

W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

"Every Child Matters"

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November 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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6	7	8	9	10
Parent/Teacher Interviews (Grade 8's only) 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.		Remembrance Day Program 1:00 pm (Assembly in gymnasium)  Parent/Teacher Interviews (Pre-K to Gr. 7) 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.		No Classes
13	14	15	16	17
No Classes Remembrance Day Observed 		Magic Presentation Grades 4-8 @ PM		
20	21	22	23	24
			Retake Day 9:00 a.m.  PICTURE RETAKE DAY!	
27	28	29	30	

LEST WE FORGET

PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear WJB School Families,

With the arrival of November, we find ourselves in a season of reflection, gratitude, and remembrance. October passed by swiftly, and as we delve into this new month, we are reminded of the immense sacrifices made by the brave soldiers, both past and present.

****Remembrance Day Service****

To pay our respects, we will be conducting a formal Remembrance Day service in our gym on ****November 8th at 1:00 PM****. We encourage our students to understand and appreciate the courage, valour, and sacrifices of our heroes, ensuring their legacies live on in our hearts.

****Parent-Teacher Interviews****

It's that time of the year again where we collaborate to further your child's success.

- Grade 8s: November 6th from 3:00 to 8:00 PM

- Pre-K to Grade 7: November 8th from 3:00 to 8:00 PM

We genuinely hope to see as many of you as possible to strengthen our school-home partnership.

****Picture Retakes****

For those in need of picture retakes, ****November 23rd**** is the date. Our school will host retakes in the morning for all students. If your child won't be in school that day, please ensure you're here between ****9:00 AM - 10:00 AM****. Do note that once all retakes are completed, the photographer will depart.

****Magic Performance Outing****

On ****November 15****, our Grade 4 to 8 students have the fantastic opportunity to witness a performance by Roger Boucher at Princess Margaret School at 9:30 AM. We anticipate walking to and from Princess Margaret that morning, making it an enriching experience for our students.

Your role in your child's educational journey cannot be emphasized enough. A harmonious partnership between home and school forms the foundation for a child's academic and personal growth. We deeply appreciate your dedication and efforts in fostering this partnership.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to WJB School and your child's education. Together, we can achieve more and ensure our students soar to great heights.

Warm regards,

Mr. D. Tournier, Principal

Mrs. D. Court, Vice-Principal

PRE-K

We have an exciting month ahead in Pre-K! We are getting settled into our routines and exploring different areas within our classroom. In October, we carved pumpkins as a family engagement activity and explored a variety of sensory activities. This fun will continue into November! Our themes this month include Remembrance Day, weather/clothing, and feelings. I hope everyone has a great November!

Ms. Medinski

KINDERGARTEN

Happy November!

We are very excited about our combined Kindergarten class, and for the students to get to know their new friends.

This month we will be learning all about dinosaurs. The dinosaur theme will be used for comparing, contrasting, math, art, and our sensory bins.

We are also looking forward to enjoying the snow and all the fun activities.

We will continue to learn new sounds, including letter sounds from the Zoo Phonics animal friends.

We have been enjoying reading and listening to stories. We will continue to practice our listening skills and learn to retell a story in the correct order.

Finally, we will be learning some fun winter rhymes and songs.

Mrs. Coertze

GRADE 1

Now that November is here, I would like to remind families to dress your child appropriately for the weather. There are many times that we play outside or they will have gym outside and they really need to be dressed in warm outdoor clothing. Warm mitts are a much better alternative than those thin gloves as students struggle with the fingers and they get wet quickly. On the same note: please have your child practice getting into and out of their winter clothing by themselves at home. Not only does this help with independence for your child, it helps them to better transition for recess successfully. Grade 1 students have been learning about Humility during their Tipi Teachings each morning which has our classroom doing different role-play scenarios. They are contributing to classroom discussions and learning important information on how to be a great friend. Thank you, parents, for spending quality time helping your child learn at home. Every minute counts towards helping your child become successful at school. I look forward to meeting everyone at Parent- Teacher interviews on the 8th. Enjoy November 😊

Ms. Wintringham



GRADE 2

Brrr! It looks as though our nice warm autumn weather has come and gone, and it is looking more and more like winter!

