

MECCA GLEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

September is in the books and it seems time has flown by as we have quickly moved into October. We have had a very successful start up to the 2018/19 school year. Our Terry Fox Run this year was once again very successful. Students raised a significant amount of money in a variety of ways, with all proceeds going to the cancer research. Thank you once again to all students, staff and parent volunteers for making this day a success. Our total raised through donations, bake sale and the Troitsky 8/9 Auction was \$1895.05.

At the beginning of each school year, as a staff, we go over roles for responses to various types of emergencies. We then practice school wide drills at different times throughout the year, so in the event a real emergency happens, staff and students know what to do. The most common drill, and the one most people know about, is the Fire Drill, but there are three more drills that we practice at school which I thought I'd outline: Lock -Down, Shelter-In-Place, and Hold and Secure.

The Lock-Down is the process we would use for securing students and staff into designated areas when there is a threat of violence inside the school. The main objective for the Lock Down is to protect the maximum number of people by getting them into locked locations. The school has identified and taught students where to go depending on where they are if a lock down were to occur.

A Shelter-In-Place would be called most often during severe

weather. It is designed to direct students and staff to safe places indoors. During a Shelter-In-Place there is no threat of violence so the doors are not required to be locked. Some potential Shelter-In-Place situations may be a tornado, hazardous material spill by the school, or a potentially dangerous animal on the playground. The location where students would be requested to be within the school would vary depending on the situation.

Hold and Secure is a process used to lock all exit/entrances of the school if there is an emergency situation outside of the school. Students and staff will all be called inside of the building. Normal movement is permitted within the school which is different than the Shelter-In-Place where movement is directed. The main objective of the Hold and Secure is to keep any potential threats outside of the school building.

We will be practicing these drills along with the regular Fire Drill at various points throughout the school year.

As always, we thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the school. Each teacher will have set up a system to communicate with parents in some way (agenda's, Remind App, Classroom Dojo), please feel free to use this avenue to connect with them as well.

Mr. Walker

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Principal - Mr. Walker

Administrative Assistant - Mrs. Johnson

HOMEROOM TEACHERS

Kindergarten - Mrs. Folk

Grade 1 - Mrs. Ronnie

Grade 2/3 - Mrs. Nickerson

Grade 4 - Mr. Erickson

Grade 5/6 - Miss Street

Grade 7 - Mr. Zandberg

Grade 8/9 - Mr. Troitsky

PARENT PORTAL

Parents are reminded that Parent Portal IDs and Log-ins issued last year are still in place for this school year. Access to Parent Portal allows parents of all students to check attendance and give preferences to how they receive automated announcements (text, email, phone) from the school. The new payment system will run through Parent Portal as well! Be sure to click on the "P" (as pictured below) to access your account.

Fee Payments - Students Registered At WCPS



FEE PAYMENTS

All school fees, urban busing fees for Wolf Creek Public School students

Click on the PowerSchool Parent Portal button to login

Click on the link 'Student Fees' in the sidebar navigation menu

Review your child's fees

Add any additional items to your shopping cart

Checkout and pay for student fees

[CLICK HERE FOR POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS](#)

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

School Social Worker - Mrs. Besuijen

Inclusion Coach - Mrs. S. Johnson

Educational Assistant - Mrs. Wiancko

Mrs. Scott

Mrs. Norn

Mrs. Hoekstra

Mrs. Shackleton

Mrs. Weiler

Custodian - Mr. Skaley



SCHOOL FEES

Here is a quick summary of school fees for the 2018-2019 school year. For a full break down, please log on to your child's account .

Kindergarten - \$75.00

Grade 1 - \$70.00

Grade 2/3 - \$75.00

Grade 4 - \$60.00

Grade 5/6 - \$75.00

Grade 7 - 9 - \$30.00

Junior High options, sports fees, and locks will be charged on a per option basis throughout the year. Hot Lunch / Milk program fees will be available throughout the year (required online).

