

DECEMBER 2022

WAINWRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Principal's Message

December provides us the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and loved ones; time when we can be together to rest, relax and enjoy each other's company.

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the students and staff here at Wainwright Elementary School, to wish you all the best during the Christmas season.

Thank you for all of your support this year, and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and all the best during the holidays!



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Let the Countdown Begin!

December 1

- 6:30 pm Deck the Hallways

December 2

- Mon/Wed Kindergarten has School

December 5 to 8

- Santa's Workshop

December 9

- Tues/Thurs Kindergarten has School

December 13

- Hot Dog Day

December 16

- Mon/Wed Kindergarten has School

December 19 to 23

- 9:00 am to 9:30 am Morning Carolling

December 20

- Drop off Baking for the Christmas Bake Sale by noon
- 1:00 PM Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal

December 21

- 12:00 pm Bake Sale
- 12:00 pm Best Seat Raffle
- 1:00 pm Christmas Concert
- January Hot Lunch orders and payments are due

December 22

- 12:00 pm Bake Sale
- 12:00 pm Best Seat Raffle
- 1:00 pm Christmas Concert

December 23 to January 8

- No School for Winter Break



WEPA PRESENTS

Deck The Hallways Ornament Fundraiser

WEPA is holding their Deck the Hallways night on December 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. If you ordered ornaments, you can pick them up at the main doors, and decorate them at one of the stations set up in the hallway near the office. When you're done, you can place your finished ornament in your child's classroom bin. Classes will hang them around the school later.

There will be a limited number of ornaments available at the door, so if you forgot to put your order in, you can stop in. These are on a first come, first served basis, so get here early! Hot Chocolate and cookies will be available to purchase during the decorating.

We would like to thank Beyond a Beaten Path in Wainwright for sponsoring this event by building and supplying all the wood ornaments.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our in-person book fair was a huge success thanks to our students and parents. We had net sales of \$6281.09. We were able to take a total of \$2352.75 directly from the Book Fair bins and we have a Rewards balance of \$1390.90 to use at a later date to purchase items for our Learning Commons. That is a total of \$3743.65 that comes back to our school.

Thank you everyone for your support which made our Book Fair a huge success.

Mrs. Boxell





Santa's Workshop

DECEMBER
5th to 8th

Time	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8
9:05 – 9:45	2T	2P	6W	Last Chance
9:45 – 10:33	5C	1H	3S	Last Chance
Recess				
10:48 – 11:48	1S	KTTB	2B	
Lunch				
12:40 – 1:30	5M	KTTS	3L	
1:30 – 2:10	KMWS	6GR	3G	
Recess				
2:30 – 3:15	4V	4W		

We are very excited to have Santa's Workshop back up and running this year. We want to thank Samah Faour with WEPA for taking time out of her busy schedule to organize this event for our school. We'd also like to send our appreciation to everyone who has donated items, money, or are volunteering time to the workshop this year. The success of this fun filled event is largely based on the support we receive, so thank you!

For anyone who isn't familiar with the workshop, this is where our students can go with their class to buy gifts for their immediate family. This includes brothers, sisters, moms, dads, and anyone else who currently resides in the same household. Each gift will cost 25 cents, so don't forget to bring your quarters to school. A text will go out to remind you.

Each class will have a scheduled time to shop during the week. See the schedule on the left. If your child is not going to be here on their scheduled day, they can go on another day as long as the workshop hasn't been packed up for next year. If you know in advance, let the teacher know.

Disco Type Lights Needed!

We are in need of a disco type lights for our Christmas Concerts. If you happen to have one that you would be willing to lend to the school please email wes@btps.ca, or drop them off at the school office.



Jingle Bell Jukebox

Our Christmas Concerts will be held in-person on December 21 & 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the gym. The doors open at 12:00 pm and seating is on a first come, first served basis.

To try and even out audience numbers we ask that if your child's last name starts A to K that you try and attend on December 21st and if it's L to Z you try to attend December 22nd. That being said if you cannot arrange your schedule to match this, then please come on the day that works best for you. We don't want you to miss out. Kindergarten students will only perform on their scheduled day, so kindergarten parents should attend on their child's designated day.

This is a special event for our students and many of our families, however we kindly ask that if you or your child(ren) are not feeling well that you stay home. We want everyone to be able to enjoy their break, and it's really hard to do when you're not feeling well.



CHRISTMAS
Concerts
DEC 21 & 22
1:00 to 3:00 PM

In the Gym. Seating is on a first come basis, doors open at 12:00 PM.



Christmas Concert Alert!

