WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 2017

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Dates to Remember

- **January 31st—Penticton Vees "Read to Succeed" 9—11:00 am at Wiltse**
- **February 1st– Deadline for French Immersion Forms 12:00 noon at School Board Office**
- **February 1st—Basketball Game at 3:00 pm Uplands at Wiltse**
- **February 2nd—Grade 5's Cross Country Ski Day**
- **February 9th—Basketball Games 3:00 pm Wiltse Boys @ West Bench /Wiltse Girls play at Wiltse**
- **February 13th—Schools Closed for Family Day**
- **February 14th—Valentines Day! ♡**
- **February 15th– Wiltse PAC Meeting 6:00 pm in the library**
- **February 16th—Grade 5's Cross Country Ski Day**
- **February 17th-Schools Closed Professional Development Day**
- **February 18th—Penticton Vees Game (Anti-Bullying Night) 6:00 pm**
- **February 22nd—Basketball Game at 3:00 pm Trout Creek at Wiltse**
- **February 22nd– PINK SHIRT DAY!**
- **Saturday February 25th—Basketball League Playday at Wiltse 9:00 am—2:00 pm**
- **March 2nd—Last Cross Country Ski Day for Grade 5's**
- **March 8th—Early Dismissal Day—Students Dismissed at 1:20 pm**
- **March 18th—April 2nd—Spring Break**
- **April 3rd– Return to School**
- **April 19th—Ready, Set, Learn 1:30—2:30 pm—*Register at the School Office!***

Wiltse Staff Contact Information

Here are the contact numbers for Wiltse 2016/17 Staff:

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Safe Arrival

Please contact our office at **250-770-7694** to advise us if your child is going to be away or late for school for any reason. Please feel free to leave a message on our answering machine before or after school hours, give your child's name, grade and teacher, date of absence and the reason they are away. Or, if you know your child is going to be away ahead of time please write a note to the office or in the planner. We also ask that you do not send your child prior to 8:20 in the morning, when outside supervision begins. All students are expected to leave the school grounds promptly by 2:45 pm unless they are under the supervision of a parent or guardian.

Kindergarten Registration

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children born in 2012 are eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2017. Parents, who feel their child is not yet ready for kindergarten, may defer enrollment for one year. Please contact Wendy Hyer (770-7700) at the School Board Office for information on this.

Placement in your neighborhood school kindergarten is based on your address and registration date. The earlier you register, the more likely your child will attend a school close to your home.

Register at your neighborhood school during regular school hours. **A birth certificate will be required as well as your child's BC Care Card, parental BC Care Card and proof of address (i.e. driver's license, utility bill, lease agreement).**

So far we have 15 Kindergarten students registered for September 2017!

School Transfer Information

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TRANSFER INFORMATION
From: School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

The window for students requesting transfers from their catchment area school to another school in School District No. 67 for the September 2017/2018 school year is **8:00 am, February 1st, 2017** to **4:00 pm, April 15, 2017.** Transfer requests received prior to February 1st will be date/time stamped as "February 1st, 2017, 8:00 a.m." and transfer requests received after April 15th may not be considered until September 2017. Decisions will likely not be approved until September 2017 due to the District's boundaries review and the potential impact of the Supreme Court decision.

FSA Information for Parents

FSA Information for Parents of Grade 4 Students (or Grade 7 Students)

Updated November 2016

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well British Columbia students are learning foundation skills in reading comprehension, writing and numeracy. The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils to evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. The FSA is designed and developed by British Columbia educators. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and provincial performance standards. The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and Grade 7 students in public and provincially funded independent schools.

Assessment Administration in Schools **January 9 to February 17, 2017**

FSA Requirements

The Student Learning Assessment Order (Ministerial Order 60/94 as amended) (the "Order") requires school boards to ensure that the FSA tests are administered to and completed by students in accordance with the assessment protocols, instructions and invigilation procedures established by the Ministry of Education. In accordance with the School Act, only the Principal has the authority to exclude children from participating in the Foundation Skills Assessment. Principals may excuse a student in the event of a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances. In such circumstances, parents must discuss their request with the Principal.

The following is an excerpt from the Ministry's 2016 "Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Administration Instructions 2016" about participation guidelines:

Who Should Write the Assessment?

