

Wainwright Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Here at WES, we jump right into February, starting with our Grade 4, 5, & 6's participating in WES's 35th Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser on Wednesday Feb. 14th. Our teachers are then off to the annual Alberta Teachers' Convention on Thursday the 15th and Friday the 16th. This will give families a long, long weekend as the Family Day holiday falls on the following Monday, Feb. 19th.

February is also survey month, students from grade 4, 5 and 6 will be involved in doing a survey for the school. Grade 4 Parents, and teachers will also receive a survey from Alberta Education. Please take the time and fill it out, your feedback is appreciated and important.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY?

February 6	Telus World of Science
February 6	Stakeholder Engagement Meeting 7:00 pm
February 9	Grade 4's Go Skating
February 12	Stakeholder Engagement Meeting 7:00 PM
February 14	Jump Rope for Heart
February 15 & 16	No School
February 19	No School, Family Day
February 21	March Hot Lunch Orders Are Due Today
February 22	100th Day of School
February 26	School Council Meeting 7:00 PM
February 28 & 29	Stakeholder Engagement Meeting 7:00 PM





19TH ANNUAL WINTER ACTIVE

Seriously...the weather! It was unreal!

On Friday, January 26th, our students took part in our 19th Annual Winter Active Day. Students and staff enjoyed a great time in IDEAL, and I do mean IDEAL, weather conditions. It was -1° C in the morning with no wind and it was sunny and zero in the afternoon. Just a fabulous day especially after spending more than a week with indoor recesses in the early parts of January. Grades 3-4 started off the day at 9:45 a.m. and then Grade 1-2s at 11:00. The grades 5-6 finished off the day at 1:00 p.m. with bright skies and sun and no wind to think of.

The students could be heard on either side of the school with plenty of laughs, smiles, and the odd wipeout. Each class was divided up into two or three groups depending on the size and they were able to take part in at least four different stations that were spread throughout the school grounds. There was a total of 15 stations. Many classes stayed out a little longer and tried a few extra stations or ventured up to the top of the hill for a photo op.

Students were seen throughout the day smiling, giggling and simply being kids again. Ultimate goal of the day was captured in the red cheeks and students being exhausted from the warm jackets and ski pants. Participation and fair play attitudes were modeled and demonstrated in our students and they had a blast! Whether it was Tug-of-War, parachute fun, snow-cer, snow lacrosse, obstacle courses, toboggan races or broomball. Whatever the challenge our students accepted it and tried their best to complete the stations to the best of their ability.

Huge WES STAR salute goes out to WEPA who provided refueling snacks after our activities were complete with cut up fresh fruit, yogurt tubes, carrots, and milk. We appreciate all that WEPA does for our students, staff.

The final thank you goes out to the students and staff for their love of life and fun in the snow. Vitamin D was on tap all day and we thoroughly enjoyed the day. There were few complaints with fellowship and fun being front and center. Canadian winters are harsh, but once and a while you get a beauty day. Today was a beauty day! Often times the cold weather can make the odd person a little cranky, but today was positive throughout and everyone, I think, enjoyed the day.

See you in the gym, or outside!

Mr. Mitchell
19th Annual Winter Active Coordinator

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our grades 4, 5, & 6 students are looking forward to Jump Rope for Heart taking place on Valentine's Day this year.

We would like to thank the following businesses, organizations, and people for generously sponsoring the Bounty Prizes:

- Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Armstrong's Clothing and Sports
- Big Buck Golf, Sean Mills and Garrett Fraser
- Buffalo Trail Public Schools
- Canadian Tire
- Huxley Hockey Conditioning, Adam Huxley
- Sportfactor Inc.
- Town of Wainwright, Economic Development
- Wainwright Bowling Center
- Wainwright Elementary School - Learning Commons, Mrs. Boxell
- Wainwright Elementary School - Phys. Ed. Department, Mr. Mitchell
- Wainwright Golf Club

See the list of prizes on the next page.