Things are moving right along in grade two; we have been working hard and learning so much! We've completed our first science unit "Motion and Relative Position" and are starting our "Liquids and Solids" unit. We are also getting close to wrapping up our second math unit and will soon be starting addition and subtraction!

We have gotten into the UFLI program routine, and are doing well. Please check your child's backpack for home practice sheets. Reading practice at home goes a long way to helping your child improve their reading skill.

The grade twos will be singing in the Remembrance Day assembly on November 8. Your child should have brought home a note with the lyrics and a YouTube link for the song so they can practice at home. This info was also messaged out to parents on Edsby.

Please make sure that at least one family member has been signed up on Edsby, and checks in regularly. This is one of the ways that I will share information with you, as well as for you to check your child's progress, attendance, and other important information.

Finally, with the change in our weather, it is important that your child is coming to school dressed and prepared to go outside at recess. Please check with your child to make sure they have winter footwear, jackets, gloves, etc. Some winter gear is available at school if your child does not have what they need.

Parent Teacher interviews are coming up November 8th and I am looking forward to meeting with everyone and discussing your child's progress! Please let me know if you are unable to make it for your scheduled time, and I will work with you to find another time that works. See you soon!

Mrs. Dansereau



GRADE 3

Another month has quickly flown by and I hope you all had a great Halloween. As we think back upon the month of October and ahead into November, we reflect on our tipi teaching and realize how much we have to be thankful for because of brave soldiers. I look forward to connecting with families during our upcoming interviews. Students, continue to practice UFLI and math strategies at home. Have a great November!

Mrs. Winsor



GRADE 4

Happy November!

I am looking forward to interviews this month to share with you all the exciting learning that has been happening in our classroom! We have been working very hard on writing with detail and we will be learning how to write a report this week! In Math we have been learning how to add whole numbers! We have been learning how to count money greater than \$1.00! We will be finishing up our Science unit on Rocks and Minerals! Again, I am looking forward to meeting with each family this month!

Mrs. Willie

GRADE 5

Welcome to the third month of the school year at W.J. Berezowsky Public School. This month promises to be full of Parent-Teacher Interviews, Picture Retakes, days off in lieu of Remembrance Day, and taking a moment of silence on November 11 to remember those who fought so selflessly for our freedom.

We have spent the last two weeks discussing infectious and non-infectious diseases, as well as diseases and illnesses. An illness may refer to how a person would describe their own health. For example, "I have a headache." A disease is a condition or disorder identified by a medical expert. When discussing diseases and illness, we noted diseases can exist without causing illness. A disease has specific symptoms and generally has a known cause. An illness does not always have a known cause.

An infectious disease is any disease caused by a germ. We also learned the medical term for a germ is a pathogen. We narrowed down the four types of germs to be: viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi. Common infectious diseases in schools, include: the common cold (caused by a virus); the stomach flu; strep throat (caused by bacteria); hand, foot, and mouth disease; and pink eye. The good news is, all of these types of germs can be cured. Non-infectious diseases are not caused by germs and cannot be spread to other people. These types of diseases are caused by genetics, malnutrition, environment, and lifestyle. Many of these diseases can be controlled by drugs, surgery, or other treatments, but many of them cannot be cured. We will be learning a little more about certain diseases, such as, cancer, diabetes, depression, and heart disease.

A big part of the lessons was to explore the following questions to help the students gain a deeper understating of illness and diseases:

- Where do new diseases come from?
- Why do people die from a disease when some people can be cured?
- Why are some diseases more common in adults than in children and vice versa?
- Can a person have a disease and still be healthy?

GRADE 5 (CON'T)

One of our final topics of discussion for this unit will be describing the challenges of illness and disease to attaining or maintaining holistic well-being.

Dates to watch for in November include: our Remembrance Day service will be held on Wed., Nov. 8 at 1:00 pm; Parent-Teacher Interviews will be on Wed., Nov. 8 from 3-8 pm; there will be no school on Fri., Nov. 10 and Mon., Nov. 13; and Picture Retakes will be on Tues., Nov. 21 in the morning.

