

Dear WHPS Families,

Happy October! We had a busy and productive month at WHPS! Students are building stamina and getting used to their learning routines everyday.

We would like to extend a thank you to YOU. We had many parents/guardians attend our assemblies, our WHPS Welcome Fair and our School Council and Fundraising Committee meetings. We value parent engagement and appreciate your support for our students and school community. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to volunteer, we would be very happy to have parents/guardians help out and be involved in the classroom. Please visit our <u>WHPS</u> website for information on the volunteer procedure.

Our teachers conducted several assessments during September to gather valuable baseline information about where our learners are at. This data aids teachers in planning targeted learning interventions and focused lessons. During our upcoming parent-teacher conferences you will be able to view some assessments which demonstrate your child's learning. Each student has a **learning portfolio** where you will view various assessments with the attached assessment rubric or criteria.

Choir for Grade 2 and 3 students and Panda Teams for Grade 3 students have begun; students are excited to participate in these clubs. It is great to see so many students engaged and showing school spirit!

Many events are happening in October. We will be sending you emails with more detailed information regarding these events. Teachers will also include these events in their weekly emails. Please check out our Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/WHPSAthabasca</u> and website <u>https://whps.aspenview.org/</u> where we also provide information, highlight events and showcase learning!

October 5th- World Teacher Day! (We have an amazing teaching staff at WHPS & will recognize World Teacher Day on Oct. 4th at WHPS) October 14th- Happy Thanksgiving (No School) October 15th- Professional Learning Day (No School) October 17th- Aspen View Cross Country Run Race at LTIS (permission forms have been sent home) October 22nd & 24th - Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4-7 pm (more information will be sent to you on Oct. 8th), our book fair will be open during P-T Conferences! October 29th- 5:15 pm WHPS Fundraising meeting followed by WHPS School Council meeting at 6:00 pm in room 19 October 30th- Picture Retakes October 31st- Halloween - wear your costume to school November 1st- Professional Learning Day (No School)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to an exciting month full of learning!

Warm Regards,

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