



Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - January 13, 2025

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 of 2025!

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 performances! We put on an incredible 10 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! Thank you also for your generous donations towards our silver collection, which allowed over \$700 to go back into our Music programming.
2. **Lockdown & Hold and Secure Practices** - We had very successful Lockdown and Hold & Secure practices on November 26. 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** - 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 Christmas Hampers. A small group of grade 5 students assisted in the delivery of these hampers. Due to your generosity, we not only assembled 3

generous Christmas hampers, but we were also able to donate many extra items to the Transcona Food Bank, who was very appreciative!

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 dipped low enough, Mr. McGurry and students have been working hard preparing and maintaining our outdoor rink! Some classes have had their first turn to skate on the ice already, and the others will have their turns in the coming days! We are also looking forward to curling, hockey, and ice games on our outdoor rink!
5. **Safeway Collaboration** - Look for our students' beautiful artwork on Safeway's paper bags over the coming days! We're hoping to warm hearts with our "Beat the Winter Blahs" winter artwork and warm messaging to our community! 😊
6. **Teacher Collaboration** - Many of our teachers are engaging in professional learning and planning opportunities to collaborate with one another to create exciting projects and learning activities for their students. Just a few examples are:
 - Our Grade 4/5 teachers, along with Ms. Falconer, have planned and begun a cross-subject, cross-classroom project where students from all 3 classes are mixed together and engage in a variety of learning stations and inquiry activities.
 - Our Grade 2/3 teachers, along with Mr. McPherson, have planned and are soon to begin an exciting inquiry project involving research from various sources, design, and creation of habitats/biomes, using criteria and incorporating Minecraft Education as a creation tool.

Lunch Program Coordinator Report - From Sunaina:

Good evening, everyone, and a very happy New Year!

As we step into this new year, I'm grateful for the smooth and uneventful month we've just had. Despite the cold weather, everything has been running without a hitch, and our lunch service has stayed consistent. It's the kind of calm we can all appreciate.

I look forward to what's ahead and to continuing our work together. Here's to another great year of smooth operations and, hopefully, a little warmer weather! Thank you all for your continued support.

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

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, February 10th