



**Willow Park School**  
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## **News Update**

### **January 14, 2020**

#### **Weather and Clothing**

With the cold weather upon us, it is important to ensure your child is dressed for the outdoor weather. Students will be going outside whenever the weather allows. However, even if there are indoor recesses, students should have proper outdoor clothing for the trip to and from school (school buses do not warm up the same as a car) and in case of emergency. Please help us by having your child bring mitts, hats, boots and snow pants daily.

#### **Safety Calls**

Safety calls are made whenever we are unsure of the whereabouts of a child. If your child is absent, please call in to the school. An answering machine is available 24 hours a day. If your child **WILL NOT** be attending because the **buses are not running**, please call the school as well. This will save time in the event that a child is missing and unaccounted for. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

#### **School Council and PAWS Meeting - tomorrow**

All parents are welcome to come out for the next School Council/Parent Association Meeting taking place tomorrow at 6 pm in the staff room. Please join us!

#### **School Spirit Day - Tropical Day - new date**

Our Tropical Day originally planned for Thursday, January 16, has been rescheduled to Friday, January 24. Students are invited to wear their favorite summer attire to bring the summer vibes to school and beat the cold! Students should still wear their warm outdoor clothing to and from school.

#### **Friday, January 24 - No Kinder or PreK**

There will be **No Classes** for Kindergarten or PreK on Friday, January 24. This is a Professional Development day for all PreK and Kindergarten staff.

#### **Popcorn Order Form for January to June 2020 K - Gr. 6**

Order forms will be sent out today for the remainder of the school year. Online payment is preferred but there is also the option to send cash for the entire order.

### **Recycling Roundup Fundraiser**

We are trying a new fundraiser in the new year. The Recycling Roundup will be taking place from February 10 to March 6. Schools will earn money for each printer, TV, laptop and computer that is dropped off during the Recycling Roundup. This is a great opportunity to get rid of those old electronics. If you shopped on Black Friday or are getting new electronics for Christmas, please recycle with our school program. Thanks for your help!

### **Pizza by the Slice**

Pizza by the Slice is on Tuesday, January 28. Students can bring a toonie or two to enjoy pizza for lunch. Hawaiian, pepperoni and cheese are available.

### **Report Cards**

Powerschool (Assignments / Marks) will not be available for you to view from Friday January 10th at 3pm, through to Thursday January 30th. This shutdown is to allow teachers time to complete report cards. A password protected report will be emailed out on Thursday, January 30th.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

On Wednesday, January 22, Kindergarten registration will open at 9:00 am. To be eligible for Kindergarten, a student must be 5 years of age by January 1, 2021.

Registrations will be accepted **online only; no paper copies are available**. A computer is available in the office for parent use.

*\*Please note that this year PreKindergarten registration will take place on March 22.*

### **Black Gold School Year Calendar**

Black Gold has approved the 2020-21 school year calendar. It can be found on the Division website at:

<https://www.blackgold.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/School-Year-2020-21-APPROVED.pdf>

### **Accountability Pillar Surveys**

This month, parents and guardians of BGRD students may receive a package from Alberta Education containing the Accountability Pillar survey.

Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey from January to the end of February.

- **In January**, parents of students in grades 4 & 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- **In February**, students in grades 4 & 7 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

The Accountability Pillar survey will ask you questions about your experience with your child's school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

When filling out the survey, if you don't know the answer to a question, simply leave it blank and go to the next question. All responses are anonymous. The results are compiled by Alberta Education and shared with BGRD to assess satisfaction with the quality of education in its schools and to find ways to improve teaching and learning for all our children.

You may fill out the survey online or using the paper copy provided in the package you receive. All responses must be completed online or sent in by February 28, 2020.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey – your voice matters.

### **Planning Ahead:**

- Swimming Lessons for Grade 1 and 3 students will take place from April - June. The cost will be approximately \$48.
- Grade 6 Camp YoWoChAs Trip takes place in May. The cost will be approximately \$60 - \$80 (depending on Fundraising).
- Grade 4 Drumheller Trip takes place in June. The cost will be between \$50 - \$100 (depending on Fundraising).

### **Caregiver Education Series - Parenting Sessions**

Several free Parenting sessions are taking place in the Edmonton area between January and March 2020. These sessions cover a variety of topics including: Anxiety, Mindfulness, Sleep, and Technology. Sessions are hosted by Alberta Health Services and run in the evenings.

Two of the Caregiver Sessions will be hosted in Leduc; one here at Willow Park.

- Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety - Wednesday, February 26 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm
  - Ecole Leduc Estates School - 95 Alton Drive
- Keeping Scattered Kids on Track - Wednesday, March 4 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm
  - Willow Park School

More information about all of the sessions is available on our website under Announcements or by clicking below.

<https://wps.blackgold.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/RCSD-Caregiver-Education-Sessions-Winter-2020-Poster.pdf>