

# Wildfire News



West Nissouri Wildfire Newsletter - Issue #2

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**From the Principal's Pen,  
October 2020**

Where did September go? It was an incredibly busy month with the start of another school year. We are so happy to have both staff and students back at school in-person. We know there are many new safety routines we need to follow, but it is worth it to have in-person learning happening. Parents, thank you so much for the work you have done to prepare your children to wear their masks and wash their hands. Please continue to remind your children to physically distance at all times while at school. We appreciate all your support and patience as we adjust to our new normal! The homeschool connection is a vital part of students' safety and education.

Families are reminded to use the UPDATED Ontario screening tool daily before school.

Here is the link: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

As well, the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) has a very informative website which you may wish to visit to find answers to many frequently asked questions about Covid-19 and Return to Learn. <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/index.aspx>

In the classroom, our focus has been on ensuring students feel safe at school and establishing routines to keep everyone safe. Teachers are working hard to get to know your children and where their learning gaps are. Our main focus is on literacy and numeracy.

We held the first Virtual School Council and Home and School meetings on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those able to attend. Congratulations, and thank you to our WNPS Council Member Executive:

Chair:	Tiffany Grubb
Secretary:	Alexis Juliao
Treasurer:	Tara Santagapita
Community Reps:	Jeannine Poulton Andrew Poulton
Parent Reps:	Amanda Borges Michelle Coughlin Blair Masse Kendra Bricker
Teacher Rep:	Carissa Kanters

Our School Council and Home and School Association welcome new members at any time and will meet virtually, the first Monday of every month. Our next Home and School Association & School Council Meeting is on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Terry Fox Run was held this past week. What an awesome event. Thank you, Mrs. Peetsma, for organizing the event and to all our parents, guardians, family and friends for your donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. We reached our goal and raised an astonishing \$1730 in support of Cancer research.

The month of October also closes with the fun-filled day and evening - Halloween! Unfortunately, this year will run differently. Staff and students will not be permitted to wear costumes due to health and safety protocols in schools. Rather, students can dress in orange and black to celebrate Halloween. Students and families are also asked to not send in any treats to distribute to friends. Each classroom teacher will provide additional details in their regular communication with families. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, I would like to thank our amazing Home and School Association for supporting our students by purchasing a student planner for all Grade 1 – 8 students, a way to assist them in gaining valuable organizational skills as well as providing a way for communication to go between home and school. In addition, every classroom has been provided with a snack bin to support our Hungry Bear Snack Program! Thank you!!

One of my favourite holidays is Thanksgiving. I hope that you found time on this past weekend to spend with your family.

Wishing you a Happy October!

Darryl Mann  
Principal



# WEST MISSOURI STAFF LIST 2020 - 2021

K1	Ms. A. Watson & Ms. N. Buck	GR1A	Ms. C. Gentle
K2	Ms. J. Cousineau & Ms. C. Mattucci	GR1B	Ms. T. Donaldson
K3	Ms. K. Lepischak & Ms. S. Gaul		
GR2A	Ms. J. Crawford	GR3	Ms. K. Hamlyn
GR2B	Ms. J. Reymer & Ms. M. Pym	GR3/4A	Ms. A. Elston
		GR3/4B	Mr. J. Sercombe
GR4	Ms. B. Jordan	GR6	Ms. S. Scudamore
GR4/5	Ms. M. Pallant	GR6/7	Ms. A. Duncan/Ms. T. Adams
GR5/6	Mr. D. Dibsdaile		
GR7/8A	Mr. J. McNamara	GR7/8C	Ms. S. Beattie
GR7/8B	Mr. M. Keunecke		
Library	Ms. M. Bogaert	PREP	Ms. A. Ferraiuolo, Ms. B. Lenko, Ms. A. McKnight, Ms. B. Dawson
French	Ms. C. Kanters	EAs	Ms. L. Dufton, Ms. J. Govier, Ms. M. Irvine, Ms. Jary
LST	Ms. S. Peetsma & Ms. A. Duncan	NHS	Ms. D. Ingrey, Ms. K. Ferguson, Ms. P. Colfax, Ms. V. Govier
Principal	Mr. D. Mann	Vice Principal	Ms. T. Adams
Administrative Assistant	Ms. H. Smith	Charge Custodian	Ms. K. Fisher
Administrative Assistant (.5)	Ms. H. Emery	Afternoon Custodians	Mr. D. Amaral & Ms. C. Desjardins Mr. M. Nadeau

## Home and School Association

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Thank-you so much to our Home and School Association for the kind and generous donation of Hungry Bear Baskets for each of our classrooms. The Home and School association is also generously covering the cost of school planners for students in grades 1 – 8. We cannot say enough about West Nissouri's Home and School Association. Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you for your ongoing support!

## Terry Fox Run

Thank you for your support in helping raise funds for cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation. We have exceeded our school goal of \$1500 and our total today is \$1730. It is not too late if you still wish to donate. Again, thank you Wildfire families!

<http://www.terryfox.ca/WestNissouriPSThorndale>

## Parent Volunteers

Although Parent volunteer opportunities are currently on hold. Please take a moment and **update your annual Offence Declaration form**. The Offence Declaration form can be found in the [Parent Portal](#). If you want us to send a paper copy home with your child, please e-mail the school at [www.westnissouri.ca](http://www.westnissouri.ca) We maintain your most recent Criminal Background Check for volunteering on file. The Offence Declaration is all that you require if you have already submitted a Criminal Background Check. **The declaration must be done yearly however to maintain current status. Please take a moment and send it in today!**

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## Halloween

Halloween is such a fun and exciting time of year for children and staff at West Nissouri. This year will be a little different of course. Our school will be having an Orange and Black Day (no costumes please) for K-8 on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Sharing treats and goodies from home in our classrooms is not possible. Thank-you for your understanding.

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## Important November Dates - Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Communication of Learning Reports will be sent home with Kindergarten students

Progress Reports will be sent home with students in Grades 1 – 8

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