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Principal's Message

Welcome back Wabamun Wild!

The first week was pretty amazing. It was great to see the students and feel the positive energy in the hallways, classrooms and playground. As you are aware, there have been several changes as a result of COVID-19. Thank you for taking the time to review the Parent Handbook for Re-Entry. If you did not receive it via email please contact the office and let Mrs. Harris know. Extra cleaning measures have been put in place, and I want to thank the students and staff for doing their part in establishing these routines. Together we can all do our part to slow and limit the spread of COVID-19. We also thank you for your patience as information is often being updated and we do our best to keep you informed. Should you have any questions please contact me (directly via phone or email - 780-892-2271 lworthington@psd70.ab.ca)

Keep your child at home if they are sick. Review the checklist every morning on the AHS website. Children displaying symptoms at school that could be interpreted as COVID-19 symptoms will need to be picked up, and will not be able to return to the school for 10 days, or require a signed declaration from the parents/guardians of a negative COVID test.

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions - If your child has symptoms from a pre-existing medical condition that could be interpreted as symptoms of COVID-19 then the school requires two things:

- Medical documentation of the condition. A doctor's note confirming the diagnosis (example: allergies) or a copy of the prescription (example: an inhaler for asthma).

- A signed declaration from the parents/guardians of a negative COVID test.

Children displaying symptoms that could be interpreted as COVID 19 without having completed the two requirements for Pre-Existing Medical Conditions will be sent home, and will not be able to return to the school for 10 days, or require a signed declaration from the parents/guardians of a negative COVID test.

School Council & Wabamun School Fundraising Association - We will be having our first meetings of the year on Tuesday, September 15th at 11:00am via Google Meet. If you would like to join the Google Meet, please email me and I will send you the link. It is important that we have a good turnout as we will be preparing for upcoming elections for all School Council and WSFA positions. The AGM will be Monday, September 21st at 2:45pm.

Should you ever have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I also encourage you to sign up for my Remind by texting @wabam to 647-931-6158, to receive text updates of information.

Les Worthington, Principal Wabamun School,
The PRIDE of the Community
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Great things to share

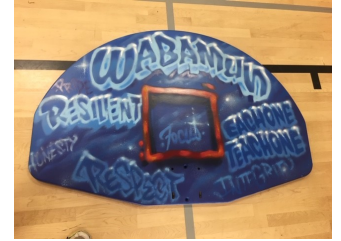
Lots of work has been done at the school while the students have been away, including:

- Hanging of the Volleyball Championship banners
- New adjustable lighting in every room. This includes the library, gymnasium and office area.
- New phone system throughout the school.
- Security cameras installed both inside and outside of the school.
- A second water bottle filling station was installed
- The front entrance concrete has been redone. This also includes the removal of the old cenotaph and flag pole.
- Basketball court construction is underway. AJA Louden has graffitied the new backboards.
- A new display cabinet was installed at the front of the school. An order form will be coming home before the end of the month for those who would like to order hoodies, hats, shirts and coffee cups



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- The junior high classrooms were both painted and Mr. Pon's room was completely renovated.
- New furniture and technology were purchased including: tables, chairs, chrome book carts, and projectors.
- The Library was reorganized, and we are looking forward to having students return when possible.



Playschool Start-up



Playschool will run Tuesday & Thursday mornings. Parents interested in registering their 3 & 4 year olds for 2020/21 are to contact Vanessa Roberts at 780-803-2778 for more information.

Attendance

Student Attendance is crucial to success in school. Students must attend classes on time and regularly to achieve their highest potential. Students arriving to class after the bell will be considered late. Late students must enter through the front doors and ring the buzzer for entry. The safety of our students is always first and foremost when planning and setting operational procedures within the school. Students leaving the school, during regular school hours, other than students going home for lunch, may do so only when picked up by a parent, guardian or contact persons provided to the school office. For their child's safety, Parents are asked to come to the school door and ring the buzzer to let the office know they have arrived.

