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Principal's Message

Spring has sprung and students are finally able to enjoy pleasant weather on a regular basis. I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! With only two short months of school left, it will fly by! We have already begun preparations for the 16/17 school year although with a late provincial budget, I don't anticipate having a finalized staff list until late in June. However, we must also not lose sight of the fact that we have almost ¼ of the school year remaining and much work is still needing to be accomplished. Thank you for the tremendous support you provide your children and the school on a daily basis!

Sincerely,
Blair Litzenberger
Principal

Battle of the Books



Thank you to Mrs. Gorrie for again running Battle of the Books. We sent two teams to Hawrylak for the championships who represented Wilfred Hunt extremely well. Thank you to all students who participated throughout the season. The love of literacy is paramount at Wilfred Hunt.

Dates to Remember

April 29	Special Lunch – Pizza Hut
April 29	Staff/Student Basketball game – 12:00 noon (after Special Lunch)
May 4	SCC – 6:30 p.m.
May 17	Singles Badminton City Championships
May 18	Doubles Badminton City Championships
May 19	School PD Day – No School for Students
May 20-23	Victoria Day Holiday – No School for Staff or Students
May 25	New Kindergarten Open House
May 26	Kindergarten orientation – 9:30 a.m.
June 15	City Track and Field Meet – all day
June 22	Gr. 8 Farewell – 6:30 p.m.
June 29	Last Day of School for students – report cards handed out at 2:30.

School Community Council (SCC)

Our next SCC meeting is May 4 – 6:30 p.m. in the staff room.

Badminton

The badminton season is winding down. The teams, under the coaching of Mr. Quinney and Miss Merkley, have represented Wilfred Hunt wonderfully and have improved drastically. City championships run on May 17 and May 18.

Reporting Periods/3-Way Conferences

We are now into the final term of the school year. Thank you to all parents who came out to 3-Way Conferences on March 24. These conferences are a vital component to the success of your children.

Term 3/Final Report – Wednesday, June 29

Payments for School Activities:

Last year, Regina Public Schools launched School Cash Online (<https://rbe.schoolcashonline.com/>) as a method for making payments for school activities and school supplies. As a school, we are going to make every effort to ensure that parents/guardians are able to make payments online using credit card (Mastercard/Visa) or through your chequing account. Feel free to contact the school if you are having difficulties paying online.

From our SCC

For those parents that are not on our email list, you can send a request to be added by contacting - communications@wilfredhuntscc.ca with a subject line of "Please add me to the email list".

Prime Minister Trudeau's Visit

We are extremely proud and honored to have a first-hand connection to the recent visit from Prime Minister Trudeau. On Apr. 26, Prime Minister Trudeau met with File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council in Fort Qu'Appelle to discuss Aboriginal issues related to Canadian people. Our own Edmund Bellegarde (left, father to Hunter Bellegarde), was present to greet the Prime Minister and engage in this important dialogue.



Speed Stacking

Congratulations to all of this year's speed stackers! The city championships took place at Sheldon Williams Collegiate on Apr. 21. Our students represented us extremely well. Thank you students and thank you Mrs. Toth for your time with this activity. Congratulations to Rafe Miller and Hannah Tresek for winning their respective pools.

Registration for 2016/2017

New kindergarten registrations are now being accepted for the 2016/2017 school year. In order to register for kindergarten, the student must have been born in 2011. Please contact the main office at 306-791-8451 for more information and for a registration form. Additionally, registration forms can be accessed from our website as well.

SCC Fundraiser

Thank you to the parents and guardians for supporting this year's SCC fundraiser. We are excited to inform you that we surpassed our goal of \$3000 this year! Our final tally was \$3540! Thank you so much! This money will go toward supporting the numerous additional ventures that our school undertakes: Evraz family BBQ, Staff Appreciation Week, additional supplies for the school, flower beds, and a contribution to the Arts Education program – among other various activities. We could not do all that we do without the support of our community. Thank you!

Grade 8 Farewell

Our Grade 8 Farewell will take place on Wed. Jun. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in our school gymnasium. Specific details will be sent home from Mr. Quinney.

City Track & Field Meet

This year's city track and field meet will be held at Douglas Park on Wed. Jun 15. This is for the athletes that qualify from the local Hunt track and field meet.

Author Visit

We are extremely fortunate to have a visit from Sarah Ellis. Sarah Ellis is a Canadian Children's author who now lives in Vancouver, B.C. She writes stories for young children and for children in middle years. Sarah is coming to visit our school on May 13th in the afternoon. Ms. Ellis will be doing a presentation to the Grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes. She will pre-sell books and bring them with her:

- A+ for Big Ben (Preschool - Grade 2) \$9.95 (Board Book format)
- Ben Says Goodbye (K - Grade 3) \$18.95 (Hardcover picture book)
- A Prairie as Wide as the Sea: The Immigrant Diary of Ivy Weatherall (Grades 3-7) \$12.99 (Hardcover fiction)
- Outside In (Grades 5-8) \$9.95 (Paperback fiction)

If you are interested in pre-purchasing any of these books, please send payment for them to Mrs. Gorrie by Friday, May 6th. Please make cheques payable to Sarah Ellis. The orders will be placed and books should be available on May 13th.

Wilfred Hunt Track & Field Meet

This year's Wilfred Hunt track and field meet will be held at the school on Friday, June 3. This meet is for all students in grade 4-8.

New Kindergarten Open House/Orientation

New kindergarten Open House will occur on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, there will be a transition day for new kindergarten students on Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m. where they will be able to ride the school bus and see what a portion of a kindergarten day looks like. This visit should take approximately an hour.



Speech & Hearing Month

Speak well. Hear well. Live well.

Ears are for Reading Too!

May is Speech and Hearing Month in Canada. Talking, reading, and playing with your child daily will promote healthy speech. These simple but important daily activities also help your child become a reader because oral language is the foundation of literacy. Children need strong vocabularies to help

them understand what they read. Children need to learn how to rhyme and hear the individual sounds in words before they can learn to spell and read simple words.

Adequate hearing is necessary for the development of speech and language and important for learning at school. **Your child can't learn what they can't hear!** Delays in speech and language may be an indication that your child has a hearing problem. However, a mild hearing loss can easily go undetected and lead to delays in reading and school achievement. The ear is the "doorway" to the brain for sound. Hearing loss of any type blocks that doorway, preventing sound from reaching the brain. Ear infections are common in young children and can impact hearing and therefore slow the development of speech, language, and early literacy skills.

One way to help your child's reading skills develop, is to have your child's hearing checked. Speak well. Hear well. Live well.

Families with questions or concerns about their child's speech and language are encouraged to contact the Speech-Language Pathologist through your School.

Speech-Language Pathologist

Free Hearing Screenings in May

In the month of May, Dr. Debbie Davis and the audiologists at Eastside Audiology are providing FREE hearing screenings to anyone under 18, including newborns. Screenings will be held at the following Regina Public Libraries:

- Glen Elm Branch – Wednesday May 11th (5:30pm)
- Sunrise Branch – Saturday May 14th (noon)
- Connaught Branch – Wednesday May 18th (5:30pm)
- Regent Place Branch - Saturday May 21st (noon)

If you are unable to take advantage of one of the free screening clinics scheduled in May, contact The Hearing Aid Plan (306-766- 7555) or a similar agency to have your child's hearing checked.