



EMPOWERING LIFELONG LEARNERS AND INSPIRING CREATIVE MINDS

WALTER AND GLADYS HILL

RAVEN RAMBLER FEBRUARY 2025



Our Grandfather Teaching : The Wolf

From the desk of Mrs. Swain

The Wolf carries humility. Central to the wolf is the family pack. To ensure survival, the pack must be as one. In one's life, much the same as the wolf, we need to understand humility. In the wolf pack, each member understands his individual role and in our individual lives humility becomes the factor, which allows us to ask for guidance humbly.

The Leader in Me – Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

From the desk of Mrs. Arsenault

When we Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, we seek to understand the other person's point of view. We act with courage as we express our own views with clarity and respect.

To Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood:

1. Try to put yourself in the other person's shoes.
2. Listen to learn not to respond.
2. Respectfully seek to be understood.

GOING TO BE ABSENT?

SEND US AN EMAIL!

WGHAbsences@FMPSD.ab.ca

Grades 1-6:
8:00am – 2:40pm
Lunch: 11:30am – 12:15pm

ECDP/KINDERGARTEN:
AM: 8:00am – 10:50am
PM: 11:50am – 2:40pm

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Raven Families,

February was a fantastic month filled with exciting events and meaningful learning experiences! We celebrated Pink Shirt Day, reinforcing our commitment to kindness and inclusion. Students had a blast at our Valentine's Day Sock Hop, and many embraced the winter weather with trips to Vista Ridge for skiing and tubing. We also had the privilege of hosting a virtual Black History Month presentation from Inspiration Republic, providing valuable insights and discussions. Plus, our ESports club officially kicked off, giving students a new opportunity to connect and collaborate!

March is shaping up to be just as exciting! We are gearing up for our school's Science Fair, in Physical Education Dancpl3y will bring energy and movement to our classes and our basketball teams will be competing in their year-end tournaments.

Thank you for your continued support in making Walter & Gladys Hill such a vibrant and engaging learning community!

Sincerely,
Mr. Andrews
Principal

THE RAVEN RECAP

FEBRUARY 2025



“Best of” Acknowledgments

We are thrilled to share that Walter and Gladys Hill School has been recognized with two incredible honours!

Our school as a whole has been named one of the best schools in YMM, a recognition that reflects the dedication of our outstanding staff, students, and supportive community. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone at WGH!

Additionally, we are especially proud of Mrs. Horsley, who has been recognized as one of the Best Teachers in YMM! Congratulations, Mrs. Horsley, and thank you for all that you do!

If you'd like to support WGH and Mrs. Horsley, please consider voting in the Best of YMM Awards at ymmonline.ca/bestofymm/.

BEST PEOPLE of YMM 2025 **BEST TEACHER** balsom

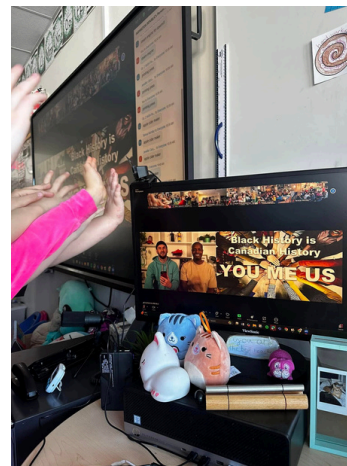
Abbie Oulette - St. Gabriel Elementary School
Angela Murrin - Frank Spragins High School
Erin Humphrey - Elsie Fabian School
Neisha Binns - St Gabriel Elementary School
Tanya Quaglia - St Kateri Catholic School
Teresa Horsley - Walter and Gladys Hill School

Vote now at ymmonline.ca/bestofYMM
Voting ends March 3rd, 2025

BEST PLACE of YMM 2025 **BEST SCHOOL** balsom

École McTavish Public High School
Father Mercredi Community High School
Frank Spragins High School
St Gabriel School
St Martha School
Walter and Gladys Hill Public School

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Black History Month Presentation

A big thank you to the Friends of Ravens Society for making our Black History Month virtual presentations possible! Inspiration Republic delivered two engaging sessions—one for our K-3 students and another for grades 4-6—highlighting notable Canadian historical figures. Students were excited to learn from our fantastic presenters and deepen their understanding of Black history in Canada.