Newsletters

Wabamun School Newsletters will be emailed out to families and uploaded to the school website monthly. Teachers will send home classroom letters periodically, as well as other upcoming event information. Please like our Facebook page as we post information and events to assist in keeping everyone informed. Paper copies of the newsletter will only be sent home upon request through the office.

School FEES

Fees can be paid online by credit card through the PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://www.psd70.ab.ca/PowerSchool.php> or in the school office by cash or cheque made payable to Parkland School Division #70 (PSD#70). For fee waiver forms or to discuss payment plan options, please contact the office.

2020-2021 Wabamun School Staff

Mr. Les Worthington, Principal
Mrs. Debbie Harris, School Secretary
Mrs. Shelly Wiebe, Teacher - Kindergarten & Gr. 1
Mr. Doug Kucher, Teacher - Grade 2 & 3
Mrs. Kendaline Fetter, Teacher -Grade 4 & 5F
Mrs. Kristal Saunders, Teacher Grade 5S & 6
Mr. Brian Pon, Teacher - Grades 7-9
Mrs. Jill Stankov, Teacher - Grades 7 - 9
Mr. Keith Jonson, Teacher, Grades 7-9
Mrs. Debbie Miller, Librarian & EA in Kindergarten
Mrs. Raina Chase, Educational Assistant Gr. 4 &5F
Mrs. Ivy Gagne, Educational Assistant Gr. 2 & 3
Mrs. Brittany Tremblay, Educational Assistant Gr. 7
Mrs. Bonnie Smith - Custodian
Mr. Doug Stecyk, Asst. Custodian

Mrs. Debbie Miller

Welcome Everyone,

I have been an EA at Wabamun School for the last 16years - hard to believe! I have also worked as the librarian for the last 10 years. This year you can find me in the Kindergarten/ Grade one class and the Library.

I am originally from New Brunswick but my husband and I moved here in 1976 and lived for 25 years in Grande Cache where our 2 children were born.

As most of you know my passion is Literacy and reading and it is such a joy to see the little ones when they first discover the pure joy of reading and moving up on to the chapter books. I love working at Wabamun School because of the friendly, caring and inviting school that we have on the journey of instilling the love of reading in all our students.

Introducing Wabamun School Staff

Mr. Brian Pon

Welcome to the exciting start of another school year, My name is Brian Pon and I will be the homeroom teacher for the Gr. 7s at Wabamun School. This is my 4rd year teaching in Parkland and I will be teaching Gr. 7-9 Math and Science. I have been teaching Jr. High Math and Science throughout my 15 years of teaching. I enjoy playing/coaching volleyball, and snowboarding. A lot of work has been done to the school over the summer and my class will get to start the year in a fully renovated classroom. Over the summer, I spent time building a deck and shed while enjoying the beautiful weather. My wife and I took our daughter Marlowe to see the mountains in Jasper and we enjoyed the beach at Lake Annette. We also have 2 Shiba Inu dogs that we take for walks in the evenings. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone in my class. This year will be different, however we will all get through it together. We will learn to take care of each other, ourselves, and our school.

Mrs. Kristal Saunders

Welcome back to another great year at Wabamun School. I am excited to be back beginning my fourth year here now in the grade 5 and grade 6 classroom! This summer I took lots of time to spend with my family and our new puppy! When I wasn't out for a walk with "Jersey" (silver lab) you could find me out on the water SUP, or off on an adventure somewhere fun. I love working at Wabamun School and I am excited to continue my journey here with you and your family.

TEACHERS 
love teaching
TEACH 
CHILDREN 
love learning

Mrs. Debbie Harris

I love my job at Wabamun School! As the Secretary it brings me joy to see so many happy children every day. I also have the opportunity to build relationships with students and their families as the children grow, which is significantly rewarding.

When I am not at work I enjoy travelling, going to the movies, and my husband Tom & I enjoy camping in the summer. I love visiting with my 2 grown daughters and cherish the time that I get to spend during the summer with my 2 grandchildren.

I have enjoyed working with PSD for the past 22 years and look forward to a few more years of hugs & smiles from the children at Wabamun School. It's going to be another great year & I can't wait to see all the exciting things that are going to happen!

