

Dear WHPS Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season! It is great to see our WHPS school community back together!

We are excited to get January underway and will focus on reviewing our learning routines and continue to build on literacy and numeracy foundational skills.

Our teachers will conduct several literacy and numeracy assessments this month to gather valuable information about where our learners are at. This data will aid teachers in continuing to plan targeted learning interventions and lessons.

Assessments will continue to be added to Gradebook to reflect learner outcome understanding. Assessments will be varied, and evidence of learning will be confirmed by using observation evidence, conversation evidence and product evidence. We are focusing on using this triangulation of assessment evidence to illustrate your child's learning growth. Please check PowerSchool often to view your child's learning progress. Teachers will also continue to share assessment information with you in their weekly email updates.

We are thrilled to have all WHPS students receive gymnastic lessons during January. An enormous THANK YOU to our WHPS Fundraising Committee for funding the lessons and the transportation. This is such a wonderful opportunity and experience for our students!

Panda Teams for Grade 3 students will continue; students in these clubs continue to illustrate leadership in our school by organizing school and citizenship activities!

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

**Jan. 13th, 14th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 23rd-** Flips Gymnastic Sessions- sessions will take place at the Athabasca Flips Gymnastic Centre for all Kindergarten to Grade 3 students (permission forms will be sent home)

**Jan. 21st-** 5:15-5:45 pm: Fundraising Committee Meeting & 5:45-6:00 pm: WHPS School Council Meeting (Meetings in room 19 & childcare will be provided)

**Jan. 24th**- Assembly at 12:30-12:55 pm followed by Family Lunch (12:55-1:15pm)

Jan. 22, 28, 30- WHPS Family Literacy Days (more information to come)

Jan. 27th- Spaghetti and meat sauce school lunch (K-1, K-2, 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3)

Jan. 28th- Spaghetti and meat sauce school lunch (K-3, K-4, 1-4, 3-1, 3-2. 3-3, 2-4/3-4)

Jan. 29th- Professional Learning Day (No School)

Jan. 31st- Report Cards will be sent home

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We are looking forward to lots of learning and engaging opportunities for our students!

Warm Regards,

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