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Tea, Coffee, or Juice, Crackers, Dry Pasta or Rice, Soup, Kraft Dinner, Hamburger Helper, Healthy Cereal or Oatmeal, Cookies, Cake Mix, Icing, Toilet Paper, Kleenex

If each grade (K-6) collects 100 items, we will be able to donate 700 items to the food bank that will help families need.



Wainwright Elementary Parent Association is Holding a



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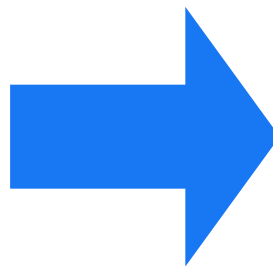
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ORDERS DUE:

March 21, 2022

DELIVERY DATE:

Week of April 4th



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GROUP PASSCODE:

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SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH EVERYONE YOU KNOW. EMAIL FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS & NEIGHBOURS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS. ALL PROFITS WILL GO TOWARD SUPPORTING FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS IN OUR SCHOOL

ACCELERATED READING

On February 24th we were able to hold our Accelerated Reading reward day for all our students in Grade 3 to 6 who reached their reading goals. We had another beautiful February day and were so happy that we didn't have to postpone it for a second time. Congratulations to everyone who met their goal!

Again, to see more pictures of our day go to [Accelerated Reading Sledding Reward 2022](#).



Winter Active Day!

This picture pretty much sums up this fantastic day. The sun was shining bright, and the weather was just cold enough to keep the snow from melting. We really couldn't have asked for more perfect weather. Everyone had a blast. We hope your children told you all about it at home.

We would like to send our gratitude to:

- Mr. Mitchell for organizing this event, and with a mere 5000 steps before 8:45 am, he had everything set up and ready for our action packed day. He even went so far as to arrange a "Surprise Station" for staff and students to participate in together. Check out the post [WES 17th Annual Winter Active 2022](#) for pictures from the day. Guaranteed to bring a smile to your face!
- WEPA for providing healthy snacks for classes to enjoy after the activity.
- Last but not least, thank you to our parents for making sure your child had everything they needed to enjoy the day.

The behind the scenes work is vital to this day being a success and we couldn't do it without your support.



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For Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for 2022/2023

Little Leaders, Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten, and Wainwright Elementary School are all accepting registrations for their 2022/2023 programs. All programs offer age appropriate learning opportunities in a social and classroom setting that will help set students up for success in the coming years.

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Little Leaders

Little Leaders preschool program is geared toward children turning 3 years old on or before December 31, 2022. It is one half day per week, and there are 3 programs to choose from. For more information or to sign up for the program phone Emily McNary at (780)806-6068 or email emmcnary@gmail.com.

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Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten

Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten is for children turning 4 years old on or before December 31, 2022. It is two half days per week, and there are 4 programs to choose from. For more information or to sign up for the program phone Barb Berg at (780)842-6085, (780)842-9572, or email louise61@telus.net.

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Kindergarten

Finally, Kindergarten is for children who will be turning 5 years old on or before December 31, 2022. It is 2 full days per week, with two programs to choose from - Mondays & Wednesdays or Tuesdays & Thursdays. Both programs will have some Fridays scheduled to make up for holidays. When registering, let us know if you have preference of programs due to child care arrangements.

Registration forms can be filled out online or printed. If you don't have a computer or printer at home, give us a call at (780) 842-3361 and we will help you. Forms can be emailed to wes@btps.ca or dropped off to the school office at 905 10 Street.



Kindergarten students are able to ride the bus to and from school. Families interested in busing during the 2022/2023 school year can email transportation@btps.ca or phone (780) 806-2052 for more information. There may be a cost for this service depending on where you live.

If you have a preferred day you would like to sign up for, in any of these programs, we recommend you register early. Spaces fill up fast, and we cannot guarantee preferred days once a program is full. For more information contact us.



WEPA

On my Wish List

Not very long ago, our staff in Grades 1 to 6 were asked to come up with a wish list of items they could use in their grade to further enhance or complement student learning. At the last WEPA meeting that list was submitted, and we are happy to announce that WEPA will be going ahead with making all our wishes come true. The following things will be purchased thanks to WEPA:

Grade 1:

Decodeable books and individual whiteboards

Grade 2:

For their Science programs, virtual field trip for their Boats and Buoyancy Unit and one Field Trip on Demand. For Social Studies an Acadia Unit class set of wooden spoons.

Grade 3:

Spring loaded drying rack, individual whiteboards, IO blocks, STEM Engineering and Design City and Playground sets.

Grade 4:

Tower garden supplies and seeds for growing.

Grade 5:

Snap circuit kits for their Science program.

Grade 6:

Books for classroom activities for their Language Arts programs, and funds for year end activities.



And finally items for our sensory room recommended to us by certified Occupational Therapists:

Squigs, sensory socks, crash mat, large busy board, projector, mirror ball, lava lamp, fiber optic spray strands, bubble machine, light bar, foam blocks, weighted critters, textured fidget toys, textured books, soothing pillows, handheld Nano, matching games, memory games, and puzzles. WEPA will be running a silver brick road fundraiser in May to help purchase these items.

WEPA will also be sending two members from School Council to the Alberta School Council Association's conference this year.

We cannot say it enough, we are truly grateful to WEPA, and to our parents for supporting WEPA through their fundraising efforts. Everything you do for our school has a positive impact in the school environment, and makes a huge difference in the programs we offer and events we hold.



PINK SHIRT DAY

On February 23rd our school came together with schools across Canada to show our support for the anti-bullying initiative - Pink Shirt Day. This year's theme was Lift Each Other Up! Encouraging everyone to embrace diversity, and to have great acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone. For more information and resources go to PinkShirtDay.ca.

We want to thank Kaleigh Dort with Wainwright on Wellness (WOW) for once again organizing the Helping Hands activity that helps us focus on kindness, and seamlessly ties into Pink Shirt Day.

For anyone who doesn't know about the helping hands activity, it's one that we have done in February for a few years. Students are asked to think of ways they can show kindness to themselves, at home, at school, in our community, and in the world. Then they wrote those thoughts on pink hands to hang in the hallway for everyone to see. It's heartwarming to see what ideas they have about how to be kind.

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