

**Principal Report
Parent School Council
West Missouri Public School
Tuesday February 8, 2022**

1. As schools re-opened, families were asked to make individual choices about the return to in-person learning for their child. Families were supported during this time with short-term options. (In-Person Learning / Elementary Virtual Learning / Short-Term Virtual Learning)

2. School Improvement Updates:

- Literacy Focus - School Literacy Team

Decide on the foci (Diagnostic and Formative assessment data)

Make decisions about the three key areas in reading instruction.

- How could we use this data to drive our planning and instruction?
- What resources do we need in our classroom to provide for all learners during independent, guided and shared instruction?

- World Read-Aloud Day at WNPS

World Read Aloud Day calls global attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories. It motivates people to celebrate the power of words and creates a community of readers taking action to show the world that the right to literacy belongs to everyone.

"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 2nd, 2022.



- For The Love of Reading – Twitter Challenge



- Forest of Reading

3. Health and Safety Measures:

- 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. This process is completed through the *COVID-19 School Screening Confirmation Form*. The COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool was last updated Friday, February 4th, 2022.
- Masking
Students Grade 1-12 are still required to wear a well-fitted cloth or medical mask. In Thames Valley, as per an approved TVDSB Board motion, this is also required for Kindergarten students.
Students were provided with free high-quality three-ply cloth masks. The use of these specific masks is not being mandated at this time but is available to any student who needs one.
- Rapid Tests
A delivery of rapid antigen tests for students and staff was deployed.

4. Safe Schools Updates:

- **Bell Let's Talk Day**
Mental illness affects people of all ages and from all walks of life. According to the Mental Health Commission of Canada, one in five people in Canada will experience a mental health issue or illness in any given year.
That's why we joined in on the annual Bell Let's Talk Day to help create positive change.



- **Black History Month**
In recognition of February as Black History Month in Canada, schools throughout the Thames Valley District School Board are participating in events, festivities and curricular extensions to honour the legacy of Black Canadians past and present. Black history month provides an opportunity to actively celebrate and represent the voices and experiences of black students, families and staff within our school community. The impact of doing so is powerful and can be achieved in many ways; by accessing the resources available and engaging with our own school community ingenerating learning experiences, in and out of the classroom.
- **LUSO Community Services – Multicultural Outreach Program**
WNPS students have had the opportunity to be introduced to Leroy Hibbert and participate in a customized presentation learning many aspects of cultural literacy. He visits us again on February 18th for a discussion on race relations and racial identity, and for a final session in March.



Other:

1. **Kindergarten Registrations** – we had 40 new registrations. We have 51 grade 8s graduating this year. Registration dates: Jan. 17 - Feb. 4, 2022.
2. **Term 1 Report Cards, Communication of Learning and IEPs** – sent home on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022
3. **Secondary School Course and Pathway Selection** – completed for 2022/2023 school year.

Dates:

Bell Let's Talk Day	Jan. 26 th
Black History Month	February
Kindergarten Registration	January 17 th - February 4 th
World Read Aloud Day	Feb. 2 nd
School Council Meeting	Feb. 8 th
Valentine's Day	Feb. 14 th
Family Day	Feb. 21 st
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 23 rd