

WAINWRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



February 2025

NEWSLETTER

What's Happening?

February 5

- Jo Phillips Social Media Presentation for Gr. 4, 5, & 6

February 7

- Tues/Thurs Kindergarten has School Today

February 11

- After School Basketball Last Day

February 12

- Jump Rope for Heart
- WOW Art Club Last Day

February 13 & 14

- ATA Convention - No School

February 14

- Valentine's Day

February 17

- Family Day - No School

February 18

- Food Drive Challenge Begins
- Virtual Farm Safety

February 19

- 100th Day of School

February 21

- Mon/Wed Kindergarten Has School Today
- AR Reward Day - Sledding
- Food Drive Ends

February is a great month and marks the start of the second half of our school year. With it also brings a very important event in our school - Jump Rope for Heart! For 36 years we have gathered in our gym and skipped with many parents and special guests from our community to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. It is one of our major celebrations. Other events we are celebrating include the 100th day of school, the 100th Day Food Drive Challenge, and AR Sledding. Special events in our school all come down to the efforts of all of our partners in education - our staff who organize, our families who volunteer their time, and the children who show up prepared for the day. Together we create a safe and caring space for all our students and warm and welcoming atmosphere for all who visit WES. We could not do it without all of you!





Winter Active Day

We had a wonderful day thanks to the many parents and grandparents who were able to come and enjoy it with us. Whether you volunteered as a group leader, helped our parent association prepare the healthy snacks, or just stopped in to get a picture or two of your child having fun and cheer them on, we are very grateful to you.

This is just one opportunity for parental involvement in our school, and any time we can have our families here we know we're going to have a good day. This was no exception! We just happened to luck out with mild winter weather and still had snow on the ground which made the activities that much better!

We cannot forget to thank Mr. Mitchell who has been spearheading this event for 20 years. Promoting healthy, active living. We appreciate all the planning and behind the scenes work that you have done to make this day come together!

Jump Rope for Heart – Feb 12th

Citizenship is still going strong at WES! This is our 36th year of being a part of the Heart and Stroke Foundation Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for Heart and Stroke research. In that time we have raised over \$455,000. As of today, we have raised \$9632 and counting, toward our goal of \$10,000. For anyone wanting to make a donation to this great cause, please go online to <https://www.jumpropeforheart.ca/donate>.

The more the merrier...parental involvement is encouraged. If you have time you are welcome to join us, the schedule is below:

- Grades 4's 10:50 am to 11:50 am
- Grade 6's 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
- Grade 5's 1:40 pm to 2:40 pm

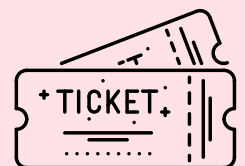
Thank you to our Sponsors for their support and partial sponsorship for the Bounty Prizes:

- Armstrong's Clothing and Sports
- Huxley Hockey Conditioning, Adam Huxley
- Wainwright Canadian Tire
- Wainwright Golf Club, Head Professional Josh Copeland
- Sportfactor Inc. (Edmonton School Equipment Supplier)
- Wainwright Elementary School Phys. Ed. Department, Mr. Mitchell
- Wainwright Elementary School Learning Commons, Mrs. Boxell
- Wainwright Bowling Center

Bounty Prizes

For every \$10 a student raises, they will be given one bounty ticket that they can put in the draw of their choosing:

- Snow Slider Snowboard (\$75.00 value)
- Warrior Covert GR6 Left-handed Hockey Stick
- Wainwright Bowling Center 6 Jr. bowling and shoes one game
- Wainwright Golf Club Jr. 6-week spring program
- PMM Climbing Wall (book of 10 passes)
- Tachikara SV-MNC Volleyleite Volleyball
- Warrior Rise Right-Handed Hockey Stick
- Communiplex Junior Swim Passes (book of 5)
- PMM Climbing Wall (book of 10 passes)
- Spalding Rookie Gear Junior Basketball
- Wilson Beach Volleyball
- Communiplex Jr. Swim Passes (book of 5)
- Mrs. Boxell's Library Package \$35.00 voucher for purchasing books
- CCM Jetspeed Mini Stick and three orange balls
- Wainwright Bowling Center 6 Jr. bowling and shoes one game
- Wainwright Golf Club Jr. 6-week spring program
- EVO Warp Lacrosse stick and ball
- Communiplex Jr. Swim Passes (book of 5)
- Rawlings 12 Inch Sure Catch Blue Jays ball glove
- HHC – backpack, t-shirt, toque and hat, plus Oiler sticks and pucks
- Head Jr. Tennis Racket and Orange tennis balls
- Soft-Grip Bright Blue Junior Football
- Under Armour Hoodie Light Blue
- Champion Sports Inc Tetherball
- Black Knight badminton



DON'T MISS OUT!

Students who have collected cash or cheques for pledges will need to bring them to the school with their pledge sheet by Monday, February 10th, at the latest. Otherwise they will not receive bounty tickets.



