



# The Raven Report

October 23, 2017

Now that things have somewhat settled after a very busy enrollment period we can look forward to the school year events which will be happening.

This week we host our first family event at Walter and Gladys Hill Public School. We hope you will be able to attend this family event. Many student volunteers have worked to prepare for a fun night of games in partnership with Friends of Ravens Society, who will be hosting a costume dance. There will be prizes for the scariest, funniest and best overall costumes. There will be some fundraising items to purchase as well.

## WGH Fall Family Fun Night 2017

Oct. 26th 6:30-7:30pm

Free entry with Food Bank item



## **Pumpkin Carving Contest**

At the Fall Family Fun Night



Enter the contest by bringing in your carved-  
At-home pumpkin!

Guests will vote on their favorite pumpkins and those with the most votes will win prizes!

**Reggio Families are also invited to their very own special Family Costume Dance on Oct. 30th from 6-7pm.**

As usual, many after school clubs were started immediately after we opened our doors in September. The next set of after school clubs will soon be starting. Any that require a fee to cover materials or instructors will only have ONLINE registration and payment. We no longer accept payment at the office for any fees. Attached to this newsletter you will find more information about setting up an account through parent portal to pay fees. Some clubs have not yet opened so you will need to stay tuned for registration. Please keep in mind that these offerings are based on staff availability so schedules will not change. Teachers volunteer their time to do this. Tech and Trade Academy students were aware that Tech and Trade takes priority over everything else. The only activity they should be registered for on Wednesdays is Tech and Trade.

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>
<p><b>Bricks4Kidz gr. 1</b> 3:00-4:00 Starting Nov. 6th-Dec. 18th</p> <p><b>Manga/Anime gr. 2-6</b> Dec. 4th-Jan. 29th</p> <p><b>Current WGH Hockey League</b> continues until Nov. 29th</p>	<p><b>Bricks4Kidz gr. 2</b> 3:00-4:00 Starting Nov. 7th-Dec. 12th</p> <p><b>MCA Tutor Program</b>-there is a waitlist 2:45-4:15</p> <p><b>Current Mandarin</b> continues until Christmas break</p> <p><b>current Volleyball</b> continues until Nov. 25th</p> <p><b>Yoga gr. 2&amp;3</b> 3:00-3:45 Nov. 7th- Dec. 5th</p> <p><b>Gr. 3 Homework Club (to start)</b> 3:00-3:45 Nov. 7th-Dec. 12th</p>	<p><b>Bricks4Kidz gr. 1&amp;2</b> 3:00-4:00 Starting Nov. 8th-Dec. 13th</p> <p><b>Tech and Trade Academy</b> (Priority over all programs. cannot miss)</p> <p><b>Gr. 1 Art Club</b> 3:00-4:00 Dec. 6-Feb. 29th</p> <p><b>Current WGH Hockey League</b> continues until Nov. 29th</p>	<p><b>Bricks4Kidz gr. 3</b> 3:00-4:00 Starting Nov. 9th-Dec. 14th</p> <p><b>MCA Tutor Program</b>-there is a waitlist 2:45-4:15</p> <p><b>gr. 4-6 Christmas Craft Club</b> 3:00-4:00 Nov. 16-Dec. 14</p> <p><b>current Volleyball</b> continues until Nov. 25th</p> <p><b>Yoga gr. 1</b> 3:00-3:45 Nov. 9th- Dec. 7th</p>

The next School Council and Friends of Ravens meeting is Nov.7th. All parents are welcome to attend any of these meetings. The Council has set goals for the year which focus on helping students with home reading, supporting new playground developments and getting more parents involved at school.

In the future you may see Ms. Nutter's Wildly Important Goal posted which also focuses on Parental Involvement at the school. She hopes to set a goal to have more parents in the building as leaders, and volunteers in our classrooms and school.

**Important Upcoming dates:**

Monthly Awards assembly Nov. 2nd 8:15am  
School Council & Friends of Ravens meeting Nov. 7th 6:30pm  
Poinsettia Orders due to Friends of Ravens Nov. 10th  
No School Nov. 10th or 13th  
Reggio Families Games Night Nov. 21st 6-7pm  
Report Cards go home Nov. 24th  
School Book Fair-Nov. 27-Nov. 30th  
Parent Teacher Interviews Nov. 29/30th  
Div 1 Christmas Concert Dec. 12th Time TBA  
Div 2 Christmas Concert Dec 13th Time TBA  
Early Learning Christmas Concert Dec. 14th Time TBA

We all know that Social Media is a great way to get the word out, when used appropriately. People generally have been able to problem solve independently, with peers or spouses and children long before social media. We like Social media because it gives us instant reactions whether supportive or negative.

What we are forgetting is that when you post issues you have with the school on Social Media it reflects poorly on the school. This is YOUR school too, so it reflects poorly on the school and all stakeholders (staff, students and parents).

Please communicate your concerns about your child to their classroom teacher by arranging a time to call or visit outside of class time. If you have issues beyond this, concerning the school and its operations, please arrange a meeting or request a call from our Administrative team to discuss and find solutions.

