

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

Wainwright Elementary School



Principal's Message

November is just around the corner and it is a month where we get the opportunity to connect with our community in a couple of different ways. First, we meet to discuss and share your child's progress and successes in the classroom. Our first set of parent teacher conferences/student success meetings are scheduled for November 1st & 2nd. Hopefully, we'll see you there.

Second, you are invited to come and join us on the morning of November 3rd, at 10:45, for our Remembrance Day service. We will gather together to remember and recognize the past and present sacrifices our armed forces and their families have made to keep Canada strong and free. Take care and enjoy the November break.

October/November Events

October 23

- November Hot Lunch Orders Due
- Picture Orders are Due
- School Council Meeting 7 pm

October 30

- Book Fair Opens

October 31

- School Wide Halloween Parade & Dance 1 to 3 pm

November 1

- Picture Retakes

November 1 & 2

- Parent Teacher Conferences

November 3

- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Mon/Wed ECS has school

November 6 to 10

- Fall Break, No School for Students

Parent Portal & Digital Reporting of Grades

As a reminder to parents with children in Grades 1 to 6, if you don't have a parent portal account, you will not be able to see your child's grades. If you need to set up an account, or having problems accessing an existing account, please phone the school office at (780) 842-3361 or email wes@btps.ca and we will set you up.

If technology really isn't your friend, please contact us. Together, we will figure something out that works best for you.

School Fees

School fee notices have been emailed out by BTPS. Fees are \$30 for Kindergarten students, and \$60 for Grades 1 to 6. Fees can still be paid at the office with cash or cheque, or by e-transfer to wes@btps.ca, or they can be paid using the new My School Bucks program or Paypal through our website.



The Wainwright Kinsmen were hard at work during our Family BBQ and Open House in September. We want to thank them for supplying everything for the BBQ as well as cooking for us. We appreciate the members for taking time from their personal lives to be with us, and for everything they have done for our school and for our community!

WAINWRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEPA PRESENTS

"POP-UP"
HALLOWEEN
MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING SCOOB! (2020)

Friday, October 27th
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

SHOWTIME STARTS AT 6:30 PM

WAINWRIGHT ELEMENTARY GYM

FREE ADMISSION

COSTUMES OPTIONAL

CASH CONCESSION (PLEASE NO LARGE BILLS)
POPCORN, CANDY BAGS, JUICE, WATER, GLOWSTICKS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

*BRING YOUR OWN BLANKETS AND PILLOWS

SPONSORED BY THE WAINWRIGHT
ELEMENTARY PARENT
ASSOCIATION

SCHOOL WIDE HALLOWEEN

Costume Parade & Dance



Prizes for
the best
costumes!

October 31

1:00 to 3:00 PM

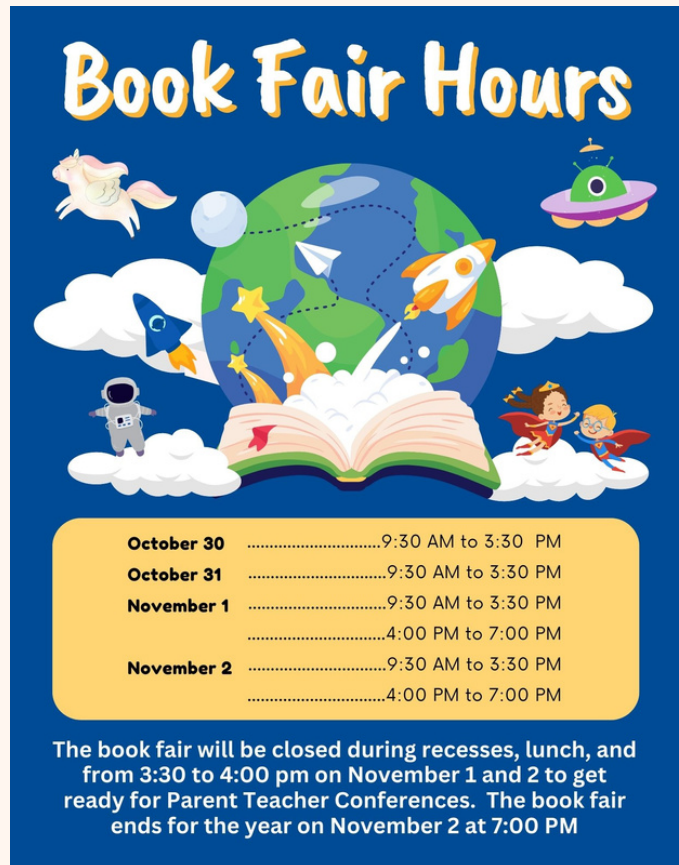
Parent Teacher Conferences

Meetings are being held November 1st and 2nd from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in your child's home room. We do hope to see all of our parents during this round of meetings. To schedule a day and time, please go to: <https://wes.btps.ca/bookings>