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To add to the fun, several teachers have volunteered to colour their hair and/or get a pie or two in the face, depending on the amounts raised. As of February 6 we are at \$6384, that's over halfway to our goal of \$10,000. Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. Wahlberg, Mrs. Boxell, Mrs. Ballas, Mrs. Beier, and Mrs. Wakefield will all be on stage to either receive a pie in the face or add colour to their hair. If we reach \$6000, Mrs. Valleau and Mrs. Munn will join them, \$8000 will add Mrs. Nesbitt and Mrs. Chaulk. Then to top it off, if we reach our goal of \$10,000 in pledges, Mr. Mitchell has agreed to dye his hair orange and dress up like Gritty, the Philadelphia Flyers' Mascot. These incentives are all in good fun, for a great cause that is near and dear to our hearts!



Jump Rope for Heart Bounty Prizes and Sponsors

For every \$10.00 a student receives in pledges, they will receive 1 bounty ticket that they can place in whichever draw(s) they choose. There are over \$1000.00 in giveaway prizes. Good Luck!

- Snow Slider Snowboard (\$75 Value)
- Bauer Nexus 40 Left-handed Hockey Stick – (\$120 Value)
- Wainwright Bowling Center 6 Junior Bowling & Shoes for One Game (\$25.00 Value)
- Canadian Tire Outbound 6 Person Dome Tent (\$120 Value)
- Outbound 21" Snowshoes (\$75 value)
- Wainwright Golf Club Junior Golf 6-Week Spring Program (\$60 value)
- WES Donated Easy Go Mini Ping Pong Table (\$100 Value)
- PMM Climbing Wall (10 Passes) – (\$35 Value)
- Big Buck Golf White Nike Club Cap (\$25 Value)
- Warrior Novium Right-Handed Hockey Stick (\$120 Value)
- Winnwell Heavy Duty Skill Net & BTPS T-shirt (\$60 Value)
- Communiplex Junior Swim (5 Passes) (\$25 Value)
- PMM Climbing Wall (10 Passes) (\$35 Value)
- Under Armour Backpack and Big Buck Golf Black Nike Club Cap (\$60 Value)
- Yonex Astrox E13 Badminton Racquet & Cover (\$50 Value)
- Town of Wainwright T-shirt (Youth Large) and Toque (\$50 Value)
- Communiplex Junior Swim (5 Passes) (\$25 Value)
- Mrs. Boxell's Library Package \$35 Voucher for Purchasing Books (\$35 Value)
- Everlast Fitness Exercise Ball 30" (\$40 Value)
- Wainwright Bowling Center 6 Junior Bowling & Shoes for One Game (\$25 value)
- Wainwright Golf Club Junior Golf 6-Week Spring Program (\$60 Value)
- Warrior Lacrosse Stick and Pack of Two Balls (\$75 Value)
- Communiplex Swim (5 Passes) (\$25 Value)
- Rawlings 10.5 Inch Sure Catch Ball glove (\$50 Value)
- Jump Rope for Heart WHAM-O Water Knee Hockey Slip 'N Slide (\$50 Value)
- HHC Backpack, T-shirt, Toque and Hat, Plus Oiler sticks and Pucks (\$75 Value)
- Matrix Junior Tennis Racket and Orange Penn Tennis Balls (\$35 Value)
- Soft-Grip Bright Orange Junior Football (\$25 Value)
- Town of Wainwright Hat and BTPS T-shirt (\$50 Value)
- Big Buck Black Nike Golf Hat and Town of Wainwright T-shirt (\$50 Value)
- World Industries Skateboard (\$75 Value)
- Cap Strength 4 lb Dumbbells and Town of Wainwright Toque (\$50 value)
- Sportsstuff Snow Skate-Extreme Snow Skateboard – (\$75 Value)
- WES Donated Easy Go Mini Ping Pong Table (\$100 Value)
- Big Buck Golf White Nike Club Cap (\$25 Value)
- And more...



