



Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - October 7, 2024

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. School-Wide Matrices (Recess, Lunch, Hallway, Bathroom) are also being re-taught and reinforced regularly. As a whole school, we also have a weekly matrix focus, where we review and re-teach the expectations of one of our school-wide matrices (hallway, bathroom, lunch, or playground) each week.
- 2. Meet the Teacher Open House** - We had a fabulous turnout for our open house on the evening of Sept 3, and it seemed to be very helpful in easing nerves, as well as promoting a smooth start back for students on Sept 4, as they already knew who their teacher was and where their classroom was located.
- 3. Bus Patrol Training & Bus Evacuation Drills** - Our Bus Evac Drills went smoothly on Sept 16 & 17. We had 8 bus patrols who were trained on Sept 11, who supported our bus drivers, students, and teachers with their bus evacuation practices.
- 4. Picture Days** - Our Picture Days went well on Sept 19 & 20, 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 Nov 4th. We will also have Edge Imaging returning in the springtime for class group photos.
- 5. Terry Fox & Childhood Cancer Awareness** - Our Terry Fox campaign was a success with \$458 raised for the Terry Fox Foundation. We ended the campaign with our Terry Fox Run/Walk on Sept 20. Alongside our Terry Fox activities, we also recognized Childhood Cancer Awareness month, with a special fundraiser organized by one of our grade 5 students, Leighton, as well as his mom, his classmates, and Ms. Giesbrecht. Leighton is a childhood cancer survivor and Leighton's Lemonade Stand (a lemonade and cookie fundraiser) raised nearly \$1700

to be donated to childhood cancer research. Thank you to our Wayoata students and families for your overwhelming support with this special fundraiser!

6. **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, during the last week of September. At our assembly to start the week, Ms. Morin's grade 4/5 class shared about the meaning of Orange Shirt Day and the importance of Truth and Reconciliation. Throughout the week, classes engaged in classroom-based activities and learning, at an appropriate level for their ages. At the end the week, we gathered in the gym again, and set the purpose and tone for our Honour Walk, which is a slow, quiet, reflective school-wide walk around our track as we think about the many children who did not get to walk home to their loving families, as we get to do each day after school.
7. **Extracurricular Activities**
 - a. **Cross Country** - We had approx. 80 students attend Cross Country Club and attend our Divisional Cross-Country Meet on Sept. 24. They had a great time and represented Wayoata very well!
 - b. **Student Voice Club** - Our 3/4/5 Student Voice Club, led by Ms. Giesbrecht, has started up 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 now starting to work on their Socktober initiative and thinking ahead to Christmas Hampers!
 - c. **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.
8. **Lunch Program Coordinator Report - From Sunaina:** I'm thrilled to stand before you today as your new lunch coordinator. It's hard to believe that a month has already passed since I started this journey with all of you at our wonderful elementary school, leading a dedicated team of five full-time supervisors and two part-time supervisors! The teachers did a great job explaining the lunch matrix to the students and the students' performance is completely satisfactory. Now look, the winter is just around the corner! We are starting to prepare winter activities for the kids to have more fun. If anybody has any thoughts, I'm here to listen and make our lunch program the best it can be. Thanks! - Sunaina

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

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, November 4th