Calling all students, the Jingle Bell Jukebox concert has a 50's theme. If you have the time, using what you have on hand, try retrofitting your outfits to the 1950's styles (think cuffed pant legs, rolled up sleeves, scarves or skirts), and/or go back in time with a 50's hairstyle. There is no need to buy anything new for this. Get creative, we can't wait to see what you come up with!

WEPA PRESENTS

BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE RAFFLE 2022

Christmas Raffle 2022
TICKET NO: 0123456789

MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP A TICKET FOR YOUR CHANCE TO SIT UP FRONT AND CENTER ON THE LOVESEAT DONATED TO US FROM THE BRICK IN WAINWRIGHT, TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE DOOR BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

- TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH -

A Second, Best Seat In the House, will be Auctioned off to the highest bidder!

WEPA is looking for volunteers to help run the Best Seat in the House Raffles from 11:45 pm to 1:00 pm at the door of the Christmas Concerts. If you can help out, please email wepawes@gmail.com, or phone the school at 780-842-3361 and we will pass your name along.



Did you know?

WEPA is always looking for volunteers to help out. If you would like to be more active in the school and want to receive copies of the meeting minutes, or you want to be contacted directly for upcoming volunteer opportunities, please email wepawes@gmail.com.



Kindergarten Poinsettia Sales

A big shout out goes out to the many people involved in the Kindergarten Poinsettia project:

- Al Gormley for loaning his heated trailer to transport the Kindergarten Poinsettia order. Shane Macdonald for transporting them to Wainwright from Lloydminster.
- KAP for overseeing the ordering, sorting and distribution of the poinsettias.
- The Kindergarten parents and community of Wainwright for supporting this project.

Thank you to all!




OPERATION EDUCATION FUNDRAISER
- REBATE PROGRAM -

Operation Education brings Boston Pizza and local schools together.

From September 1 to December 31, 2022, visit your local Northern Alberta Boston Pizza* and help your school earn 5% cash back of the pre-tax total of your receipt.

Let staff, students and other families know to go to Boston Pizza, save their original receipts and submit them to your designated school representative by January 31, 2023.



*valid for registered schools at participating NAB Boston Pizza locations. Only original receipts are accepted.

Christmas BAKE SALE

December 21 & 22
Before and After the Christmas Concerts

Cookies
Cakes
Brownies
Donuts
Pies
And More



WEPA is calling on our parents with students in Grades 1 to 6 to help support the Christmas Bake Sale this year. We are asking families to please bring in either peanut free/nut free baked goods to be sold at the sale, or a \$5.00 donation from our non-bakers. If you are bringing in baking, please make sure it is in packaging that you don't want returned and ready to sell. All baking needs to be dropped off at the school by December 20th at noon.

- I love to bake, you can count on me to bring in goods to sell!
 I have no time to spare/I burn everything, but please accept my donation!

We are also in need of some volunteers to help sell the baking, before and after the Christmas Concerts, roughly 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and again around 2:30/3:00 to 3:30 pm. If you have time to spare please fill out your name and which day you can help out (December 21 or 22).

Count Me in! Name: _____ I Can Help On: _____

All proceeds go toward field trips and school events at WES.

Boston Pizza Receipts

We are still collecting receipts from Boston Pizza, so if you are out and about this holiday season, think of us and drop off your receipt at the school office. We can accept duplicate receipts, so if you need to keep the original, let the server know you need a copy to give to the school!

Thank You

WEPA would like to thank all the parents who have donated money to the hot lunch program. It goes a long way in helping students in need and we truly appreciate it.

The AR Glow Party was a huge success. We would like to thank Mrs. Barss and Mrs. Ruud, two of our practicum teachers, for all the work they did decorating the room, and to the AR committee for organizing this event.



School Council



Is Looking for Members

One of the most significant ways parents and community members can make a difference for our students is through school councils. As a school council member you will contribute to the education and well being of the students in your school. And we do this by working alongside other parents and community members, offering advice and knowledge to help our students achieve their full potential. It is important work and we appreciate your commitment.

Our School Council is a group of parents, teachers, principals and community representatives. We provide a way for members of the school and community to consult with and offer advice to the school board and principal. We as parents play a vital role in our child's success in school.

We hold a monthly meeting, usually on the last Monday of each month.

If you are interested or have any questions, you can email wescouncilparent@gmail.com

We hope you can make it out!



Thank You

We are in awe of all the support we've received in 2022 from our families and the following businesses. Whether we were asking for volunteers, supplies, use of equipment, or monetary sponsorship, you helped us out. Because of your support we were able to hold some pretty amazing events for our students and families. So, from everyone at WES, we would like to thank you for supporting our school!





SPORTFACTOR



If your business made a donation, or helped us out in anyway, and we've missed you, please email wes@btps.ca and we will add you to January's newsletter.