



Principal's Message

We have some exciting events happening in the month of May! Grade 5's get to put on a show for our community with their annual Operetta. More classes will hit the pool to go swimming and have fun, so get your water wings ready. Academically, our Gr 6 students write Part A of the Language Arts PAT's; we wish them well with their writing. We get to enjoy an extra long May long weekend since we have May 18 and 19 off.

Of course, we cannot forget our mom's, when May brings us a ... Happy Mother's Day!

Please take the time to read through our newsletter, and if you just can't get enough of all the great things happening at WES, then be sure to check out our Facebook page, Website and/or follow us on Twitter.

What's Happening in May 2023?

May 3

Hat's on for Mental Health

May 5

No School

May 11

WEPA Meeting 7 PM

May 12

Tuesday/Thursday

Kindergarten has school

today

May 14

Mother's Day

May 16

Grade 5 Operetta 6:30 PM at the Wainwright Nazarene

Church

May 17

Grade 6's write their ELA Part A PAT at 9:00 am.

May 18 & 19

No School

May 22

No School - Victoria Day

Are you moving?

We are starting to plan for next year and kindly ask that if your plans do not include WES next year because you are moving, that you let us know.

On that note, if you need anything from us, such as report cards, to register in your new school, phone the office at (780)842-3361.

Hot Lunch Program

The hot lunch program will not run in June. Classes have a lot of activities going on that take them away from the school, making it difficult to run. We would like to thank WEPA for doing an excellent job running the program this year. We have heard great things about it and are looking forward to having it run in the fall.



WES Talent Show

Congratulations to all our students who made it past the tryouts to be in the show, it was a great way to spend the afternoon. Check out our <u>website</u> for more pictures.

We applaud our students who tried their best, but didn't quite make it into the show this year. Our judges had a difficult time picking the acts for the show, because there were so many talented students. So keep practicing and improving. Good luck to you next year.

We would like to thank Scarlett, Hudson, and Zoey (pictured above), for being our MC's at the WES Shine Like a Star Talent Show. You did an incredible job!



feeding hungry minds

We are excited to announce that we have been chosen by the President Choice Children's Charity to receive a grant for the 2023/2024 school year. The grant is part of their *Power Full Kids* | *Eat Well* program. The funds will go toward our breakfast and nutrition programs.

A special thank you to Gail Koroluk for taking time out of her busy schedule to apply for this grant on behalf of WES. If you see her, make sure you thank her. These funds will go a long way to feeding hungry tummies next year.

Public Speaking



Congratulations to Bennett, Ainsley, and Ezra for placing in the annual WES Public Speaking Competition. Ainsley went on to represent our school in the Buffalo Trail Public Speaking Competition in Vermilion, and we heard she did an amazing job!



A huge thank you goes out to Jodi Dahlgren, Robin Leighton, and Stephanie Cooper for being our judges this year. We appreciate you taking the time out of your day to help us out!



Don't forget to register for busing for the 2023/2024 school year if you want intown busing, live in Denwood, or are moving to a new house. We recommend registering before June 15, 2023.

Click Here to Register

Registrations

Students who are currently registered in kindergarten to grade 6 do not need to register for the 2023-2024 school year. We will send out demographic forms in the fall for you to update and return.



WEPA is pairing up with Write-On Stationery again to bring convenient one-stop school supply shopping back to our parents. More information will be sent home soon. As always this is only one option for parents when buying supplies.



Grade 3 Medieval Day

You wouldn't believe the amount work that goes into Medieval Day, but it is entirely worth it when you see the decorations, games, and costumes. It really is outstanding! Thank you to the grade 3 parents for taking the time to create, sew, or source a costume for their child to wear, and to the teachers and students for everything they did to make this day special. This is one of those events that will be remembered for years to come.

