



Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - January 8, 2024

6:00 p.m. In Person - Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

Principal's Report - R. Reyes

Wow! How this first part of the year has flown by! We hope that all of our Wayoata families had a restful and joyful winter break! We are excited to see our students back at school in this New Year!

1. **Winter Concerts and Afternoon Teas** - We would like to thank our families for their support of our students at Wayoata's Grades 1-5 winter concerts and our Kindergartens' Afternoon Tea performances! We put on an incredible 11 concerts over the course of 4 days and evenings in December! Thank you to Mr. McPherson and all of the staff involved in making these concerts a success, and to our students for their tremendous work practicing and preparing!
2. **Lockdown & Hold and Secure Practices** - We had very successful Lockdown and Hold & Secure practices on December 13. Each practice was completed in less than 5 mins. Teachers pre-taught and discussed these practices with their classes, as well as debriefed with their students afterwards. We will have another practice closer to springtime.
3. **Extracurricular Activities**
 - a. **Volleyball Club** - Our grades 4 & 5 students had the opportunity to participate in Volleyball Club and the Grade 5's from the club attended the divisional tournament at Bernie Wolfe in November with Ms. Falconer.
 - b. **Student Voice Club**

Our 3/4/5 Student Voice Club ran a very successful Koats for Kids drive, collecting numerous items of gently used children's outerwear to donate. These students also collected, sorted, and organized food and gift items for 3 large Christmas Hampers. A small group of grade 5 students assisted in the delivery of these hampers.

Thank you to our Wayoata families for your generous donations towards these important community service projects!

4. **Skating/Hockey** - Now that the winter temperatures have finally dipped low enough, Mr. McGurry and students have been working hard preparing our outdoor rink! We are looking forward to curling, skating, hockey, and other fun activities on the ice!
5. **Litterless Snack Days** - We are encouraging all students to bring a litterless snack on the last Monday of each month, to encourage environmental friendliness and to support our ESD initiatives at Wayoata. There are also many litterless snack options available on our snack cart throughout the week.

Lunch Program Coordinator Report - From Coralee: Happy new year! We are back and ready for the new term. Last week our staff got together for a dinner in honour of the holidays and we had a lovely time. We currently have five full time and three part time lunch supervisors. We will be losing one by the end of January, but thankfully I already have another parent interested in joining the team. Having the few extra part time staff ensures we continue to have full coverage when staff are sick or away for various reasons.

We are excited for snow play now that we've had a bit more snow and look forward to seeing the crazy carpets return to the playground after the students' annual safety reminders. Some more snow toys will be added soon. We especially like to see the cooperative snow building on the playground.

January focus for Lunch Program: to continue to facilitate a safe and respectful environment inside and outside the school building.

Thank you, WSCC, for your time and investment in supporting the students and staff of Wayoata School!

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, February 5th