Willow Park School



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Dear Parents.

Over the past few weeks, we have noticed animal tracks in the area around the City of Leduc sledding hill, southwest of the school. There have also been two confirmed sightings of a coyote on the hill by school staff. The most recent was yesterday. We want all parents to be aware of this should you or your children be in the school area outside of school hours.

We have been in contact with local authorities - Fish and Wildlife and the RCMP - to report these sightings and seek assistance in dealing with a coyote in the school area. We have been told that this is a common occurrence and there should be no danger to students and staff. More information is available at 780 427 3574 press 2 for the coyote info or by calling toll free 310 0000 - and asking to speak to a Fish and Wildlife officer. A brochure is also available on the school website at wps.blackgold.ca

We have notified all staff to be extra vigilant when outside with students and during recess supervision. We will also be notifying and discussing this next week with all students and specifically with the Grade 4, 5, and 6 students who use the sledding hill. Students will also be advised to immediately notify a supervisor should they see an animal on the playground so that Emergency Response Protocols may be initiated as needed.

It would be beneficial if you could please discuss this matter with your child. Should you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Travnik or myself at 780-986-8456.

Thank You.

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