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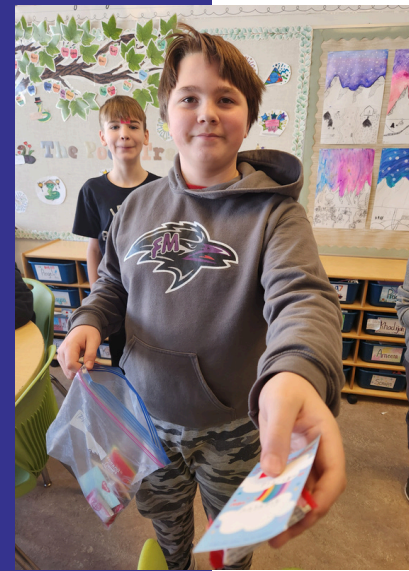
Pink Shirt Day – Standing up to Bullying and Being Kind

This week, we proudly celebrated Pink Shirt Day, a special day dedicated to kindness and anti-bullying. Our incredible student leaders led the way, teaching us the importance of standing up for one another and spreading kindness in our school community.

A big thank you to Chris in Grade 4 for capturing wonderful moments from the day with his photography skills! We are so proud that all of our #Ravens show kindness every day, making our school a welcoming and safe place for everyone. ❤️❤️



STUDENT PHOTOS



Photos by: Wyatt,
Anna, Sebastian

FROM THE NEST OF YOUR

FEBRUARY 2025

FRIENDS OF RAVENS



FRIENDS OF RAVENS BOARD MEMBERS

President - Chauntelle
McCallum

VP - Janet Pardy

Treasurer - Marie
McKay

Secretary - Amy Hrovat

Directors at Large -
Kate Buczulak, Heather
Pinsent, Shruti Sharma

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McCallum, Swapnal Sharma,
Marie McKay

Parent Advisor - Jihan Jones

**INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING?**

SIGN UP HERE

**LINK TO PARENT
SECTION OF THE
SCHOOL WEBSITE**



NEXT MEETING: MARCH 4TH 6:00PM, ONLINE

**6:00 - Special Meeting of Friends of Ravens Society to review
and vote on proposed bylaw revisions.**

6:30 - School Council meeting.

7:00 - Friends of Ravens Society meeting.



CASINO FUNDRAISER IN MARCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

There is a **Casino fundraiser** coming up on **March 12th and 13th**. **This is the largest fundraising event for our school**, which helps support payment for resources, technology, field trips, events and more. Without these funds a lot of what we are able to offer would be impacted.

We are in need of 5 more volunteers. Here is the link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48ADAE2AA3F49-wghcasino#/>

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A vertical poster for a 'Casino Night Fundraiser'. At the top, there are several playing cards (Ace of Hearts, King of Clubs, Queen of Diamonds, Jack of Spades) and colorful chips. The main text is 'CASINO Night FUNDRAISER' in a stylized, glowing font. Below that, it says 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!' in red, 'MARCH 12 - 13 2025' in yellow, and 'Signup for a chance to win your childs class a pizza party!!' in red. At the bottom, it says 'SIGNUP GENIUS WGH CASINO 2025' in yellow, 'MUST BE 18+' in white, and 'REFER TO SIGN UP FOR MORE DETAILS QUESTIONS: WAGHFORS@GMAIL.COM' in white. The background is dark with scattered chips and dice.

