



Walter and Gladys Hill

The Raven Report

3 - 301 Sparrow Hawk Drive

Fort McMurray, AB T9K 1S5

February 2015

Principal's Message

The Ravens continue to keep busy with both curricular and extra curricular activities. Grades 1-3 have a selection of after school activities happening during the week now and we had a large turn out each day. Grades 4-6 also has a menu of clubs to choose from including choir and guitar club at lunch times. We are beginning to prepare for the annual Rotary Music Festival and hope to bring back our very first awards!

Parents who attended tea time this past week were lucky to have a presentation from Mr. Parsons and the tech club on some of the latest projects they have been learning about and teaching their classmates about. We are excited to get our broadcasting program in place as we begin to practice using this technology.

The library now has interactive creativity and innovation centers linked to art and science. Students will be able to access these during the day and practice various skills and competencies while they learn.

Our fundraising has brought us about \$5000 for our Outdoor Classroom and this past week we received the exciting news that Nexen is going to contribute \$5000 to our project. This brings us to a total of ~\$10000, which is about half of our total needs. We will have another catalog fundraiser beginning Feb 19th and we await further news on other grants we have applied for,

The month of February will be busy with Chinese New Year celebrations, fundraising, skiing for grades 4-6, and the regular after school activities!

Reminder to Parents:

School Fees are due and payable.

Please make arrangements to visit the office to pay any outstanding fees. We accept debit, cash or cheque.

Thank you!

School Council

School Council is composed of parents, staff and community participants. It works to support the school in meeting its mission, and is the voice of parents in all matters that concern the school. Meetings are held monthly, and minutes of these are held in the office and are available for viewing.

Your Council representatives are:

Cara Anderson (Grade 4, K and ECDP), Carla Hambley (Grade 4 and Grade 1), Larisa Helle (Grade 2 and K), Nealda Bowry (Grade 5), Kriscinda Maki (K and ECDP) and Vanessa Harvey (Grade 1 and ECDP).

News from our Friends of Ravens Society!

Friend of Ravens Society

The Friends of Ravens fundraising society had a successful start to the school year and is working with Council and Ms Nutter to put fundraising proceeds towards items needed for the school. Our next fundraiser will be at the end of March. We are always looking for ideas, volunteers and donations – please help us grow the school.



Breakfast Program

We continue to offer breakfast to students from 7:45 am to 8:05 am. Students should finish their breakfast then go outside through their class doors to enjoy outdoors time before school starts (weather permitting).

We do not want students to linger in the common area after they have finished eating. Please remind students of this.



Lunch Program

We have launched an alternate lunch option of a 6” Subway sandwich (turkey or vegetarian) on Tuesdays. This has proved popular, although our Taco Thursdays are our school favorite. Ms McKinnon’s Grade 5 class leads the way in taco appreciation. Next month, we will offer a pizza option on the last Tuesday of the month, in addition to Subway and our home-cooked options. **Parents – we need you! Your help in cooking, serving, and/or cleaning up is needed for us to offer the program in future.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Gr. 5/6 Girls BB 2:40-4:00 pm</i>	3 <i>Gr. 5/6 Boys BB 2:40-4:00pm</i>	4	5 <i>Gym Assembly Gr. 5/6 Boys BB 2:40- 4:00 pm</i>	6	7
8	9 <i>Gr. 5/6 Girls BB 2:40-4:00 pm</i>	10 <i>Gr. 5/6 Boys BB 2:40-4:00 pm</i>	11	12 <i>Gr. 5/6 Boys BB 2:40-4:00 pm</i>	13 <i>No School PLF Friday</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 
15	16 <i>No School Family Day</i>	17 <i>Gr. 5/6 Boys BB 2:40-4:00 pm</i>	18	19 <i>Ski Day Gr. 4, 5 & 6 Gr. 5/6 Boys BB 2:40-4:00 pm</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>No School Teachers' Convention</i>	24 <i>No School Teachers' Convention</i>	25 <i>No School Teachers' Convention</i>	26 <i>No School Teachers' Convention</i>	27 <i>No School Teachers' Convention</i>	28

“Parents in the Know”

Internet Safety: Sexual Exploitation

When:

January 27th, 2015 at 7pm

Where:

FM Public School District Office

231 Hardin Street

Access the Link to get your tickets!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parents-in-the-know-internet-safety-sexual-exploitation-tickets-15303061870>



What is it?

The Sexual Assault Team from the Family Crisis Society is providing an information session on online sexual exploitation and victimization of children and teens, along with safety tips and discussion starters for parents.

Why is this being offered?

In response to the Fort McMurray Public School Board’s request to ensure parents know there is an opportunity to talk with professionals in the field of Sexual Abuse and Assault and to ask any questions they may have about online sexual exploitation.

How will attending benefit me as a parent?

This is an opportunity for parents to gain more knowledge of online sexual exploitation, ways to talk to child about this topic, and safety tip for parents that parents can use.

Hello Parents!

A reminder that Poetry entries for the RMWB Words in Motion Poetry Contest is Friday, February 6, 2015.

Please encourage your children to be writing their poems. Adults can submit entries too! I will send all submissions in on February 5th. Jessica, Words in Motion Representative will be here on Feb 5th at our assembly to give out cool magnets for students submitting poems. Winning Entries will be posted on city transit buses, in various businesses around the city and a celebration takes place at our Public Library in the Spring.

Happy Poetry Writing!

Mrs. Davidson





Don't Forget!!
To check out and download
Our WGH Mobile App!

Our Vision Statement:

Walter and Gladys Hill Public School develops engaged 21st century learners from ECDP to grade 6. Our students are ethical, global citizens learning through collaboration and inquiry with an entrepreneurial spirit that meaningfully contributes to society.

Important Reminder from Administration and Staff

Extended absences from school are not encouraged for student achievement reasons. If you will be away for extended periods of time, teachers can tell you what skills and concepts they will be working on, but we do not prepare homework units for extended absences, nor do we allow textbooks to leave the country. If you have concerns, please contact the school to arrange a meeting with Administration.