Swimming

The following classes or grades are going swimming in May:

May 1 - 2B & 2T

May 15 - Grade 3's

May 17 - Grade 1's

May 24 - Grade 5's

May 29 - KMWSaretsky

May 29 - Grade 6's

Important Field Trip Information

For all field trips, it is important for students to arrive to the school on time. Students who miss the bus will also miss the field trip. We appreciate your understanding.

If your child is in grade 3, 4, or 5, they will need to be at the school before the school day starts, see the information to the right. Children should be dropped off at the back of the school on 11th street to check in with their teacher and get on the bus.

If there are any changes we will notify you.



(Wainwright Nazarene Church is located at 1008 18 Street.)

Year End Field Trips

Kindergarten: On Friday June 9th our Tuesday/Thursday Students, and on Monday, June 12th our Monday Wednesday students, will be heading to Simply Bee Farms in Irma for their year end field trips. Buses leave and return during school hours.

Grade 1: On Friday June 9th our grade 1 students will head to the Climb Thru Time Museum in Paradise Valley. Buses will leave and return during school hours.

Grade 2: On Friday June 9th our grade 2 students will head to Riverdale Mini Park, north of Wainwright. Buses will leave and return during school hours.

Grade 3: On Thursday, June 8th, our grade 3 students will head to the Ukrainian Village near Vegreville, AB. Buses will leave the school at 7:30 am and will return around 5:00 pm.

Grade 4: On Friday, June 2nd, our grade 4 students will be heading to Fort Edmonton Park in Edmonton, AB. Buses leave at 6:30 am, and returns to WES after school at 5:00 pm.

Grade 5: On Thursday, June 22nd, our grade 5 students will be heading to Ukrainian Village near Vegreville, AB. Buses will leave the school at 7:30 am and return around 5:00 pm.

Grade 6: On Monday, June 5th our Grade six classes are heading to Outdoor Ed. Students should arrive at WES by 8:35 am and head to the gym with all their camping gear. The buses leave at 9:00 am and will return on June 7th around 2:00 pm.

OPEN HOUSE

It warms our hearts to see our building filled with parents, grandparents, former and future WES families. We know there is a lot going on in the community with organized sports, so we really appreciate you taking the time to spend the hour with us. It really was a wonderful night for an open house, and having you here made it that much better.

Our hope is that you had time to check out the entire school, grab a balloon and popcorn from WEPA, and maybe a ball or skipping rope from Mr. Mitchell in the gym.









With the nice weather we are starting to see students riding their bikes and scooters to school. With everyone's safety in mind, please walk your bike or scooter when you're on the school grounds, and park it at one of the red bike stands as soon as you arrive.

We encourage our families to discuss bike/scooter safety, especially wearing helmets and crossing streets safely. My Health Alberta has a lot of information available for families. If you have time and/or need a refresher, check out their article <u>Being safe on your bicycle, in-line skates, skateboard, or scooter</u>.

On another note, we strongly recommend our students lock their bikes and scooters up. Students who do not lock them up risk having them stolen.





Mental Health Week



In recognition of Canadian Mental Health Week our classes will be participating in different activities throughout the week, including Hats On for Mental Health.

We are very fortunate to have Kaleigh Dort, a Wellness Facilitator, with Wainwright on Wellness in our building. All this week she will be sending out videos, activities, and other great ideas for our classes.

The first day's theme, Move Your Body, taught us how to boost our moods and self-esteem, lower stress, and help our brains grow. Easy things we can do to support our mental health and well-being. To learn more about Canadian Mental Health week go to: https://cmha.ca/mental-health-week/.

If you or someone you know has questions about the support services within our school, please contact the school office.



Join Wainwright on Wellness at Norris Ford on May 5th from 11:30 to 1:00 PM for their annual Mental Health BBQ.

Contact Information:

Wainwright Elementary School 905 10 Street Wainwright, Alberta T9W 2R6 Phone: (780)842-3361 Email: wes@btps.ca

Website: http://wes.btps.ca