



The Raven Report

January 6th, 2017

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Hard to believe that already 4 months of school has already passed by! We have many new after school activities starting up this month which will continue up to Teacher's Convention for the most part. We continue to partner with community groups and volunteers to provide a wide variety of clubs and sports for our students.

Upcoming events:

- Jan. 11th 8:15 Monthly assembly
- Jan. 13th PLF No School
- Jan. 30-Feb.3rd Grade 2M will be learning all week long at Heritage Park-details to come



A gentle reminder that you must remain in your vehicles if you are parked behind someone in the parking lot. You cannot leave to get your children. The law states that this is a violation and a \$120 ticket. Patience is necessary when driving through the lots. Don't forget that you can also drop off on Loutit, and you can park on Sparrow Hawk Drive.



Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather. We always have recess outside unless the temperatures drop to between -20 to -22. Administration then decides whether we will be outside or inside. We often post on Facebook and Remind if it will be an indoor recess. Students are still expected to use their own doors for indoor recesses except when extreme weather such as -30 hits. Again, we post on Facebook and Remind when this is the case.

A number of fundraisers have happened already and we thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a huge fundraiser in February--the Casino fundraiser which should bring in approximately \$50,000 to our Friends of Ravens Society. Thank you to parent volunteers who have printed off copies of leveled readers for Grades K-3 classrooms and for your help raising money at the Christmas Concerts. And finally, thank you to our hard working parents who have been running the hot lunch program!! This month Friends of Ravens is sponsoring a Spirit Week Fundraiser. Students can dress up each day and donate a toonie:

Jan16 pajama Day



Jan17 Jersey Day

Jan18 Hat Day

Jan19 Crazy Hair Day

Jan20 WGH day/ purple, black & yellow day

New after school activities this year are Tai Chi, Move Your Mood and Jump Rope Club. We would like to highlight the expertise of our new Jump Rope Coach here:

by Coach Hona Huber

I started recreationally jumping rope at age 5 with the Camrose Jump Rope Club. Throughout the next decade I jumped competitively in competitions both individually and as part of a team across Canada. As an individual I have held several Alberta records and



awards in various events, highlighting 409 jumps on one foot in three minutes! I was fortunate to attend the World Championships where my team placed 3rd overall.

I have been featured jumping rope in the media and in the news. I was able to teach Matthew Perry skills and star in the movie the Ron Clark Story.

I have done numerous demonstrations province wide in schools and as part of Jump Rope for Heart, teaching jump rope as a tool to hockey and soccer players for cross training, and even taught professional figure skaters some moves.

I have been a Junior coach since age 9 and in 2013 started the Jump rope team The Pumas in Edmonton. I moved to Fort McMurray 2 years ago to pursue a career in nursing. I have missed being able to share the sport of Jump Rope and I am excited to pick up a rope again!



We received our annual results which have been posted on the school webpage (<http://waltergladyshill.fmpsdschools.ca/>). From these results we can see that some parents aren't aware of what programs we offer at Walter and Gladys Hill, so we would like to share some of this information with you in our monthly newsletter. For this month we will focus on *Preparation for Life-Long Learning*.

We are delivering programming for the 21st Century learner through Project Based Learning to help students develop the competencies they need to be successful when they leave school: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Creativity and Innovation, Social Responsibility, Cultural, Global and Environmental Awareness, Communication, Digital Literacy, Lifelong Learning, Self-Direction and Personal Management, Collaboration and Leadership.

We provide leadership development and opportunities to older students as secretarial help in the office, WITS Leads team, Students assisting students program, MC's at assemblies, breakfast program leaders, student council, & APPLE core committee, and as peer coaches to name a few.

We work with students to develop volunteerism by supporting the community through projects and activities related to the Terry Fox Foundation, The Wood Buffalo Food Bank, The Center of Hope, The United Way, And Jump Rope for Heart as well as fundraising for our own families who lost homes.

Students are interested and engaged in real life applications which they are exposed to. Experts in the field are sometimes called in to assist with learning or share information about their career.

We are teaching students to be conscious of their environment as a Green School, involved in recycling, composting, Destination Conservation, and Outdoor Gardening.

