



Dear WHPS Families,

Happy December! We hope you are doing well and getting into the holiday spirit!

We are excited for the month of December to be underway! Students will be busy practicing and preparing for our Christmas Concert. Our concert provides students with an opportunity to participate in fine arts lessons and gain some performing experience! For many of our students it is their first time performing in front of a large audience; with that comes working through various emotions, from excitement to nervousness. Practicing and being prepared helps students feel confident and ready!

Our Panda Leaders have been busy planning some school-wide activities for students to enjoy. Students will enjoy Flashlight Friday and Holiday Attire Day! Thanks Panda Leaders!

Our Panda Leaders are also leading our WHPS Holiday Toy Drive! Students and families can donate new and/or gently used toys which will be donated to our local Athabasca Good Samaritan Mission and added to Christmas hampers. This is a great initiative for students to participate in a citizenship project centered around helping others! Please consider sending a donation of new or gently used toys with your child. We will be collecting these items under our school Christmas Tree!

We are pleased to share with you that all WHPS students will be receiving gymnastic lessons from certified gymnastic coaches. The session cost and transportation bussing cost is being covered by our WHPS Fundraising Committee. We are extremely grateful for their hard work and dedication. Permission forms will be sent home in early December as the sessions take place in January.

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 [WHPS website](#) for information on the [volunteer procedure](#). Being involved by spending time in your child's classroom enables you to be a part of their learning experience!

Many events are happening in December. 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 <https://www.facebook.com/WHPSAthabasca> and website <https://whps.aspenview.org/> where we also provide information, highlight events and showcase learning!

- Nov.25th-Dec.6th- WHPS Holiday Toy Drive!
- Dec. 2nd- Pancake Breakfast: K-1, K-2, 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3
- Dec. 3rd- Pancake Breakfast: K-3, K-4, 1-4, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 2-4/3-4
- Dec.13th- Flashlight Friday (bring a flashlight to read with)
- Dec. 17th- Christmas Concert- 1:30 pm **surnames from A-L attend** (K-3 & K-4 attending classes)
- Dec. 18th- Christmas Concert- 1:30 pm **surnames from M-Z attend** (K-1 & K-2 attending classes)
- Dec. 20th- Holiday Attire/Festive Dress Up Day
- Dec. 23rd-Jan.3rd- Christmas Holidays
- Jan. 6th- School Resumes

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

Warm Regards,

Shona Hunter, Principal
Sheena Garton, Assistant Principal

whps@aspenview.org
780-675-4546