All students write FSA including:

- *All students enrolled in Grade 4 or Grade 7 of the English program, French Immersion program or Programme francophone, including students enrolled in a distributed learning program.*

All students enrolled in non-graded programs who were born in:

2006 write Grade 4 level

2003 write Grade 7 level

- *English Language Learners (ELL) – formerly known as "English-as-a Second Language (ESL)" students.*
- *Students with special needs who require adaptations, as documented in their Individual Education Plans (IEPs).*

Students receiving learning assistance services.

Exceptions include:

- *Students who have previously written the FSA. Students write the FSA for a specific grade once only. If a student is retained, s/he does not write a second time.*
- *Students who have IEPs documenting a disability that significantly impacts their performance in reading, writing, or numeracy and who cannot meaningfully participate in all or part of the assessment, even with adaptations.*
- *Students with IEPs who would need extensive adaptations or who would need such extended periods of time as to create a hardship for the individual student.*

Those students who are reported and funded as receiving English Language Learning (ELL) support who have not yet reached a level of proficiency sufficient for them to provide meaningful responses to the reading or writing or numeracy sections of the FSA.

Principals identify which students, if any, are excused from one, two or all three components of the FSA. Principals must notify a parent or guardian if they intend to excuse a student from participating in one or more components of the FSA. Such notification should be made prior to the administration date by letter or telephone call. Principals may excuse a student in the event of a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances.

WILTSE PAC News

Wiltse Elementary will be holding its 15th annual Read-a-thon! The Read-a-thon will run from Monday, January 23rd to Friday, February 17th and serves 2 important purposes:

⇒ To promote Reading

⇒ To raise funds for the Parent Advisory Council at the school.

The funds raised will be put towards extra school activities such as swimming and cross-country skiing, purchasing equipment such as sound field systems, playground equipment and additional teaching aids such as Accelerated Reading, Mathletics and RAZZ Kids.

The Criteria to be used for each student's reading will be based on time spent reading. Each participant will be asked to read for at least 15 minutes at home and have their reading validated by a parent/guardian's signature on a Read-a-thon slip. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students read for 15 minutes (1slip), Grade 2 and 3 students read up to 30 minutes (2 slips) and Grade 4 and 5 students read up to 1 hour (4 slips). For each 15 minutes of at home reading per day, the student brings a signed Read-a-thon slip to school and deposits it in their House Team bucket.

Because Read-a-thon is a fundraiser for the PAC, we are asking students to collect pledges for the reading that they do. Students are encouraged to seek pledges from relatives, friends and neighbors. We do not want students soliciting pledges from strangers. Our first priority is safety. The pledges can be based on the amount of time a student spends reading or the pledges can be a fixed dollar amount.

Students have received a letter and pledge sheet on Monday, January 23rd. We hope students will return the cut off portion of the pledge sheet to school and put it in the bucket for chances on draw prizes! These slips need to be in by the February 6th assembly. HAPPY READING!!

Wiltse Grades 4 and 5 Basketball Report

Wiltse has a large group of enthusiastic basketball players practicing since the beginning of January. Grade 4 and 5 girls practice Mondays at lunch and Grade 4 and 5 boys on Wednesday at lunch. Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:15 am for shooting practice. Games are set against other schools afterschool at 3:00 pm as follows:

Thursday, Jan 26th Wiltse @ Columbia

Wednesday, Feb 1st Uplands @ Wiltse

Thursday, Feb 9th Wiltse boys @ West Bench and
Wiltse girls @ Wiltse

Wednesday, Feb 22nd Trout Creek @ Wiltse

Saturday, Feb 25th League Playday @ Wiltse
(9:00—2:00 pm—to be confirmed)

MEND

MEND—Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It!

This **free** 10 week early intervention program is available for children above a healthy weight. It empowers families to become healthier by participating in group sessions focused on healthy eating and meal planning, physical activity and goal setting. Sessions are starting in early 2016 and are available for children 5—13 years old and their families. **MEND** is currently offered in 22 communities across BC, including Cranbrook, Kamloops, Kelowna, and Penticton.

To enroll in **MEND** contact your local community centre directly at: MEND Programs in BC or for more information see: MEND BC Website

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday, February 22nd is Pink Shirt Day. Students are invited to wear pink to take a stand against bullying and to demonstrate that we are all a part of the solution.

"Pink Shirt Day" originated in Nova Scotia where two young men stood up to bullying in their high school. A student was being bullied and was harassed even more when he showed up to school wearing a pink shirt. In support, these two young men went to a discount store and purchased 50 pink t-shirts. They enlisted fellow students to wear the pink shirts to support the student who was being bullied.

