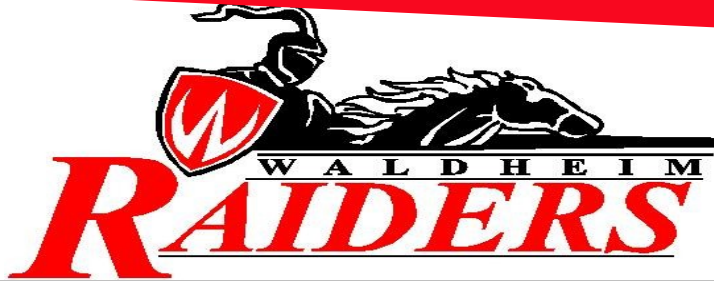


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From the Administrative Team

"Culture eats strategy for breakfast"

Peter Drucker

This is a statement that the vice-principal, Mr. Cameron, shared with me the other day during one of our many learning conversations after school. Being that we are both so new to Waldheim School, we are able to look at the school with fresh eyes and are able to experience the culture that has been created over the years here. As with every school there are those students who are more vulnerable than others for a variety of reasons, however the reason we see so much success and growth is due in large part to the culture of our school community. I use the term school community, because it is so much more than what takes place within the walls of our building from 9:00 to 3:00. The saying *it takes a village* has never been so evident as it is in Waldheim. From my office I am able to reap the rewards of the hard work everyone is doing with our children. Thank you for that!

As usual, March is always a busy month, and the term *March Madness* can apply to so much more than just a basketball tournament south of the border. The month started with a tremendous learning opportunity for our grade 6 students who took part in Resonate at Bethany College in Hepburn. Resonate is a day long workshop for students who were introduced to such things as ukuleles, boom-whackers, rhythm sticks, the Garage Band app, and many other exciting instruments and techniques. We had some unique learning opportunities for our grade 1's as Mrs. Smith created a Poetry Café in the library; it was great to see such a wonderful turn out. Speaking of great turn outs, Mr. Cameron shared with me how many people were in the school on the evening of the 13th for Mrs. Hardy's Genius Hour presentations. Other terrific things that were going on included Mr. Cameron's *Frugal Field Trip* to Saskatoon with his Geography class and Mrs. Waugh's trip with the SRC and some grade 10 students to We Day. One of the highlights of the month though was the annual school hockey tournament. Mr. Block and the student athletic committee put together another amazing day for students and teachers. It was so heartwarming to see such a great turn out of parents to watch some fun hockey. The unfortunate news is that the teachers were not able to defeat the student team, so we will be subject to some "trash talking" for a while.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to have the opportunity to meet with you and your children during our parent/teacher/student conferences which take place on Wednesday March 22nd and Thursday March 23rd. Please contact the office for more information if needed. We are also excited about our grade 4 - 12 ski trip which is slated to go on Thursday, March 28th. We are heading to Wapiti Valley Resort, which is close to Melfort, and they have indicated they believe there will be plenty of great snow left for us to enjoy as their runs are well protected.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, and as always, if you are in or around the school, please pop in and say hi, we love to chat.

Mr. Mellesmoen, Principal

Mr. Cameron, Vice-Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER!

March 17 - Grade 1-9 Progress Reports

March 22 and 23 (3:15 to 6:30) - Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences!

March 24 - Prep Day for Teachers, NO CLASSES!

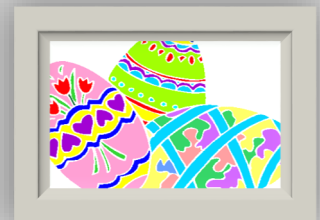
March 28 - Grade 4-12 Ski Trip @ Wapiti

April 6 - Subway Sale!

April 7 - Day in Lieu of conferences, NO CLASSES!

April 14 - Good Friday, NO CLASSES!

April 17-21 - Easter Break, NO CLASSES!



What's Happening? Grade 4

It's been so great being back in Grade 4 again after my mat-leave! Already the Grade 4's have done and

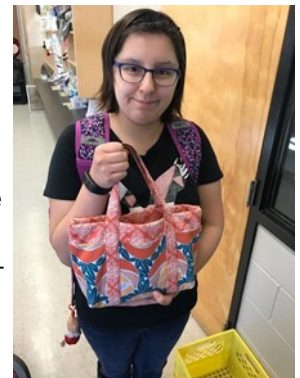
learned a lot! The grade 4's worked hard on creating displays showing what they are passionate about and we invited our families in for a potluck lunch and showed off our displays. We've been learning about Multiplication and Division in Math. The students created posters showing what they've learned about Multiplication and why it's important in their lives. We are currently exploring Sound in Science and doing noisy activities learning about how sound is produced and heard. In Social Studies we are exploring Saskatchewan Power and Authority and learning about the different levels of Government. Our class has been working hard on our reading strategies - specifically making inferences. The students love watching short movies and inferring what will happen next or why things are happening! They created informative articles, writing about topics they felt they knew a lot about and stretched their writing and paragraph building skills. They will be creating routines in gym showing off their complex locomotor skills, to music! It's a blast being in Grade 4. 😊

Mrs. Kerr



What's Happening? Home Ec

Creative juices are flowing and tantalizing smells are in the air in the Home Ec room. Many students continue to hone their skills in both the kitchen and at the sewing machine. The second semester brings the senior students who are busy trying new things and perfecting their existing skills.



This year the home ec room welcomes Mrs. Waugh as the "other half" of Mrs. Laskowski. She has brought new recipes and a welcomed variety to the classroom.