NEW BELL SCHEDULE

Homecourt / Announcements	8:05 - 8:07
Period 1	8:07 - 8:38
Period 2	8:38 - 9:09
Period 3	9:09 - 9:40
Period 4	9:40 - 10:11
Recess	10:11 - 10:26
Period 5	10:26 - 10:57
Period 6	10:57 - 11:28
Period 7	11:28 - 11:59
Lunch	11:59 - 12:14
Lunch Recess	12:14 - 12:39
Period 8	12:39 - 1:10
Period 9	1:10 - 1:41
Period 10	1:41 - 2:12
Period 11	2:12 - 2:43
Homecourt / Dismissal	2:43 - 2:47

Buses leave at 2:55 pm

Please try and make before / after school arrangements during non-school hours.

HANDBOOK

Parents, please take some time to read through the [student/parent handbook](#). Also, take note that school rules and policies may be revised and developed as required throughout the school year. These will be communicated in our monthly newsletter, so it is also important to read our newsletter carefully.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 16th - Photo Day
October 29th - November 2nd - Book Fair
Tuesday, November 6th - Retake Photo Day
Thursday, January 31st - Canyon Ski Day
Tuesday, February 12th - Alberta Opera
Friday, May 31st - Sports Day
Thursday, June 6th - Grade 9 Farewell
Tuesday, June 25th - Year End Celebration

ASSESSMENT REPORTS / INTERVIEW DATES

November 22nd - Progress Reports Go Home
November 29th - Parent / Teacher Interviews
January 29th - Report Cards Go Home
February 7th - Parent / Teacher Interviews
April 18th - Progress Reports Go Home
April 25th - Parent Teacher Interviews
June 25th - Report Cards Go Home

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Please ensure you complete the online registration form that was emailed home to you in August. It ensures your child's demographic information is up to date in our student records system. If you did not receive an email to complete your child's registration, please contact the school office today.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Wolf Creek Public Schools has implemented a **NEW volunteer policy** for the upcoming school year. **ALL volunteers** will be required to complete a Volunteer Application Form, a Criminal Record Declaration, and get a Vulnerable Sector Check completed at the police station. The Vulnerable Sector Check will be kept on file for three years. A letter with more details will be coming home separate from the newsletter.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions, or want to request to start the process.

ATTENDANCE

Success in academic pursuits is largely dependent on regular attendance. As much as possible, appointments, vacations, and other controlled situations should be planned to miss as little school as possible. If your child is going to be absent, please provide a note or telephone call to inform the school of the absence before 9:00 am. If the absence remains unexcused, you can expect a phone call home from our automated system.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be participating in swimming lessons at the Ponoka Aquaplex. Watch for more info later!

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Wolf Creek has a policy regarding the administration of any medications from school employees to students. A form is to be filled out by the parent, as well as the physician. All medications, including EPI pens, etc must be current.

Should you require any more details about this policy, please contact the school office.

If your child has an allergy note on file, the school office will be in contact with you to ensure the proper paperwork and medication are on file.

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

There are some important upcoming changes regarding the vaccination schedule.

Alberta is moving from a three-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 5 to a two-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 6 for both HBV and HPV. The Government of Alberta is making this change to align with the evidence, which shows administering two doses at least six months apart provides children with good protection against HBV and HPV diseases. This change aligns with a number of jurisdictions in Canada that have already adopted a two-dose schedule for both vaccines.

Beginning in the 2018/19 school year, public health nurses will also be offering immunizations to students in Grade 1 to 9 who are missing any.

NUT FREE

Mecca Glen is a NUT FREE building. Please keep that in mind when you are packing nutritious lunches for your child.

ENTER TO WIN

For your chance to win, please email your answer to meccaglen@wolfcreek.ab.ca.

Who is currently the longest serving Mecca Glen staff member?

All correct entries will be entered in to a draw!

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Rycor is the preferred method of payment. HOWEVER, cheques can be accepted for required items.

