



Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - November 6, 2023

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

Principal's Report - R. Reyes

It's been a great first two months of learning, and we are already nearing the end of Term 1! We appreciate all of the families who were able to connect with teachers either in-person or online to celebrate their children's learning during our Learning Conferences last week.

1. **Picture Retake Day** - Our Picture Retake Day went well on October 19th, with Edge Imaging. Edge will be returning in the Spring for group/class photos.
2. **Halloween Dance** - A huge thank you to WSCC for hosting a very successful Halloween Dance at Wayoata! Our students and families were all smiles (and sweat!) as they left after a great night of dancing, treats, and prize draws!
3. **Learning Conferences** - We want to thank all families who booked a time to attend their child's learning conference, whether in person or virtual! We had approximately 75% of our families engage in important celebration and conversation with their child and classroom teacher, to support student success at Wayoata.
4. **Extracurricular Activities**
 - a. **Student Voice Club** - Our 3/4/5 Student Voice Club, collected nearly 300 pairs of socks during our Socktober sock drive! Now they're taking on a Koats for Kids drive, hoping to collect lots of gently used children's outerwear to donate to this important cause! They are also beginning to think ahead to collecting and organizing food and gift items for 2-3 Christmas Hampers.
 - b. **Volleyball** - Ms. Falconer has taken the lead on coaching Grade 4/5 Volleyball this year. The grade 5's will head over to Bernie Wolfe School on November 28 for their volleyball tournament.
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.

6. Lockdown & Hold and Secure Practices - We are required to have two practices throughout the year. We will have one of these practices prior to winter break, and one in the springtime. Teachers all have age-appropriate conversations with their classes about these practices and ensure that students know that they are safe and that this is just a practice.

7. Winter Concerts - It's that time of year again! Winter Concert preparations are in full swing at Wayoata! Mr. McPherson, with the help of many teachers, have been organizing songs, lines, scripts, roles, costumes, and more, to prepare for a great show! Our students are already working hard in music, choir, and during additional rehearsals!

Winter Concert dates will be December 5 & 6, for Grades 1-5, with more details to come soon.

Kindergartens will put on an Afternoon Tea & Performance on December 14 & 15. More details will come on this soon, too!

Lunch Program Coordinator Report - From Coralee: With the coming of fall, we have also experienced the joys of colds and flus. Working through some staff shortages made us realize that we could use a bit more help with the program and have hired another part time mama going forward.

We have been focussing on playground safety and respect as students continue to learn how to work fairly within a community.

The snow brought a buzz of excitement throughout the school and our snow toys have traded spaces with the hula hoops, skipping ropes and balls in retirement. We need to consider making some additions to our snow toy inventory as students are disappointed to find the bin emptying so quickly.

Areas of focus for November: students could use some practice lining up to come inside and will need to go through the crazy carpet matrix before re-introducing carpets to the sledding hill.

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

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, Decmeber 4th