Sincerely,

Ms. Paterson



GRADE 6

It sure seems like the beautiful fall has come to an end. We had such amazing weather to start the year! We are looking forward to embracing all that winter has to offer us. What's up in Grade 6?! It's been a very busy few months.

The students are learning a new LA initiative called the UFLI program. This program helps students to improve literacy outcomes for reading and spelling words. We continue daily with our morning meetings followed by our word study lesson. We are just about finished our novel study on *The Bridge to Terabithia*. The students have been very engaged, as it is an excellent read. Once complete, we will be comparing the similarities and differences between the book and the movie while enjoying popcorn and hot chocolate! We are finishing up our narrative writing on our spooky stories. I am impressed by the effort students have put forth into their creative writing pieces.

In Social studies, the students are busy working on their culture report. We will be presenting our reports to the school during our culture fair. Please send a trifold board with your child for this project.

We have been busy creating some beautiful milk carton lanterns for the Remembrance Day service to honour those who sacrificed their lives for us. We have so many amazing artists in our classroom.

Interviews are coming up on November 8th. I look forward to meeting everyone during this time. If you can't attend, we can also reschedule for another day. This is an important part of updating you on your child's progress, so please make it a priority to attend.

The weather is getting cooler. Please make sure your child is dressing appropriately for this cooler weather. It has been an amazing year and I am so excited to continue working with you and your child! As always, if you have any questions or concerns (or just want to chat about education) please feel to call me at the school or send me a message on Edsby. It's going to be an awesome year!

Mrs. Donaldson

GRADE 7

November already! The grade 7s will participate in learning some Metis history on Louis Reil on November 16th! They are also participating in the Remembrance Day Legion Art contest and are doing an amazing job! Their art will be displayed around the school once it is received back from the Prince Albert Legion.

Just a reminder that if you child did not get his/her picture taken, retake picture day is on November 21st.

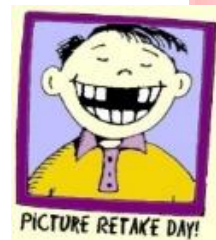
Ms. Deschambeault

GRADE 8

November is already here and it seems like we have accomplished a lot. We have learned about traditional First Nations Governments, created models of animal and plant cells, and wrote a scary descriptive paragraph about venturing through an asylum. I want to remind students and parents to make sure that all assignments are getting handed in on time. We are going to continue to look at the Canadian government, explore how the body's many organs, tissues, and cells work together, and focus on some writing projects.

Ms. Strom

Retake Day – Thursday, Nov. 23rd @ 9:00 am



W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL WALK-A-THON

HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

A huge thank you to students who went out and received

Walk-a-Thon Pledges!!!

The grand total brought in was **\$4,051.35!!**



4,051.35

Walk a Thon

Students will receive:

\$1000 brought in - receive an extra recess

\$2000 brought in - receive a movie & popcorn

\$3000 brought in - receive a gym blast

\$4000 brought in - pie in the face (top contributor in each class gets to choose, out of all WJB staff, who they want to throw a pie in the face to)

WALK-A-THON WINNERS

Congratulations to Parker Krauss (grade 2 student) who was the top contributor for grades Pre-K – 4. Parker received a shopping spree for \$100!



Congratulations to Rayla Henderson (grade 5 student) who was the top contributor for grades 5 - 8. Rayla received a shopping spree for \$100!



Congratulations to Gavin Georget (Pre-K student) whose name was drawn for a \$25 dinner & a \$25 movie for grades Pre-K – grade 4.



Congratulations to Parker Krauss (left)(grade 2 student) whose name was drawn for a \$25 dinner & a \$25 movie for grades Pre-K – grade 4. Also, congratulations to Cash Nikolaisen (middle)(grade 5 student) & Rayla Henderson (right) (grade 5 student) whose names were drawn for a \$50 Walmart Gift Certificate for grades 5 - 8.



WALK-A-THON TOP CLASS CONTRIBUTORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADE 5 - MS. PATERSON'S CLASS WHO
WERE THE TOP CLASS CONTRIBUTORS!!