Many Christmas gifts were made this year by our grade 8 students as well as a plethora of Christmas baking by the Hepburn 10 students. We continue to "gift" the teachers with extras from the kitchen.



With spring quickly approaching, the students look forward to working outside with the BBQ Unit – for some, it can't come quickly enough!

Mrs. Laskowski & Mrs. Waugh

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jamey Fehr...

For as far back as I can remember, I have loved books!!! My mom used to take my brother, sister and I to the Public Library in the city to bring home a huge bag full of books and that was my favourite day of the week! I could never get over the fact that I was allowed to borrow more books than I could even carry :) Robert Munsch and "Little Critter" books were my favourite books as a beginner reader and this was followed by a few different series' like " The Little's" , "Babysitters Club", and Beverly Cleary books. Through high school I liked anything with a happy ending...and that hasn't really changed!! Today, I like to try a variety of different books and although most of my reading is done with my little man, one of my favorite things to do in summer is grab a book and head out to the swing on my deck to relax...can't wait to do that again here soon!!

Trace Block...

What is Mr. Block reading?

Besides watching some good hockey games over the February break, I started to read a book called Let Justice Roll Down. It is the story of Rev. John Perkins and his work in the civil rights movement in Mississippi in the 1960`s and 70`s. Perkins came to know Jesus Christ as his savior and felt called to share the love of God with African Americans in Mississippi. He helped lead the way for his own people in their fight for equality, justice and economic independence amidst arrests, beating and torture at the hands of state police. I found this book really interesting because it shows a man`s faith in action helping those around him who are disadvantaged.

Danielle McLaren....

This is my second year at Waldheim, although you may not recognize my name. I was formerly Miss Kirkup. I have always loved to read. One of my favourite books from when I was in elementary was Stella Luna. For those of you who don't know it, it's all about this little fruit bat, and for whatever reason I was hooked. In my teenage years I fell in love with the Harry Potter series and committed to reading every book before seeing the movies. This has continued to become a big trend for me; I now need to read a book before I see a movie based on it. This also tends to guide what I read. I will see a movie trailer and think I need to see that movie; I then discover that it is actually based on a novel and that's how my reading list develops.





Smashball Volleyball

Is a dynamic and innovative program designed for children teaching the fundamentals of volleyball starting with the most exciting skill...the spike!!!

Program: Grades 4 & 5 Girls

Where: School Gym

**When: Mar 29, Apr 5, Apr 12, May 1, May 3, May 8, May 10, May 24, May 29, May 31, June 7
3:00-4:25**

Fee: \$40 includes shirt

Registration deadline March 24.

**email michelleraeashby@hotmail.com
for registration form.**



Schedule of Events for Waldheim Library



March 22- *Essential Oils Info Night*, 7pm

March 27-*Youth Paint Night*(ages 9-14) 6pm

March 29- *Just In Case Seminar* 7pm

April 7- *Story Time*, 10:30am

April 20-*Risen: The Movie* 2pm

April 29- *50th Year Celebration* 2-4pm

May 1- *Create Kit Launch* 7pm

50 Years: We've Come a Long Way, Baby

2017 marks the fiftieth year of operation for Wheatland Regional Library, & the Waldheim Branch is set to celebrate on Saturday, April 29th from 2-4pm with everything from an appearance by Hootie, buttonmaking, slideshow, Sphero-bots, to cupcakes. Make sure you come out to celebrate with us. We're not just getting older-we're getting better!

Is There a Robot in Your Future ?

You never know what's going to be happening at the library these days but if you keep your eyes open you just may get in on the fun because there's going to be a whole lot of robot action coming to the library in the near future ! Like us on Facebook & subscribe to our events or check out the calendar on our Page on the town website. (www.waldheim.ca) for more details.



Things You Can Do to Raise a Reader

Look for new books and authors that your child may enjoy.

Organize an area dedicated to reading and writing tools.

Visit the library for story time and book recommendations.

Encourage your child to talk about what he's read.

Talk to your child, and sprinkle interesting words into your conversation.

Offer a variety of books to read.



Read with your child every day.

Expand your home library to include magazines and nonfiction.

Ask questions if you're concerned about your child's development.

Decide to raise a reader!

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
K1 - Mrs. June Kitchen's kindergarten class K2 - Mrs. Michelle Fong's kindergarten class			1 Day B (K2)	2 Day C (K1)	3 Day D (K2)	4
5	6 Subway sale forms due by 3:00 pm! Day E (K1)	7 Day F (K2)	8 Day A (K1)	9 Day B (K2)	10  Day C (K1)	11
12	13 Day D (K2)	14 Day E (K1)	15 Day F (K2)	16 Day A (K1)	17  Grade 1-8 Progress Reports Day B (K2)	18
19	20 Day C (K1)	21 Day D (K2)	22 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences from 3:15-6:30 Day E (K1)	23 Day F (K2)	24 Teacher Prep Day, NO CLASSES!	25
26	27 Day A (K1)	28 Ski Trip! Buses leave at 6:45 am and return @ 6:30 pm Day B (K2)	29 Day C (K1)	30 Day D (K2)	31 Day E (K1)	

April 2017

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<p>K1 - Mrs. June Kitchen's kindergarten class K2 - Mrs. Michelle Fong's kindergarten class</p>						1
2	3 Day F (K2)	4 Day A (K1)	5 Day B (K2)	6  Day C (K1)	7 Day D (K2)	8
9 Please note: Mrs. Kitchen's class Attends Monday!!!	10 Day E (K1)	11 Day F (K2)	12 Day A (K1)	13 Day B (K2)	14 Good Friday	15
16	<p>EASTER BREAK</p> 				21	22
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