Remembrance Day School Assembly November 3, 2023

Families are invited to join us. The assembly will be held in the gym starting at 10:45 AM. Families can enter through the north doors starting at 10:20 AM. We are happy to have Jocelyn Roy with CFB Wainwright, Bruce Pugh the Mayor of Wainwright, and Stephanie Cooper our BTPS Trustee joining us. We've been told we will have a representative from the Royal Canadian Legion here as well.

The Scholastic Book Fair is Returning!



The poster features a vibrant blue background with a central illustration of a globe. Surrounding the globe are various whimsical elements: a unicorn, a rocket ship, a satellite, a green alien on a saucer, a paper airplane, a star, an astronaut, and two children flying on clouds. Below the illustration is a yellow box containing the following schedule:

October 309:30 AM to 3:30 PM
October 319:30 AM to 3:30 PM
November 19:30 AM to 3:30 PM
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
November 29:30 AM to 3:30 PM
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Below the table, the text reads: "The book fair will be closed during recesses, lunch, and from 3:30 to 4:00 pm on November 1 and 2 to get ready for Parent Teacher Conferences. The book fair ends for the year on November 2 at 7:00 PM"

Mrs. Boxell, our amazing Learning Commons Facilitator, is bringing back the Scholastic Book Fair for our families. Students will be given the opportunity to check out/shop during their library class. It will be open during the Parent Teacher Meetings for anyone thinking ahead to Christmas.

Picture Orders and Retakes



Lifetouch picture orders are due on October 23rd. Orders can be placed through the office using the convenient order form included with the proofs you received, or online. Retakes are taking place in the afternoon on November 1st. If you are wanting your child to get retakes, please return your proofs to the office with RETAKES written on the package, or let your child's teacher know, so we to call them down when the photographer is ready.



School Safety Patrol Begins



Mrs. Wakefield has volunteered her time to run the safety patrol program. Students in grades 5 & 6 can sign up to help out, with parent permission of course. The training day was October 12th. The patroller's will be stationed on the east side of the building, where the most traffic and students are at the end of the day. Our Principal and Assistant Principal are the bus supervisors and are there if any issues arise. Please make sure you are watching for them if you are picking up your child on that side of the school grounds, and stop when they have their arms and stop signs out. Keeping student safety in mind where the weather is concerned, there will not be patroller's outside when the weather is -25°C with or without the wind chill.



BUS SAFETY

Aliese and Sarah with Safely on Board joined at the beginning of October to teach our students about bus safety. They mentioned how well our students listened and participated. We weren't surprised by this, because we hear it all the time. We are very proud of all of you for behaving so well, and for treating our guests with kindness and respect. Way to go WES!





Accelerated Reading Grades 3 to 6

The accelerated reading committee has set the first deadline for students to earn AR points, November 24th. There is a long time between now and then for students to reach their reading goal so that they can participate in the Glow Party in December. We truly believe there is a book out there for everyone, and we know you can reach your goal, so keep reading!

Fire Prevention



Thank you to the Wainwright Fire Department for stopping in to teach our students about fire prevention and safety. We know you've been extremely busy this year, so it warms our hearts that you were able to be here, and we know our students were excited to have you here!

CREATIVE KIDS ART CLUB

WHO: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3
WHAT: ART LESSONS FOCUSED ON WELLNESS
WHEN: 6 CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS STARTING
OCTOBER 24 FROM 3:30 TO 4:30
WHERE: WES LEARNING COMMONS
TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD(REN)
SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/OSWBYJGZWR8CAZIR6](https://forms.gle/oswbyjgzwr8cazir6)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
KALEIGH DORT (WELLNESS FACILITATOR)
KALEIGH.DORT@BTPS.CA

CREATIVE KIDS ART CLUB

WHO: GRADE 4 TO 6
WHAT: ART LESSONS FOCUSED ON WELLNESS
WHEN: 6 CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS STARTING
OCTOBER 26 FROM 3:30 TO 4:30
WHERE: WES LEARNING COMMONS
TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD(REN)
SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/BOVWCK81TZH1MCMXS](https://forms.gle/bovwck81tzh1mcmxs)

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Thanks go out to Sonja Morgan with Jack's Place in Wainwright for donating her time to fix our parachutes. Her expertise is greatly appreciated and admired. The students will definitely enjoy the stitching being fixed.