Unplug and PLAY

Family Literacy Week
January 21st to 28th, 2017

Saturday, January 28th, 2017 from 10am to 3pm

Cherry Lane Shopping Centre, Penticton

- Storytelling
- Face Painting
- Activity Centres
- Bouncy Castle
- Balloon Animals
- New FREE Book for Every Child

FUN FOR EVERYONE

ENTERTAINMENT & DRAW PRIZES
at the Main Stage 10am-3pm

Information Booths Throughout the Entire Shopping Centre

HELP US HEAP the HONDA

With new or gently used BOOKS for CHILDREN AND YOUTH All Week January 24th to 31st.

Presented By... Along With...

Literacy NOW South Okanagan - Similkameen

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February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Readathon continues through February	1 PIZZA DAY Basketball game 3:00 pm at Wiltse (vs. Uplands)	2 *Cross Country Ski Day for Grade 5's*	3 WPAC Fun Lunch *Whitespot*	4
5	6	7	8 PIZZA DAY	9 Basketball game 3:00 pm at Wiltse (girls) and at West Bench (boys)	10 WPAC Fun Lunch *McDonalds*	11
12	13 **Schools Closed for Family Day**	14 **Valentines Day**	15 PIZZA DAY WILTSE PAC meeting at 6:00 pm	16 *Cross Country Ski Day for Grade 5's*	17 **Schools Closed for Professional Development Day**	18 Penticton Vees Anti-Bullying Night
19	20	21	22 **Pink Shirt day** PIZZA DAY Basketball game 3:00 pm at Wiltse (vs. Trout Creek)	23	24 WPAC Fun Lunch *Whitespot*	25 Basketball League Playday at Wiltse 9:00 am
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If your child is going to be away on vacation please don't forget to call the office (250-770-7694) and let Mrs. Hack know so we don't make unnecessary phone calls home. Thank you.

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 PIZZA DAY 	2 *Cross Country Ski Day for Grade 5's* 	3 WPAC Fun Lunch *McDonalds*	4
5	6	7	8 PIZZA DAY **Early Dismissal Day 1:20 pm**	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 PIZZA DAY 	16	17 WPAC Fun Lunch *White Spot* **Last day before Spring Break!**	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Schools Closed for Spring Break

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April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 School Reopens!	4	5 PIZZA DAY	6	7 **WPAC Hot Lunch** *White Spot*	8
9	10	11	12 PIZZA DAY	13 **Schools Closed for Professional Development Day**	14 **Schools Closed for Good Friday**	15
16	17 **Schools Closed for Easter Monday**	18	19 PIZZA DAY Ready, Set, Learn 1:30—2:30 pm	20	21 **WPAC Hot Lunch** *Subway*	22
23	24	25	26 PIZZA DAY	27	28 **WPAC Hot Lunch** *Hot Dog Day*	29
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May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 **9:00—10:00 am Cultural Performance Vancouver Theatre**	2	3 PIZZA DAY	4	5 WPAC Fun Lunch *McDonalds*	6
7	8	9	10 PIZZA DAY **WestBench Run**	11	12	13
14	15 **Schools closed for Professional Day**	16	17 PIZZA DAY PAC Meeting 6:00 pm	18	19 WPAC Fun Lunch *Whitespot*	20
21	22 **Schools Closed for Victoria Day**	23	24 PIZZA DAY	25	26 WPAC Fun Lunch *Hot Dog Day*	27
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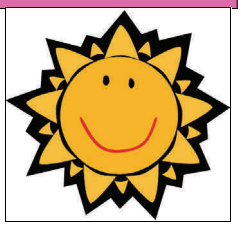

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 WPAC Fun Lunch *Whitespot*	3
4	5	6	7 ***Grade 4 and 5's District Track Meet*** PIZZA DAY 	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 PIZZA DAY 	15	16 WPAC Fun Lunch *Subway*	17
18	19	20	21 PIZZA DAY 	22	23 **Wiltse Fun Day** WPAC Fun Lunch *Hot Dog Day*	24
25	26 **Primary Beach Day**	27 **Grade 5 Transition to Middle School 9:00—12:00 pm**	28 **Wiltse Year End Celebration**	29 Last Day for Students Dismissal at Noon **Report Cards Go Home!**	30 Administrative Day for Staff	

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