



Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - November 4, 2024

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 that so many families who were able to connect with teachers to celebrate their children's learning during our Learning Conferences last week.

1. **Picture Retake Day** - Our Picture Retake Day went well today (November 4th), 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 as they left after a great night of dancing, treats, and prizes!
3. **Learning Conferences** - We want to thank all families who booked a time to attend their child's learning conference! We had 74% of our families engage in this important celebration and conversation with their child and classroom teacher, to support student success at Wayoata. Our Scholastic Book Fair was also a great success, with many students leaving with great new books (and fancy pens and erasers!). Our teachers also greatly appreciated WSCC's generosity in supporting them to purchase a few new books for each of our classrooms!
4. **Extracurricular Activities**
 - a. **Student Voice Club** - Our 3/4/5 Student Voice Club, collected 140 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 to support the creation of Christmas Hampers.
 - b. **Volleyball** - Ms. Falconer and Mr. McGurry will be coaching Grade 4/5 Volleyball this year. The grade 5's will head over to Bernie Wolfe School later in November/early in December for their volleyball tournament.

5. **Litterless Snack Days** - We always encourage students to bring a litterless snack as often as possible, 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, such as fresh fruit.
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 at recess!
Winter Concert dates will be December 11 & 12, for Grades 1-5, with more details to come very soon.
Kindergartens will put on an Afternoon Tea & Performance on December 17 & 18.
More details will come on this very soon, too!

Lunch Program Coordinator Report - From Sunaina: This month we hired one new full time lunch supervisor, Ashley, and our part time supervisor bid farewell to us this month. We bought new balls and other items. Looking ahead to winter, we are preparing by reviewing our indoor and outdoor lunch protocols to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for our students. Our team is committed to creating a positive and healthy dining environment where students can enjoy their meals and build strong positive habits. We look forward to working closely with the school community to ensure every student has a wonderful experience. I welcome any suggestions you might have to enhance our winter procedures. Together, we can create a positive atmosphere this winter!

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

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, Decmeber 2nd