

**Principal Report  
School Council  
West Missouri Public School  
Monday February 8, 2021**

1. **Return to In-Person Learning** - During the first few days of school, the priority is to welcome students back to In-Person Learning and to provide an opportunity for community building, connection and re-establishment of routines and relationships. In addition, during the first few days of in-person instruction, time to reinforce all Health and Safety protocols and introduce our newly required protocols which include mask wearing outdoors when physical distancing is not possible.
2. **Masking Requirements** - The Ministry of Education is requiring additional measures during this return to school phase. This includes the requirement for students in Grades 1-3 to wear a mask while indoors at school. Kindergarten students will continue to be asked to wear masks, which has been an expectation since September 2020.
3. **Daily Screening** - Families of students who are attending In-person Learning are required to screen each of their children daily using the Ontario Screening Tool found on the TVDSB main website. Recently updated and shared through WNPS Messenger.
4. **Safe Schools Update – Safe and Inclusive School Plan (SISP)**
  - Safe and Inclusive School Teams are encouraged to implement a plan that educates the school community and its stakeholders about bullying, it's impact, how to prevent bullying, and intervene when it occurs.
  - Each school in Ontario has a Safe and Inclusive School Team working to promote a safer and more welcoming learning environment. Teams should strive to include the school Principal/Vice-Principal, a teacher, a support staff, a student (where appropriate), a parent/guardian, and a member from the broader community.
  - Each school will share their report with their Superintendent, the Safe Schools and Well-being Superintendent and the Safe Schools' System Principal for system alignment and accountability twice a year.
5. **Literacy Focus** – There continues to be an 11% gap in our Board's EQAO Primary Reading achievement and that of the province. Over one-third of our primary students (37%) are not achieving the provincial standard in reading.

Next steps: **School Literacy Team** - Decide on the foci (Diagnostic and Formative assessment data)

Make decisions about the three key areas in reading instruction.

While analyzing the data, the educator/division may ask the following questions:

- What do we notice from the data?
- What are the strengths and concerns in this class/division?
- What are the emerging trends in all this information?
- How could we use this data to drive our planning and instruction?
- To build on strengths and address needs, what skills should we explicitly teach?
- What resources do we need in our classroom to provide for all learners during independent, guided and shared instruction?

6. **Kindergarten Registrations** – we currently have 34 new registrations. We have 43 grade 8s graduating this year. Registration dates: Jan. 15 – Feb. 5
7. **Term 1 Report Cards, Communication of Learning and IEPs** – sent home on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021
8. **World Read-Aloud Day at WNPS** - *"We recognize that literacy begins with teachers and families who foster a love of reading in their students and children. Let's celebrate reading and spread the word about World Read Aloud Day. We held a virtual Read Aloud event on Wednesday, **February 3rd, 2021.**"*
9. **Secondary School Course and Pathway Selection** – completed for 2021/2022 school year.
10. **Staffing Update** – Rachael Litt has been hired to teach Junior and Intermediate Music. Brea Dawson is teaching the Grade 4/5 class. Meaghan Pallant is on leave.

**Dates:**

Kindergarten Registration	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> – Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.
Black History Month	February
Report Cards/IEPs	Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Valentine's Day	Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Family Day	Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>