Mrs. Brittany Tremblay

Hello my name is Brittany Tremblay and I am very excited to be joining the Wabamun team this year. I come from Seba Beach School where I was an EA for 4 years and prior to that I taught playschool. I am looking forward to an exciting school year and getting to know all of the students in this great community. I live most of the year in arenas cheering on my 2 kids and husband while they play hockey and myself playing ringette. As a family we love to go camping, quading, and golfing. I look forward to learning everyone else's talents as the year goes on.

Ivy Gagne

I have been an EA for the past 17 years and am excited to work as an EA in the 2/3 classroom. My husband & I built a log cabin on Spring Lake and we spent the summers floating & fishing on the beautiful water. I enjoy almost any outdoor activity. I cherish my grandson and love all my cuddle time with him. I am excited to welcome my second grandchild this winter.

Mrs. Jill Stankov

Hi! I am so excited to be back at Wabamun School this year! This will be my fourth year at the school. I am currently in the final year of my master's degree, and will be at Wabamun part-time to accommodate my practicum hours, which I will be completing in Spruce Grove at Woodhaven School. I am Spruce Grove born and raised, and it is still where I call my home. Outside of work, you'll find me reading whatever I can find, watching my way through Netflix, getting way too competitive over volleyball, and playing with mine and my husband's new fur baby, Frankie. I am excited to welcome back our returning students and get to know our new ones! Go Wild Go!

Mr. Doug Kucher

It seems like forever since we've been in the classroom together! Welcome back, Wabamun School! I am very excited to be here with you for another year. This year may look different but we will still have a lot of fun together. I look forward to all the exciting things happening both in the 2/3 classroom and in our school. This is my fourth year at Wabamun School! This summer I spent lots of time working on my yard and travelling around Alberta. I found dinosaur fossils, climbed mountains, and even stumbled upon a bear while out hiking. I love working at Wabamun School. I look forward to getting to know you and your families better as this year continues. We will do great things together!

Mr. Les Worthington

I am proud to be entering my fourth year as Principal of Wabamun School. Go WILD Go! I'm in my eighteenth year of teaching, and tenth as a principal. I spent my first 8 years teaching grades 1-6 before becoming principal of Entwistle School (for 6 years) and then moving to Wabamun School. My wife Jill is also a teacher (High Park), my biggest supporter, and the person who helps bring perspective and challenges me. My children Gavin (Grade 8) and Mikenna (Grade 6) like many of us are both excited and slightly anxious about the school year. My favorite hobby is Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, although COVID has kept me off the mats. BJJ reminds me of what it means to be a student, and the importance of resilience and always growing.

Mr. Keith Johnson

I am excited to join the staff of Wabamun School as a co-teacher of junior high humanities with Mrs. Stankov. As a graduate from the U of A (English major/drama minor), I have done some acting and directing and helped found a theatre company in Red Deer. I also worked with the Edmonton Native Basketball Association and as a DJ while in university. Some of my previous teaching experiences include stints at NAIT, Spruce Grove Composite High School, and junior and senior high schools in the greater Edmonton area. My interests include basketball, comic books, and obscure foreign films. As a teacher, I focus on student success and fostering an interest in literature and history.

Mrs. Kendalin Fetter

Hello! My name is Kendalin Fetter and this is my second year at Wabamun teaching grade 4 & 5. I am very passionate about my career as a teacher and am looking forward to this school year. I am originally from Olds where I grew up on a farm. I love anything outdoors, especially going for walks to the lake with my husband and puppy!

Mrs. Raina Chase

Welcome back everyone. I am excited to start my 5th year as an EA at Wabamun school! This year I will be helping in the grade 4 and 5 class. It is always wonderful seeing the kids each and every day and I love the opportunity in helping them grow, learn and have fun! When I am not at the school I enjoy time with my husband and 10 year old son. I also have a puppy that has become a big part of our lives. We often spend a lot of time in Saskatchewan and Manitoba with family whenever we get a chance. I am looking forward to another great year!

Mrs. Bonnie Smith

Hi everyone. I am excited for another year of keeping the school clean for the students and staff. I love camping and fishing, and my garden is my place to go to relax. I hope you all have a great year.