What an incredible hands-on learning opportunity for student growth and achievement! Thank you to Enel Green Energy for bringing their renewable energy presentation to our grade 5's on January 28th. The event was fully sponsored by Enel. Not only did they put on an amazing presentation for our students, they also generously donated three wind turbine kits to WES. The grade 5 teachers are excited to have them to continue providing high quality education opportunities for future students in the years to come!



Congrats to Savi, who received a prize from ENEL Green Energy for building blades that made the most energy on the wind turbines!

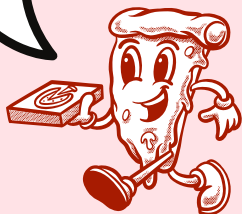
Pink Shirt Day

Help us put an end to bullying and continue our mission of being a **Safe & Caring school by wearing pink on February 26th.** If you don't have a pink shirt, wear whatever you have on hand that's pink. This year's theme is Let Kindness Grow. For more information go to <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca>. Parents can get involved and show their support by wearing pink in the community!

Thank you Wainwright Buffalos

We would like to thank the Wainwright Buffalos and the Battle River Oldtimers Hockey Association for their donation to the Breakfast and Nutrition Program. The cheque was presented to Mr. Mitchell in January by Troy Bellick from the hockey association.

Hot lunch menus for March, April, and May open February 6th. The last day to order and pay for March is February 20th.



100 Days of School Food Drive Challenge

In the spirit of citizenship, the Kindergarten students would like to challenge each grade group to bring in 100 non-perishable food items for the local food bank in honour of the 100th day of school. Let's see which grade group can donate food items the fastest. Food donations can be sent to school between February 18-21.

Non perishable items like canned goods, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, cake mixes, stove top stuffing, etc. are great items to donate. Please keep in mind that the food bank can't accept anything that has passed its expiry date or homemade canned goods.

AR Sledding Reward

Congratulations to all our students who reached their reading goal by February 2nd. **We have seen incredible growth and achievement in you, and all your hard work has paid off!** The sledding reward day for grades 3 to 6 is planned for February 21st, with the alternate date being February 28th. Students will need a CSA approved helmet to participate. If you don't have one, contact your child's teacher as there may be some in our storage that can be borrowed. Sleds can be dropped off before 9:00 am at the student's regular entrance. Ensure that your last name is written with permanent marker on sleds and helmets. Sleds cannot go on the bus, so if you ride the bus, you'll need a parent to drop off your sled in the morning and pick it up at the end of the day. Students will also need appropriate winter gear to enjoy their time outside.

Kindergarten Students Eye See...Eye Learn Program

A reminder for our parents of Kindergarteners that your children can receive free Eye Exams & Glasses if they need them. More information can be found here:

[Kindergarten Eye See...Eye Learn™ Parent Brochure.](#)

As 80% of children's learning is visual, it is essential to emphasize the importance of scheduling an eye examination for all school aged children, and especially for kindergarten students as they begin their in-school learning years. Early detection and intervention can significantly impact a child's educational journey.

Community Events

FATHER-SON GAME ON!!



FEB 22, 2025

2 PM @ the Wainwright
Elementary School Gym

**REGISTER TO JOIN US FOR A
AFTERNOON OF FATHER-SON BONDING
WITH A FLOOR HOCKEY GAME, SNACKS
AND GOODIE BAGS!**

NO COST!

PLEASE BRING INDOOR SHOES - ADULT MUST ATTEND

**REGISTER WITH QR OR, PLEASE CALL
ANNA AT 780-842-2555**



2025 SPRING/SUMMER LEAGUE REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 1



Scan the QR code
for more details



APRIL - JULY

REC & COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS: YOUTH U5 - U18

ADULT DIVISIONS: MEN'S | WOMEN'S | CO-ED

GAMES PLAYED ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Starting A Social Media CONVERSATION



Jo Phillips
BA Psychology
Certified Youth Resilience Coach

SAVE THE DATES

Workshop for Parents:

Less Fear, More Insight, Understanding and Tools to Navigate the Conversation With Your Kids

At all three Presentations **Doors will open at 530pm**; snacks and refreshments provided.

- **Irma** - Feb 3, 2025 @ 6 - 730 PM: New Horizons Seniors Centre (4913 50 Street)
- **Wainwright** - Feb 5, 2025 @ 6 - 730 PM; Wainwright Communiplex Hall 1 (700 2 Ave)
- **Edgerton/ Chauvin** - Feb 6, 2025 @ 6 - 730 PM: Edgerton Ag Hall Meeting room (4916 - 50th Street)

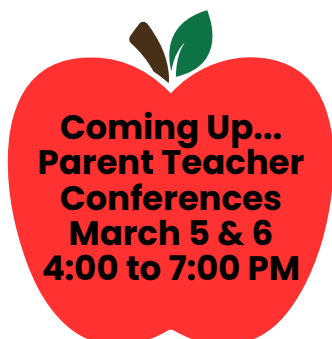
More Info jooutloud.com



RSVP by QR or calling at 842-2555



We are very fortunate to have Jo Phillips at WES on February 5th in the afternoon to do a presentation with our grades 4 to 6 students about social media.



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