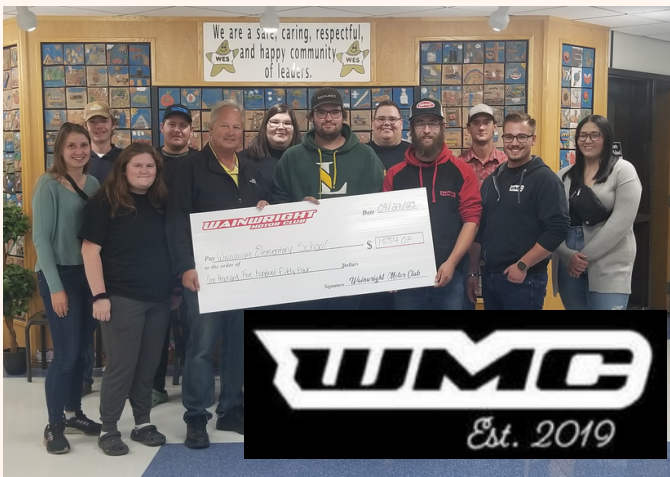


Pictured with Mr. Koskie are representatives from Western Financial Group and Intact Insurance. The WES Breakfast Program was a successful applicant for the Intact Insurance Better Communities Program grant. Many thanks to Intact Insurance and Western Financial Group for their help in providing our students with the nutritious food needed to be successful.

Year over year we benefit from the generosity and kindness of local families, charitable organizations, and businesses. Because of them, we are able to run the breakfast program, take care of students in need, and provide opportunities for our all students at little or no cost to parents. We are incredibly grateful for their time and support.



Pictured are a few of our WEPA families selling cookies during the Open House. The Bake Sale was a huge success this year. Thank you to all of our parents who baked cookies, bought cookies, or made a donation.



Thank you to the Wainwright Motor Club and it's members for supporting our breakfast program through their Show & Shines. We are helping more families than ever before, and truly appreciate your help in feeding hungry tummies.

Keep your eyes open for more fantastic events being put on by WEPA, like the movie night on October 27th. If you think you can help them, or want to find out more about what they do, email wepawes@gmail.com.

Upcoming Professional Development Webinars

Monthly 1-hour sessions
1-2pm, last Wednesday

To register, go to our [website](https://www.agknow.ca/events) at [AgKnow.ca/events](https://www.agknow.ca/events).

September 27: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training in AG: A Sneak Peek

AgKnow has teamed up with Tara Adams at Abridge Consulting to create unique suicide awareness and prevention trainings designed for peer-to-peer support in the farming and agriculture industry.

October 25: Farmer Stress and Coping in Alberta

This interactive webinar describes the recent research findings from the Farmer Stress, Coping and Resilience Study completed by over 350 Albertan farmers. In this session, attendees will learn (a) what mental health issues (i.e., depression, anxiety, burnout, suicide ideation) farmers in Alberta report experiencing and how these numbers compare to the national average of farmers, (b) the six major stressors of farming, and (c) how farmers currently cope with stress.

November 29: Delivering Mental Health Support Services in Rural Areas

How do therapists and social service providers successfully deliver mental health support to people living in rural areas? This interactive webinar describes the findings from one of our recent studies that explored this question. In this session, attendees will learn: (a) what types of mental health support resources currently exist across the province, (b) what barriers farmers face in accessing support, (c) what strategies providers find helpful to encourage farmers to seek support.

Dec TBA: Cool Family Solutions, Helping Families with Mental Health & Substance Related Disorders

AgKnow is excited to have Mona Cooley join us to discuss how she approaches helping families navigate their toughest challenges. She will share how she motivates people to handle difficult situations with positive results.

Coming 2024, join us for a deeper dive into specific concerns:

Navigating Farm Transitions & Succession Planning
Farm Animal Epidemics and Depopulation

AgKnow is engaging with the mental health and health care communities to increase the number of practitioners who understand the unique needs of farmers and rural clients. Our research program is ready to share the findings of our recent studies discovering the current state of wellbeing and services accessible to farmers in Alberta.