



## Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - October 2, 2023

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

Principal's Report - R. Reyes

It's incredible how quickly September has flown by! It's been a great first month of learning, getting to know our students, and building classroom and school communities.

1. **Classroom and School Matrices** - Teachers have been working with their classes on establishing expectations by creating Classroom Matrices and Classroom Treaties. School-Wide Matrices (Recess, Lunch, Hallway, Bathroom) are also being re-taught and reinforced regularly.
2. **Bus Patrol Training & Bus Evacuation Drills** - Our Bus Evac Drills went smoothly on Sept 19 & 20. We had 5 trained bus patrols supporting our bus drivers, students, and teachers with their bus evacuation practices.
3. **Picture Days** - Our Picture Days went well on Sept 21 & 22, with all students in attendance having their photo taken by Edge Imaging. We will have a re-take day for those who were absent or those wanting a re-take on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Terry Fox & Childhood Cancer Awareness** - Our Terry Fox donation campaign was a success with \$793 raised for the Terry Fox Foundation. We ended the campaign with our Terry Fox Run/Walk on Sept 22. Alongside our Terry Fox activities, we also recognized Childhood Cancer Awareness month, with many classes painting rocks yellow/gold and decorating them in honour of this special month. Students then placed these rocks out in the community, to help bring awareness.
5. **Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day** - We did lots of important learning, reading, and discussing about residential schools, Orange Shirt Day, and Truth and Reconciliation this week, leading up to our assembly on Sept 29. At our assembly, we talked about the number 300, and how this is the number of days/nights that some children at residential schools went without seeing their families. At the end of our assembly, one of our grade 4/5 classes recited the poem 300 Sleeps and we listened to the song version as we exited the gym to head outside for a slow, quiet, reflective school-wide walk around our track (which is a little more than 300 steps

depending on the length of your legs). We counted our steps (if we can count that high) and thought about each step as one full day and night, then followed up with continued conversations in our classrooms.

#### **6. Extracurricular Activities**

- a. **Cross Country** - We had approx. 70 students attend Cross Country Club and attend our Divisional Cross Country Meet on Sept. 26. They had a great time and represented Wayoata very well!
  - b. **Flag Football** - Approx 35 of our Grade 4/5 students are regularly attending our Flag Football club and will be representing Wayoata at the Divisional Flag Football event in 2 weeks!
  - c. **Tech Leadership** - Mr. McPherson is running a Tech Leadership Club for Grades 5 students interested in learning about and teaching others about cool new technology. They are currently learning about TailBots and are preparing a plan to teach the Grade 2/3 classes about this!
  - d. **Student Voice Club** - Our 3/4/5 Student Voice Club, led by Ms. Giesbrecht & supported by Ms. Falconer, is in full swing and continues to take on many important roles in the building. They primarily focus on ESD-based Social and Environmental Justice projects like supporting the school's recycling and composting efforts, and they are thinking ahead to Socktober and Christmas Hampers!
  - e. **Student Leadership** - Our Grades 3-5 students are all involved with Student Leadership roles/responsibilities including Patrols, Lunch Helpers, delivering Recess Radios to teacher supervisors, Kindergarten Helpers, Compost Helpers, etc.
- 7. Lunch Program Coordinator Report - From Coralee:** It's been a great first month at Wayoata School Lunch Program. We currently have five full time and one part time supervisors. We are considering hiring one more supervisor to help support the very busy first graders and to help cover any sick days etc. Our full-time supervisors attended URIS training and we have been working hard to familiarize ourselves with the medical concerns/needs of our students. The teachers and staff have done a great job instructing the students on the lunch matrix and we are happy to report that students, for the most part, are working to meet those expectations. The wasps are mostly gone and kids have been able to enjoy being outside all month long. Ladybugs are a huge entertaining factor for some young friends!

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

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>