Please make cheques payable to:

WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

If you are issuing a cheque for fundraising related items, please make cheques payable to

MECCA GLEN FUNDRAISING SOCIETY.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

On Tuesday, October 16th, Lifetouch will be here to take individual photographs of all students and staff. Group photos will also be taken this day. Picture retakes will be taken on Tuesday, November 6th.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This year, Mecca Glen will be hosting the annual book fair from October 27th to November 2nd. The book fair will be open for purchases between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. Your support of this program brings many books into our library circulation each year.

A huge thanks to our parent volunteers from last year for working at the book fair! We really appreciated it, and we would like to proceed with the same thing this year. **If you are able to lend a helping hand on any of the dates, we would be very grateful!** Shifts will run from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We require two volunteers/day.

Please call the office today to set up your time!

PARKING

There is no parking anywhere along the west side of the school as it interferes with the buses and creates a significant safety issue with students trying to cross among parked vehicles. Parents may park in front of the school near the main entrance (north facing doors) and students may walk on the sidewalk to and from their assigned entrance. Parents may also park in the staff parking lots.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

On Thursday, November 22nd, please come to the School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm.



WHAT IS SCHOOL COUNCIL?

The Mecca Glen School Council will meet four or five times throughout the year to lend their voice and energy to making Mecca Glen School a great place to be.

School Council is an important parent advisory body for our school. School Council serves as the hub of many parent-run teams and activities. As well, parents who attend School Council meetings are informed about, and hold discussions on, various educational matters and initiatives at our school.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend of these meetings, including our one Annual School Community General Meetings, which are held every May. Watch in the Mecca Glen Bulletin for meeting dates.

For more information, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Chair - Mrs. Shannon Quapp

Vice Chair - Mrs. Theresa Klassen

Secretary - Mrs. Kristi Padgham

Treasurer - Mrs. Stacey Waddell

MGFS Chair - Mr. Willem Huijssoon

HELP WANTED

The Mecca Glen Fundraising Society / School Council is looking for a parent/guardian that wants to become **Treasurer**.

Duties include issuing cheques, depositing money, and balancing the books. Support would be available!

It is a great way to become involved.

Please contact Willem at (403) 704-5720 or willem@xplornet.ca.

VOLUNTEER SURVEYS

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Volunteer Surveys!

MECCA GLEN FUNDRAISING

Following the School Council Meeting on Thursday, November 22nd, the Mecca Glen Fundraising Society will be having a meeting as well. Come out to learn about the upcoming fundraisers!

THURSDAY THEME DAYS

October 18th-Camo Day
November 15th-Crazy Hair Day
December 19th-PJ Day
January 17th-Flannel Day
February 21st-Staff Look A Like Day
March 28th-Hat Day
April 11th-Jersey Day
May 23rd-Mecca Pride Day
June 20th-Farmer Day

COMMUNITY NEWS



Ponoka Jr. Curling
2018-2019
Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm
November 7 - February 27

Registration and Parent Meeting
October 25 @ 7:00pm
Ponoka Curling Center
For Youth 8-17

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

IAP Kids Accident Insurance is a Voluntary Program available to all students. For more information, please check out:

<https://www.kidsplus.ca/>



HEALTH NEWS







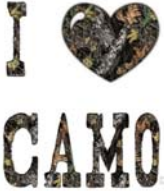



Alberta Health
Services

Central Zone Oral Health Program School Oral Health Services



- The Oral Health Program will be coming to your child's school to offer free fluoride varnish for all children from kindergarten to grade 2.
- We will also provide free dental sealants for all grade 1 and 2 students who need them.
- The Oral Health team will be at your school **Tuesday October 16**. If you have any questions, please call the oral health staff at the **Wetaskiwin Community Health Centre at 780-312-7941**.

September

	1 Day A	2	3 Day B	4	5 Day C	6
	8 Thanksgiving Day 	9 Farm Safety (K-6) 	10 Day A	11 Pizza Day 	12 Staff Collaboration Day	13
14	15 Day B	16 Photo Day  <i>Picture Day!</i>	17 Day C	18 Camo Day 	19 Day A	20
21	22 Day B	23 Pancake Day 	24 Day C	25	26 Staff Collaboration Day	27
28	29 Day A 	30	31 Extra Kindergarten Day			
Scholastic Book Fair						