

WEST MISSOURI WILDFIRE NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2021

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From the Principal's Pen,

Warton Willie has declared an early spring, but I'm not convinced!
Happy February. The shortest month of the year has arrived, and even though January seemed short while we were "Learning From Home", the staff and students have been very busy.

WNPS continues to work diligently to improve our abilities in mathematics and promote and celebrate our love of Literacy, Innovation & Problem Solving.

The staff continue to appreciate regular communication in planners, through virtual platforms and phone calls. Our "doors" are always open so don't hesitate to keep the lines of communication open. Thanks again for your continued support!

With you in education,
Darryl Mann
Principal West Nissouri Public School

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 19th - please return report card envelopes to classroom teachers



Meet Mrs. Hamlyn

GRADE 3 TEACHER @ WNPS

What is something that we probably don't know about you?

I love to figure skate! I have been participating in synchronized skating since I was in Grade 3! I love being part of a team and have been able to travel to many places across Canada to attend competitions! I look forward to the pandemic being over so that I can go skating with my friends again soon!

How long have you been a part of the WNPS community?

I have been lucky enough to be at West Missouri for the past 10 years! My very first year at WN was teaching JK/SK, and now that group of students is starting High School!

What do you do to 'energize' and take care of yourself?

When I am not at work, I love to spend time with my family! I have two young boys that keep me busy! We are always going on outdoor adventures to check out nature trails or playing in the backyard!

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

PLEASE sign me up for a tropical beach vacation! I love to look for tropical fish when snorkeling in crystal clear water!



Bus Delays/Cancellation Reminder

Remember... when our buses have been cancelled the SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN unless there has been school closures announced by Thames Valley District School Board. Check the board's website for the most accurate information: www.tvdsb.ca. For our bused families; *if you don't plan to send your child to school*, you MUST report their absence via SchoolMessenger, and please select Transportation Cancelled. If you decide to drive your child to school, you will need to return by 3:30 pm for pick up. Dismissal will be as normal at 3:30 bell. Please wait for your bused child near the school bus zone. We appreciate you wearing a mask and remembering to social distance.

School Bus Zones

A reminder to keep our school bus loading zones clear between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. and again in the afternoon from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

School Bus Registration

Thinking ahead to next year, just noting that each year we must now register for a spot on the bus. The portal will open in June to accept your registration (www.mybigyellowbus.ca).

Home & School News

It's hard to believe that it is already February, but we have weathered through and spring is on the horizon!

We would like to send an extra special thank you out to all teachers and staff who have worked so hard to keep teaching our students through the pandemic! You are all truly superstars!

Despite some limitations with COVID-19, the West Nissouri Home and School Association has continued to support students and teachers in whatever ways we can. As a gesture of our sincere appreciation, each West Nissouri staff member received a gift card for Indigo in December. We have also offered funds to each classroom to purchase whatever may be needed. We have also earmarked some funds for the new outdoor education space, some funds for technology (when it becomes available again as there is currently a chromebook shortage), and some funds for each student to get something special given there will likely be no class trips this year. More information will be available soon!

Thank you to everyone who purchased spirit wear and who supported our gift card fundraiser. In December alone, we sold \$52,555 worth of gift cards which means we were able to raise over \$2000 that will go back into the school for our students. Thank you to several families that were able to purchase gift cards for their company's employees from our association!

Our next meeting is Monday March 1, 2021 at 6pm via Google Meet. Please consider joining us to see what we have coming up for the rest of this school year!

Thank you for your support!

- The West Nissouri Home and School Association





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Our meetings this year are a little trickier to navigate through all the rules but there is no better time to connect than now with everything being remote. The meetings are very informative with the Principal's Report and – yes I am saying it – we are starting to plan for parent engagement for your child's school year success!

How to connect:

There will be an invitation sent out with school messenger with a unique password

****a reminder you will have to know your child's login information****

Log onto your child's tvdsb google account

In the top right hand corner select "apps" and then "meet"

Type in the unique password

The meeting will open up and we will provide you with a quick overview on how to navigate the virtual meeting

If you do not have a google account or are having trouble logging in please reach out and we can add you with an email address or phone number.

We will go over how to navigate the platform and introductions before we begin so everyone is comfortable.

In the last meeting we formed a sub committee to work on a survey that pulls information regarding barriers with parent engagement and communication from the council. Keep an eye out for this in the new year!

The school calendar is now updated with important dates for quick reference & reminders.

If you have any questions or concerns please email us at sc-westmissouri@tvpic.ca You can find us on Facebook at - West Missouri Public School Advisory Council The minutes will be shared from each meeting on our school website - westmissouri.tvdsb.ca. It can be found under the "Parents" tab and by selecting "School Council"

As well as on school messenger!

Next Meeting – Monday March 8th from 630 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with Google Meet An invite will go out on school messenger with the password code

If you are unable to attend our meetings you can find us on Facebook at - **West Missouri Public School Advisory Council** – send us a message anytime!