THEY WILL ALL RECEIVE A FREE LUNCH!!

WELL-DONE GRADE 5!!



Lest we forget



Addison (gr. 3) chose Mrs. Acorn!



Stetson (Pre-K) chose Ms. Medinski!



Chase (gr. 6) chose Mr Arcand!



Rayla (gr. 5) chose Ms. Paterson!



Ashley (gr. 7) chose Mrs. Meyers!



Drayden (gr. 8) chose Ms. Strom!



Parker (gr. 2) chose Mr. Mack!

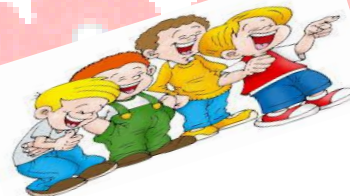


Raylee (gr. 4) chose Mr. Horachek!



Jayann (gr. 1) chose Ms. Deschambeault!

**PIE IN THE
FACE!!!!**





The x-country running season concluded at the extravaganza in Spruce Home! The sun was out and beautiful weather greeted our runners. Many personal bests from this group!
Coach Wintringham and Coach Mack



Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

The WJ Berezowsky Insider

Time To Play in A Meaningful Way

October 30th 2023

Experience is everything! Whether your child is in pre-k or grade eight, all students enjoy learning through play. Many student's core memories about school center around times that were fun or playful. WJB Public School has been creating ways to engage our learners through play that also directly tie in with the curriculum.

We are excited to let you all know that we now have a classroom set up for Experiential Play Based Learning. Dramatic play, sensory bins, small world play, art, math, science, health, social and literacy are all taught within fun and engaging centers. Students also learn how to cooperate and improve upon their communication skills. We will be sharing some of this with you throughout the year. Join our Face book page for even more school information and a chance to see our learners in action!



Pie Making Station

Experiential Play based Learning could also include games, science experiments, field trips, baking/cooking, photography, performing, observations, making structures and outdoor adventures.

EDUCATION WEEK (OCTOBER 15TH - 21ST)

"BRIGHT MINDS BRIGHT FUTURE"

Winners of the 'word search' @ the pancake breakfast held on Mon., Oct. 20th in a.m. are:

Back row (l to r): James Wilson (gr. 6), Harper Hunt (gr. 8), Drayden Morey (gr. 8)

Front row (l to r): Jaxon Wilson (gr. 4), Jace Budd (gr. 2)

Each winner received a \$5 canteen card.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST





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Volunteers Needed for Operation Red Nose 2023

The Prince Albert Lions Club will be sponsoring Operation Red Nose in Prince Albert again in 2023. Community volunteers are the key to the success of the program. In 2022 we provided 130 rides to 275 clients who were impaired or who did not feel fit to drive their own vehicle. They all got home safely.

Although the service is free, clients usually provide donations, which under the provisions of the Operation Red Nose Program must be allocated to youth groups or groups that support youth in Prince Albert and area. The Prince Albert Lions Club has selected area schools as the recipients of these donations to assist with programming for students. As a result of the campaign a total of \$4,400 was donated to 11 elementary schools in Prince Albert and area.

The program operates on Friday and Saturday evenings. This year will be starting on Friday, December 1st and run for 5 weekends plus New Year's Eve. We start around 9 pm in the evening and usually run until 2 am the next morning. New Year's tends to run a bit later due to house parties.

Volunteers must be at least 19 years of age. They are organized into teams of 3 people, an escort driver, designated driver and navigator.-All volunteers, require a police background check (provided at no cost) and are insured for liability by our provincial sponsor the SGI. Volunteers do not have to use their vehicles since escort vehicles are provided by vehicle dealerships in the city

Volunteers can choose to work one night, a weekend or the whole season. Come as an individual or put together a team of 3 people. We find New Year Eve is one of our busiest nights. Volunteers are provided with food, coffee and camaraderie during the evenings they work.

If you are interested in helping out with Operation Red Nose, please contact me at (306)763-7434, (306)425-7804(cell) or by email at rbraaten@sasktel.net.