

Centennial School



October 2021



Spooky to believe we are at the end of October already! As the beautiful fall days dwindle, we remind you that our students enjoy outside recess twice every day. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the cool weather and has indoor and outdoor footwear at school each day. A reminder to parents and guardians to use the AHS COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily checklist before your children leave for school each day. All staff and students in grades 4 - 6 are required to wear masks inside of the school. Please help your child remember to bring a mask from home each day. Parents/guardians play an essential role in illness suppression by keeping children/students home when sick. If your child develops symptoms at school we will contact you to pick them up. They should not return to school until they are feeling well.

As we approach the quarter point of the academic year our school and classroom routines are now well established and assessments are completed to further understand students' literacy and numeracy needs. This year all WRPS schools are using the four quarter system .

The quarter reporting periods are as follows:

Quarter 1 (September 1 - November 5)

Quarter 2 (November 8 - January 31)

Quarter 3 (February 1 - April 14)

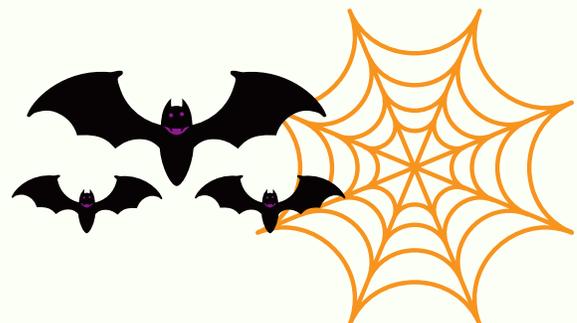
Quarter 4 (April 15 - June 28)

Another change this year in WRPS is that we will no longer be printing or sending home paper report cards with students at the end of each reporting period . Instead, you can access your child's academic progress at any time through your PowerSchool Account.

Teachers will update PowerSchool on a regular basis. It is important to note that assessment and reporting is much more than just students' "marks". Student learning is linked to regular ongoing assessment that happens many times every day in a classroom. Please check your student's progress in PowerSchool on a regular basis and contact your child's teacher if you have questions. I hope everyone had a chance to schedule a phone conference between Oct. 25 - 27. The partnership between school, teacher and parent/guardian is crucial to a child's success in school. As always , please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if we can help in any way.

Happy Halloween !

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Gloria Rogers

Indigineous Support Worker



Tansi,

Tatawaw. Welcome to Centennial School

I'm Mrs. Rogers, the Indigenous Support Worker. At the beginning of the year the school acknowledged National Reconciliation Week. Teachers shared the story of the orange shirt and hung up ribbons on the fence to remember all those children that never made it home. Recently we have been supporting the "Walk for Wenjack." Staff and students are learning more about residential schools and Chanie's last few days with us.

In the cultural room, students have begun beading lanyards, crocheting scarfs and hats for the needy. Right now we are learning about the seven teachings our first teaching is about honesty. I will be supporting the grade 4 class in learning about the moose thru the lessons "Moose on the Loose". Drumming takes place every other Friday, we have about 8-12 boys being led by one of our grade 6 boys. Basic Cree is being practiced through the Brian Macdonald Cree songs. Grade 2 will listen and enjoy the moss bag teachings.

I'm hoping that Covid will be kinder to us this year. It would be nice to have some ceremonies during our school year. Some bannock made for the students to enjoy! If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to let me know. Hy hiy, Thank you.

Gloria Rogers

November Important Dates

- Monday, November 1st - PD Day - no school
- Monday, November 8th - **Report cards for the first reporting period will be available on Powerschool. In order to view your child's report card, please log on to your Powerschool Parent Account. Printed report cards will not be sent home**
- Thursday, November 11th - Remembrance Day - no school
- Friday, November 12th - In lieu of parent/teacher interviews - no school
- Friday, November 19th - PD Day - no school



Literacy

Teach Writing Without Paper.

Here are some ideas to help your child learn beginning writing in a fun interactive way. Handwriting develops when we as parents provide different activities to help our child develop hand strength and endurance.



Develop Hand Strength

- playdough (roll like a snake)
- lacing activities
- using tongs/tweezers to pick things up.
- squeezing spray bottles
- squeezing sponges
- duplo blocks (easier than lego)
- lego (especially pulling them apart after building).



Write on Different Surfaces

- flatten playdough and use a tool (toothpick/popsicle stick/dowel) to write.
- use chalk and write on the sidewalk outside.
- write with your finger on a cookie tray of either (salt/flour/rice).
- mix dirt and water and use a stick to write in the mud.
- using a paintbrush & water, write on the outside wall of the house &/or garage.
- in the snow use a stick to write letters/words.
- use a whiteboard and dry erase markers.

By Mrs. Kathy Sellin, K-6 Literacy Teacher