**Little Leaders Preschool
Program for 3 Year Olds
Now Accepting
Names for
2024/2025**

To sign up or for more
information contact
Emily McNary at:
emmcnary@gmail.com ✉
780-806-6068 ☎
905 10 Street 📍

Children must turn 3 on or before Dec. 31, 2024, to attend Little Leaders.



**WAINWRIGHT
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
PROGRAM FOR
4 YEAR OLDS**

**NOW ACCEPTING
NAMES FOR
2024/2025**

For more information or to sign your
child up contact Barb Berg at:

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Children must turn 4 on or before Dec. 31, 2024, to attend Wainwright PreK.

Little Leaders and Wainwright Pre-Kindergarten Association are high quality early education preschool programs for 3 and 4 year old children. Both programs offer small class sizes and opportunities for children to grow and develop in positive, nurturing, stimulating and structured learning environments. We encourage families who are interested in either program to sign up as soon as possible. Spots are filled on a first come, first served basis.



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

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

If you're able to contribute, food donations can be brought to the school after Family Day from February 20 to 23. The food bank is always looking for non perishable items. Things like canned goods, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, crackers, cereal, pancake mix, stuffing mix, cookies, etc.


 **Wainwright
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**NOW ACCEPTING
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATIONS
FOR 2024/2025**

**For more information or
to register contact us at:**






-  (780) 842-3361
-  wes@btps.ca
-  905 10 Street,
Wainwright, AB T9W 2R6



As per Alberta Education, children must turn 5 years on or before December 31, 2024, to attend Kindergarten in September 2024.

February 2024

January '24							March '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6						1	2
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
28	29	30	31				24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 No School	2 No School  Groundhog Day	3
4	5 Halfway Hat Day 	6	7	8	9 M/W Kindergarten Has School Today	10
11	12	13	14 Jump Rope for Heart Grades 4, 5, & 6 ♥ Valentine's Day ♥	15 No School	16 No School	17
18	19 No School Family Day 	20	21	22  Tooth of School	23	24
25	26 School Council Meeting 7:00 PM	27	28	29  Leap Year!	1	2
3	4	Notes:				



TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE

We would like to thank Telus World of Science for coming to WES to teach our students all about Science in Motion through the following activities activities.

- Grade 1 & 2 - Bite-Sized Science
- Grade 3 - Fire Gas
- Grade 4 - Use the Force and Robotics
- Grade 5 - For the Love of Chemistry
- Grade 6 - Robotics and For the Love of Chemistry

We'd also like to thank CanCode for their partial sponsorship of this event! We know the students had a lot of fun. Hopefully they come home and tell you all about it!



School Council Meeting

Monday, February 26
@ 7:00 pm

On January 29th we had Smart Photography join us and give a presentation on the services they can provide and what they can offer our families. On all accounts the parents in attendance were impressed with the presentation. Before going forward with a new company we will be reaching out to schools who currently use their services before making the final decision. Lifetouch will be at our next School Council Meeting to discuss what they can offer our families and address the concerns you've had and how they can improve. We want to thank everyone who took the time to join us for the January meeting and hope you can also attend our meeting on February 26th.



WEPA FRUIT FUNDRAISER

WEPA has confirmed that they are going ahead a fruit fundraiser. More information will be sent home to families in the next week or two.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT 4 YEAR PLAN

Earlier in the year parents received a letter from Buffalo Trail Public Schools (BTPS) inviting them to join the Online Community Focus Group. They highlighted three priorities for the 2023-2027 Education Plan as:

1. Supporting Learning Success for All Students
2. Fostering Safe & Caring Learning Environments
3. Building Strong Collaborations

The purpose of this engagement is to:

- share with stakeholders the highlights of the Year One Report
- check in on direction around strengths and challenges moving forward
- identify areas of focus for 2024-2025"

We encourage all our parents to attend at least one of the online meetings. See below for the link.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/39amxfm5>

The meetings are being held from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm on:

- Tuesday, February 6
- Monday, February 12
- Wednesday, February 28
- Thursday, February 29



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