



March 2022

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 from 5 - 8 pm and are scheduled by teacher or parent request. If you would like to have an interview with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher for the schoolinterviews link.

Book Fair

Our virtual Scholastic Book Fair is here!!!! Our very own shopping site will open February 28 to March 4.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5156363>

Pictures of the literature options will be shared out on social media. Mrs. Sebo will again provide personal shopping for our parents so please email her your shopping list at connie.sebo@ngps.ca.

WCS Twin Acres Greenhouse Fundraiser

Are you looking for flower baskets or some vegetables and herbs for the spring? Join us for this great fundraiser! By supporting our basket fundraiser you will be supporting bringing new tools and resources that support the learning and growth of children in our school community and also supporting a local business: Twin Acres Greenhouse.

Check out the link below and order before March 15th to support Whitecourt Central School. Pick up will be at Twin Acres Greenhouse from June 3-5!

<https://www.twinacresgreenhouse.ca/.../central-school.../26>



Assurance Surveys

Assurance surveys from Alberta Education will be sent out directly to our parents of Grade 4 students. Our Grade 4 students will also have the opportunity to share their thoughts. The deadline for completion in March 25. If you have any questions, please call the school.

February Eagles

3PR - Avery D
3M - Brooklyn K
3C - Breanna C
3S - Dylan S
3L - Gabrielle K

4CH - Cortlyn L
4W - Sheliza L
4J - Elleigha M
4D - Xander D
4C - Jarron M

5S - Katelyn F
5B - London M
5L - Gaige D
5CL - Cruz H
5U - Dakota H



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<http://whitecourt.ca>
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Technology Fees

NGPS has implemented a \$31.50 Tech fee for all students K to 12. These fees can be paid online or directly to the school. Thank you to all of the families who have already paid this fee. For those still needing to pay, please contact the school. If a payment plan is required, please call the office and arrangements can be made.



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Digital Citizenship

At the heart of digital citizenship are the underlying characteristics of citizenship we tend to be familiar with: being vested with the rights, privileges, and duties as a member of society. Educating about digital citizenship while modelling appropriate technology usage will ensure students are **informed, critical, responsible and aware** of their duties and rights, provide a framework which promotes the **social, moral and cultural development** of students, and enable students to become more **self-confident and responsible**, both in and beyond the classroom. Parents please make a point to monitor the your child's use of technology.

Covid Restrictions

As the province removes restrictions from schools on March 1st, we will be seeing some changes.

- Masking for students and staff is now optional.
- Our awards and month end assembly for March will include students and staff in the gym so we are able to teach our expectations to the students as they have not had a true assembly experience before.
- Our hope is to invite parents to our April assembly.
- Parents are still asked to make appointments when entering the school however our front door is now open for drop off and pick up.

Thank you again to all of our parents for their patience and understanding over the past 2 years.

Please come prepared.....

Please remember to check: student agendas, school and class newsletters, Facebook and our website for all that is happening in our school. This will help to ensure that you child (ren) comes prepared for the day's events.

Student Messages

We encourage parents to make after school plans for their children in the mornings. To ensure that your child follows through, a note in the agenda is recommended as a visual reminder. The school staff is then also aware of after school plans and can guide if necessary. If after school plans change for students, calling the school and leaving a message with the school secretary is recommended. Parent calls cannot be transferred to the classrooms, so messages will need to be left with the secretary.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Pizza Day Gr 5 Eastlink	5
6	7	8	9	10 Parent Teacher Interviews 5-8 pm	11 PD Day - No School	12
13	14	15 School Council Meeting @ 7:15 pm	16 Term 2 Awards	17 St. Patrick's Day Pizza Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Recognition Assembly 9 ^{am} 30 am Pizza Day	26
27	28 Spring Break - No School	29 Spring Break - No School	30 Spring Break - No School	31 Spring Break - No School	1 Spring Break - No School	2

TRUST IN THE GOOD

I started writing my regular article about resiliency and building strength for better days to come. Then a war began in Europe and I just could not hit send on my original piece. My mom shared a heartfelt poem with me this morning by Donna Ashworth that eased my anxiousness a little. I contacted the author and asked her permission to share it with you. I hope it will calm your fretful heart as it did mine.

The world can be a terrifying place at times and it seems we are emerging from one horrendous period, into another.

*So if you are feeling wobbly today, it is no wonder.
The world is a scary place.*

*But it always has been.
And I am afraid it, always will be.*

*Keep your little corner of the world calm today,
And if you feel helpless and hopeless there is something you can do.*

*You can channel your fear into kindness.
It does help.*

It is something to do with the energy of thousands of people sending positivity at the same time, it creates magic, of this I have no doubt.

So, when the winds of war rage and the hounds of dread howl, hunker.

Think kind thoughts, do kind deeds and spread love around your little part of the world.

And trust in the good.

There is always good.

Shared with permission by Donna Ashworth, best selling author and poet <https://donnaashworth.com/>

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