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**Follow us on Facebook: Walter and Gladys Hill Elementary School**

**Our website is: [waltergladyshill.fmpsdschools.ca](http://waltergladyshill.fmpsdschools.ca)**

**We are also on Instagram as [braventehraven](#)**

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RESULTS ON OUR WEBSITE!!!!\*\*\***



# The Leader in Me™

Thank you to those parents who attended our first Parent Training session on the 7 Habits. Four schools combined to offer this session to parents. We started out with 35 registrants in advance, with a total of 17 who actually attended.

Imagine a school morning where everyone knows what to do and is ready on time. Sound too good to be true? Well, it's possible! Organization is a skill learned over time. By teaching organization at home, your child will learn this very important skill.

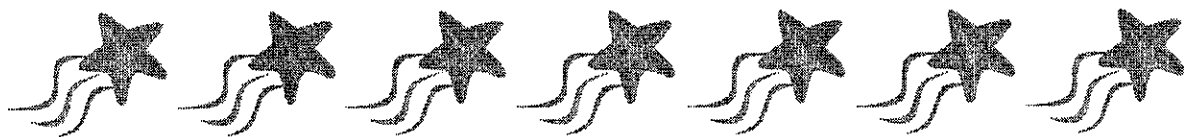
**Habit 1: Be Proactive** Habit 1 is about initiative and responsibility. Help your child determine what he or she will need for the next day. To start, writing a list may be helpful. Next, have your child gather the non-perishable items and put them in his or her school bag.

**Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind** Habit 2 is about visualizing how you would like something to turn out before it happens. If a smooth morning is the goal, brainstorm with your child how that will look and feel like. Your child may actually have time to do something extra in the morning if he or she is organized and you will all have a happy start to the day.

**Habit 3: Put First Things First** Habit 3 means focusing on the task when there's something else you would rather be doing — the hardest part of all! Help your child learn how to avoid distractions by reminding him or her that, if they stick to it, all the fun things can come right after—with no guilt or nagging!

Once children know these habits, and how to apply them, they can start tackling more difficult tasks independently. They will begin to feel self confident and proud when they're able to complete homework, chores, and other tasks by themselves. They're also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they'd like to do.

Remember, it may take time to teach your child these skills. Sometimes, it will seem simpler just to do it for them. But remember, your child won't learn how to be independent and successful if you always do it for them. Using Habits 1-3 is a life skill that will benefit them their entire lives.



## Getting Involved at School

**Volunteering** is a great way to show your kids that you take an interest in their education. Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community while showing their kids the importance of participating in the larger community. Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start.

### Suggestions:

- ★ Help in the classroom; assist teacher with tasks/projects
- ★ Mentor or tutor students; read with students
- ★ Help organize or serve hot lunch, or work at fundraising activities
- ★ Help plan and chaperone field trips
- ★ Attend school board meetings, school council meetings
- ★ Organize or assist with a specific after school club or interest group
- ★ Sew costumes or build sets for musical productions
- ★ Volunteer to speak in a classroom or at a career day
- ★ Supervise or judge at Science Fair, Multicultural night, Fall Fair
- ★ Set up and take down lunch tables
- ★ sharing special family/cultural celebrations with students

Volunteering not only benefits your children, you also benefit by making the school a more positive place. Through your modeling, relationship building, support and encouragement, you will be helping in ways that will reap numerous benefits for everyone.

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(Cut this section off and return it to school)

We want to help you become an active participant in our school community as a volunteer. Can you please fill this out and give us feedback. Use both sides if necessary! Thank you!

\_\_\_\_\_ (your name and phone number please)

**What prevents you from coming into the school to assist as a volunteer?**

**It is better to actually be in the school or take things home to work on?**

**What strengths do you have that you feel you could contribute as a volunteer? How do you see yourself contributing as a volunteer this school year?**

# Accountability Pillar Overall Summary October 2017 Annual Education Results Report

## Walter and Gladys Hill Public School

Measure Category	Measure	Walter & Gladys Hill Public School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Goal/Eff.
Safe and Caring Schools	Safe and Caring	96.0	90.7	92.3	89.5	89.5	89.3	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	Program of Studies	91.6	82.2	85.8	81.9	81.9	81.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Education Quality	96.2	87.9	92.4	90.1	90.1	89.6	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	Drop Out Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.2	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Opportunities	High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	77.9	76.5	76.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Acceptable	81.1	66.2	63.3	73.4	73.6	73.2	High	Maintained	Good
	PAT: Excellence	16.8	22.7	22.2	19.5	19.4	18.8	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.0	82.7	83.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.2	21.2	21.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	n/a	n/a	n/a	54.9	54.6	53.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	62.3	60.8	60.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	57.9	58.4	59.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	Work Preparation	91.7	77.8	82.4	82.7	82.6	81.9	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	Citizenship	94.1	85.9	90.4	83.7	83.9	83.6	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Parental Involvement	89.9	83.7	90.9	81.2	80.9	80.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Continuous Improvement	School Improvement	91.3	84.9	83.7	81.4	81.2	80.2	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent