

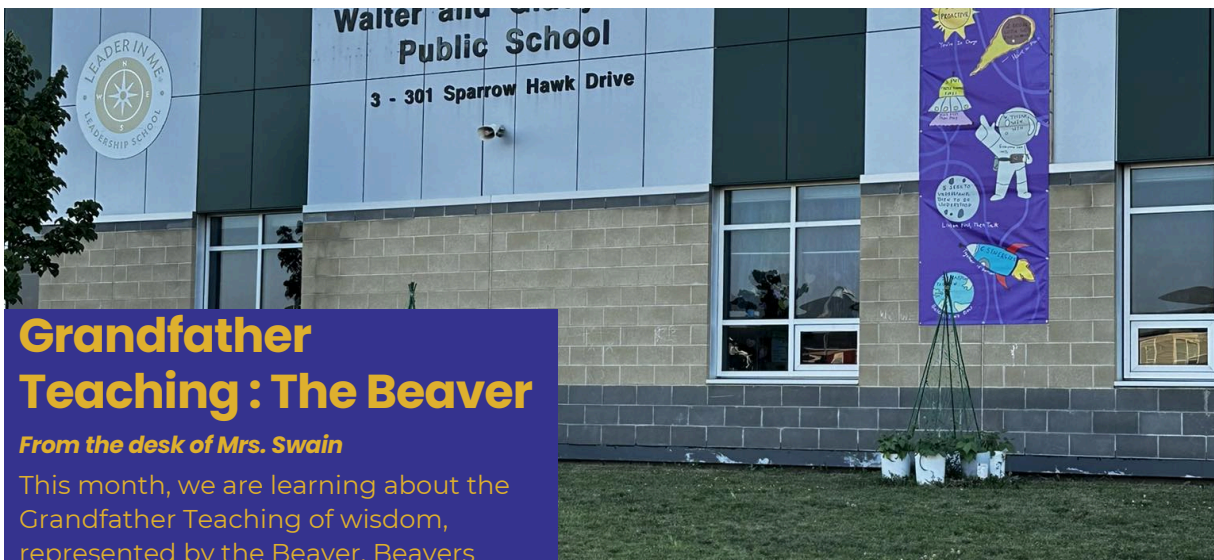


EMPOWERING LIFELONG LEARNERS AND INSPIRING CREATIVE MINDS

WALTER AND GLADYS HILL

RAVEN RAMBLER

MARCH 2025



Grandfather Teaching : The Beaver

From the desk of Mrs. Swain

This month, we are learning about the Grandfather Teaching of wisdom, represented by the Beaver. Beavers are smart animals that use their natural skills to build strong homes, keep their families safe, and help the environment.

Wisdom means using what we know in a smart and kind way. It's about learning, listening, and making good choices. We all have different talents and ways of thinking, and when we respect our own abilities and those of others, we show wisdom.

Every day, we can show wisdom by watching, listening, being kind, and using what we learn to help others. Let's be like the beaver and use our wisdom to make our school and community a better place!

The Leader in Me – Habit 6: Synergy

From the desk of Mrs. Arsenault

Synergy means working together to find the best ideas and solutions!

When we work as a team, we can create something even better than if we worked alone. Instead of choosing just one idea, we combine our ideas to make the best solution.

To synergize, we need to:

Value differences – Listen to others and respect different ways of thinking.

Look for more answers – Ask questions and find the best way to solve problems together.

When we listen, share, and work as a team, we can do amazing things. Let's practice synergy every day at school and beyond!



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

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

MARCH 2025

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Raven Families,

March has been a fantastic month at Walter & Gladys Hill, filled with learning, exploration, and teamwork! Our students showcased their curiosity and hard work during both class-based and school-based science fairs, and we're thrilled to have eight projects advancing to the regional science fair—an incredible achievement!

Our Dancepl3y internship in PE classes was a big hit once again, with students enthusiastically exploring different forms of dance in a fun and engaging way. On the sports front, our basketball teams wrapped up their seasons, demonstrating outstanding effort and sportsmanship. A special congratulations to our girls' team for earning a silver medal at the city championships! Meanwhile, our badminton club is now in full swing, giving students another great opportunity to stay active and develop new skills.

This past month, we were also excited to welcome back our CUPE team and our full student body. It's been wonderful to see our school come alive again, truly feeling like the home away from home it was meant to be.

Looking ahead to April, there's so much more to be excited about! Stay tuned for more learning, leadership, and fun as we continue to make Walter & Gladys Hill a place where every student thrives.

Sincerely,
Mr. Andrews
Principal

THE RAVEN RECAP

MARCH 2025



Basketball Season Wrapped up

A huge shoutout to our boys and girls basketball teams for wrapping up their season with a strong performance at their tournament at the Syncrude Sports and Wellness Centre! The teams showed incredible effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season, and we are so proud of their hard work. Congratulations to the girls team, for winning a silver metal in their city tournament! Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Horsley, Mrs. A, and Mr. C for sharing their knowledge, passion, and time.



Leprechaun Search! 🍀✨

Excitement filled the kindergarten classrooms as our youngest learners eagerly searched for their leprechaun traps! Each year, students design clever traps in hopes of catching a mischievous leprechaun—but those tricky little creatures always seem to escape! While the traps may come up empty, the magic of the hunt stays with students for years. In fact, older students at Walter and Gladys often stop by to tell how much they still love this tradition.



THE RAVEN RECAP

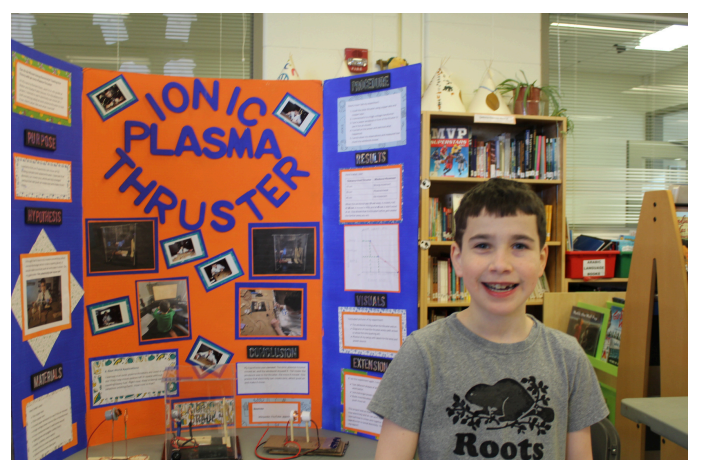
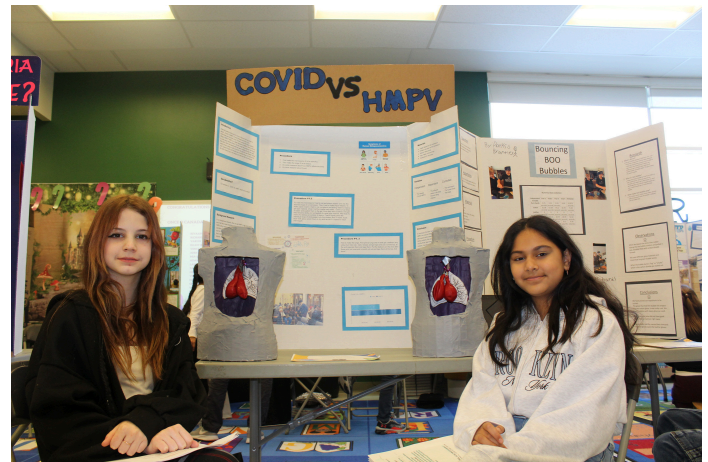
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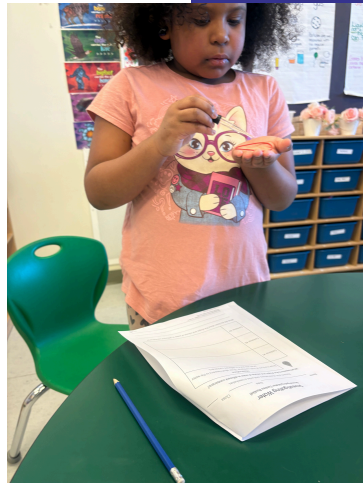
Science Fair

A big round of applause to all the students who took part in our school-wide Science Fair! 🎉 Everyone should be proud of their hard work, curiosity, and dedication to the scientific method. Our projects covered a wide range of exciting topics, from environmental science to physics and chemistry, and even exploring bacteria in animal mouths! Thank you for making this event a success and for showing us the power of scientific discovery! 🔬🚀

A special thank you to the judges who volunteered their time on this day to help us out.



STUDENT NEWSLETTER LEADER PHOTOS



FROM THE NEST OF YOUR FRIENDS OF RAVENS

MARCH 2025



FRIENDS OF RAVENS BOARD MEMBERS

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VP – Janet Pardy

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Secretary – Amy Hrovat

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

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Parent Advisor – Jihan Jones

[LINK TO PARENT SECTION OF THE
SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

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A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that helped make our March 12th and 13th Casino Fundraiser a success!

We couldn't have done it without you!

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH,
6:00PM
WALTER AND GLADYS HILL LEARNING
COMMONS, OR ONLINE**



MARCH 2025

SCHOOL CLUBS

CLUB / ACTIVITY / TEAM	DIVISION / GRADES
Basketball Teams (Complete this month), Badminton Club coming next	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



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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!



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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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LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
BUILDING INDEPENDENCE
PROBLEM-SOLVING
CREATIVITY
MAKING FRIENDS



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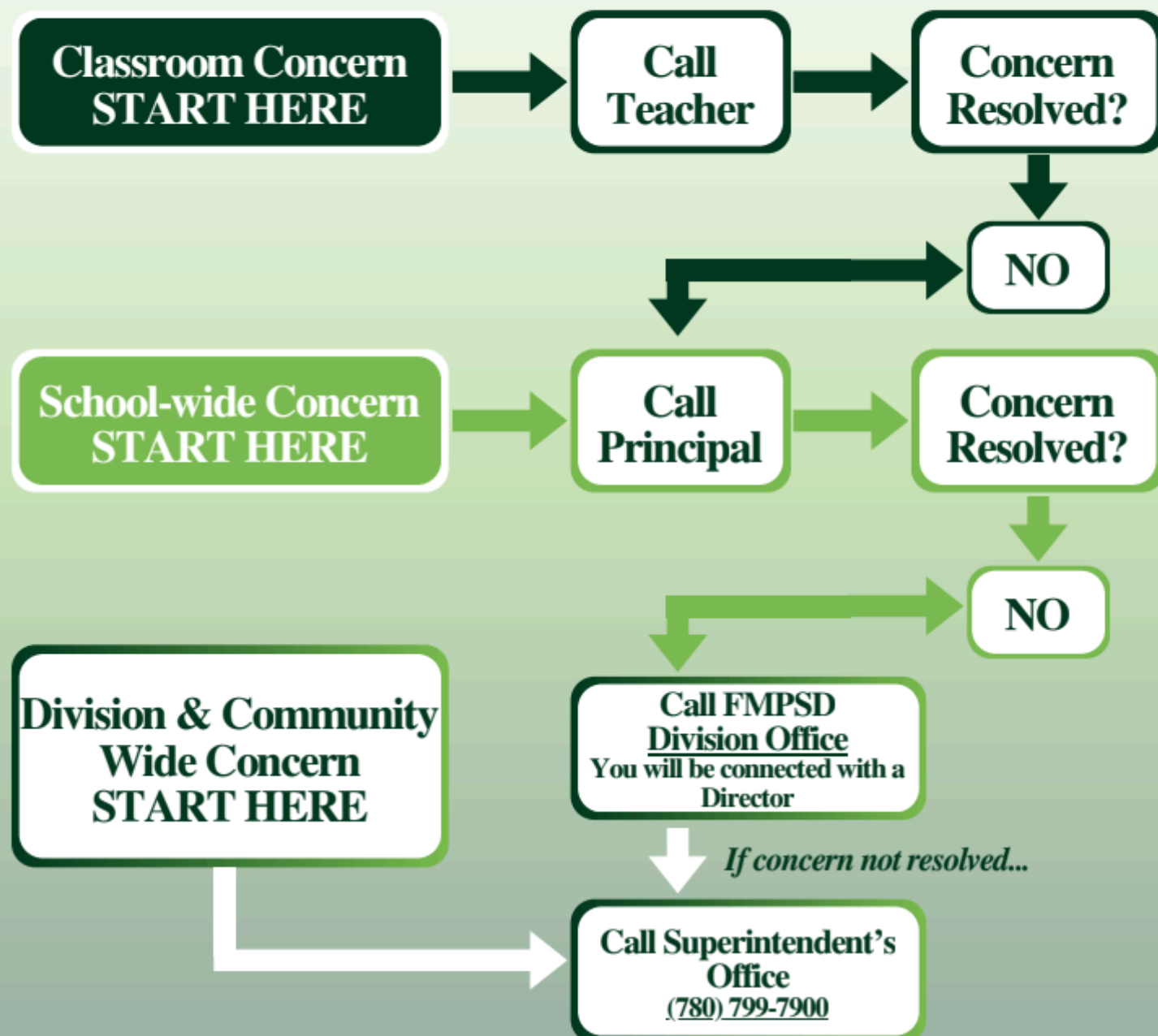


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Executive Function Highlight

THINGS **OUTSIDE OF MY** CONTROL



"You cannot control the behavior of others, but you can always choose how you respond to it"

- Roy T. Bennett

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

STRENGTHENING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

What is Circle of Security?

It is a program designed to strengthen the parent-child relationship. Using a visual map of caregiver-child attachment, it supports caregivers in meeting their child's emotional needs for exploring the world and returning for comfort.

Always: **Be BIGGER, STRONGER, WISER, and KIND.**
Whenever possible: **Follow your child's need.**
Whenever necessary: **Take charge.**



Why Attend?

After 60 years of research we know secure children are more likely to:

- Enjoy happiness with parents
- Turn to their parents for support when in trouble
- Solve problems and get along better with friends
- Solve problems independently
- Have better relationships with siblings
- Have higher self-esteem
- Trust the people they love
- Believe that good things will come their way

Who Should Attend?

Caregivers of children of all ages!
(Children are not permitted to attend)



Cost: Free!



Apr 29
May 6, 13, 20, 27
June 3, 10, 17

6:30-8:30 PM

Participants are encouraged to attend all 8 sessions



Walter and Gladys Hill School



Presented by:
Tiara Samson and Michelle Wiens

How to Register: Email Tiara.Samson@fmppsd.ab.ca or
Michelle.Weins@fmppsd.ab.ca



APRIL DATES

April 1-2

**Parent Teacher
Interviews**

April 4

PLF
No School

April 11

Spirit Day
Vacation Dress Up

April 14-21

Spring Break
No School

April 24-25

ECDP Open Houses

April 25

Spirit Day
Superhero Dress Up