FEBRUARY 2025

SCHOOL CLUBS



CLUB / ACTIVITY / TEAM	DIVISION / GRADES
Basketball Teams	Grades 5/6
Student Lighthouse	Grades 1-6 (<i>One student from each classroom</i>)
Charity Champions	Grades 4 and 5
Intramurals	Grade 1-6 (Rotating Schedule)
Recess Leaders	Grade 5/6
Meow! The Musical	Grades 1-6, Audition Based
Esports Club	Division 2 Students Aged 10+, Application Based
Robotics Team	Division 2 Students, Application Based



2025-2026 ECDP OPEN HOUSE DATES

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

CHILDREN MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024 TO
ENTER THE PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2025

APRIL 24, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM

APRIL 25, 2025
9:00 - 12:00 PM

PARENTS CAN CHOOSE ANY FORT MCMURRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERING ECDP

- Beacon Hill Public School
- Christina Gordon Public School (R)
- Dave McNeilly Public School
- Dr. Clark Public School
- École Dickinsfield Public School (FI)
- Greely Road Public School
- Thickwood Heights School
- Timberlea Public School
- Walter & Gladys Hill Public School (R)
- Westview Public School
- Fort McMurray Christian School



LANGUAGE ENRICHED PLAY
A SAFE & CARING
ENVIRONMENT
MEANINGFUL EXPERINCES
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
IMPROVED LITERACY SKILLS
HEALTHY LIVING
FUN!



REGISTER TODAY!

(780) 799 7900

Online or at any of our schools: www.fmpsdschools.ca



2025-2026 KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE DATES

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

CHILDREN BORN IN 2020 ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE PROGRAM IN
SEPTEMBER 2025

MAY 8, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM

MAY 9, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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- Fort McMurray Islamic School
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- Thickwood Heights School
- Timberlea Public School
- Walter & Gladys Hill Public School (R)
- Westview Public School



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
BUILDING INDEPENDENCE
PROBLEM-SOLVING
CREATIVITY
MAKING FRIENDS



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Caregiver Education

Communication Workshop- Recovery Alberta | February-June 2025



Communication strategies that promote positive mental health

Communication Skills

Join us to learn effective communication skills to use with your child(ren), youth and family.

Explore ways that parents can foster clear and effective communication that help reduce struggles when challenges arise.

Participants will explore:

- Family communication patterns,
- Roles within communication,
- Effective communication strategies,
- Clarifying, and active listening,
- What we say vs. what we hear
- Interactive conversation and
- Collaborative problem solving

This workshop is free and offered in person. Additional documentation/workshop material will be sent to participants via email.

This workshop is facilitated by members of our Multidisciplinary Intensive Treatment Services Team(MITS).

Dates & Times Offered....

February 20, 2025-
10:00am-12:00pm

March 20, 2025-
5:00pm-7:00pm

April 17, 2025-
10:00am-12:00pm

May 15, 2025-
5:00pm-7:00pm

June 19, 2025-
10:00am-12:00pm

How to Register:



Contact the clinic to register 780-793-8360 or text: 780-215-8756
Referencing:
Communication Workshop



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life of a child!**

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 780-453-0417  fostercareedmnorth@mcman.ca

 www.mcman.ca/become-a-foster-parent





Family Literacy Class

The **Keyano College Community Adult Learner Program** invites families to embark on an exciting journey of learning, bonding, and growth. Through engaging activities, we aim to foster a love for reading and literacy that will last a lifetime. Join us as we build strong foundations for success in both school and life.

Saturdays, in February, April and May 2025
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information: Visit keyano.ca/calp,
scan QR Code, email CALP@keyano.ca, or
call/text 587.646.4358





MARCH DATES

March 3-4

**Class Based Science
Fairs Grades 4-6**

March 6

**School Based Science
Fair**

March 7

Spirit Day
Formal Day - Dress to Impress

March 3-7

**Danceplay in Physical Education
Classes**

**March
12-13**

WGH Casino Nights
Please volunteer if you can!!!

March 14

PLF
No School

March 21

Spirit Day
Purple Shirt Day

March 28

PLF
No School

April 1-2

Parent Teacher Interviews