Mrs. Shelly Wiebe

I am very excited to join the Wabamun School community! The majority of my teaching experience has been at the Kindergarten/Grade One level. Prior to joining Wabamun school, I was fortunate to work with Kindergarten and Early Years teachers in Parkland School Division's west communities as a Collaborative Teaching Partner. I am currently finishing the last year of a Masters degree in Education. I have been married for 23 years and have 2 great adult kids! In my spare time, I enjoy getting outside, reading, gardening and trying new things.

2020-2021 School Bells

- 7:35am Outside Supervision
- 7:57 am Entry Bell - Students head to class through designated doors
- 8:00 am Daily announcements, O'Canada and attendance
- 10:05am Morning Recess
- 11:42 pm Afternoon Recess
- 12:12 pm Lunch in classrooms
- 12:32pm Afternoon Classes Begin
- 2:35 pm Dismissal Bell

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Although Volunteers are not permitted in the school at this time, we look forward to connecting with parents for School Council Google Meets and will be excited for when you can return to being back in our building!

Daily Agenda Planners

All students have received School agendas at no cost to parents.

Agendas are used as homework and communication planners at Wabamun School and are mandatory for all students.

Terry Fox Run 2019

When Terry Fox ran in 1980, he asked everyone to get involved in fundraising to find a cure for cancer. This year will be a bit different although Wabamun School will once again be participating in this event in Terry Fox's name, for cancer research.

Wabamun School is a great supporters of this event, through the participation and collection of donations for cancer research. For those interested in raising funds for this great cause, pledge forms will be available next week. Be sure to bring your donations and completed pledge forms to the school by **September 24, 2020**.

Our students will do the Terry Fox Run in their cohorts during Phys Ed classes on September 24th.

Student School Photos

This year Individual school pictures will be taken on October 14th.

Please watch for information which will go home about student photos.



Bus Students

Bus students must have parental permission in writing not to board the bus after school. Please contact the school office prior to 12:00 pm to make arrangements for your child or send a written note of permission.

FOIPP, Technology & Locker Forms

All parents must consent to the school Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy agreement necessary for the purpose of permitting your child's name to be published along with their work, in newsletters and other School Division Publications. Parents are also required to agree to a *Computer Network Acceptable Use Agreement* in order for their



children to have Computer & Internet privileges. These are both done on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All Students in Grades 4-9

have access to lockers. There is no charge for Students to use lockers. A combination lock is supplied by the school for students in Grades 6-9. Personal locks are not permitted on lockers and will be cut off if used. All students with lockers MUST have their parents agree to a *Parkland School Division Locker License Agreement* in order to use a locker.



All agreements for FOIPP, Technology and Locker Agreements are online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Lunch Time—Offsite Permission

Our lunch break is from 11:42am to 12:32pm. There is lunch recess supervision for students during lunch recess (11:42am-12:12pm). Students are to eat in home rooms supervised by their homeroom



teachers during eating times 12:12 to 12:32pm. To ensure the safety of all Wabamun School students, the students must remain at the school at all times unless they reside in the Village of Wabamun and have parental permission to go to their home for lunch. This will ensure our students may be accounted for during lunch time in the event of an emergency. Students who receive permission to go home for lunch are under the responsibility of their parents during this time.

Thank you for assisting us in keeping your children safe at school.



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*Perseverance
Resilience
Integrity
Determination
Empathy*

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 First Day for all last name A-M students K-9	1 First Day for all last name N-Z students K-9	2 All students Kindergarten to grade 9 attend	3	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Kindergarten Friday</div>	5
6	7 Labor Day Holiday	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">School Council Google Meet 11:00am</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Fundraising Meet to follow School Council Mtng</div>	16	17	18	19
20	21 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">School Council & WSFA AGM Google Meets @2:45pm</div>	22	23	24 Terry Fox Run During Phys Ed class 	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Kindergarten Friday</div>	26
27	28	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Virtual Coffee with the Principal via Google Meet 9:00am</div>	30	1	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Kindergarten Friday</div>	