



## Wembley Elementary School



### June 2020

WEMBLEY ELEMENTARY: WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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## June News

### Principal's Message

It is June! How did that happen? When we first started remote learning, I felt that the time was going so slowly and now we are in our last month of the 2019-2020 school year!

This school year has had a number of ups and downs, but despite the times, we are coming out stronger than ever. We have learned that we are able to preserve and to adapt to big life changes and to triumph through the difficult times until we return to lighter days. We have learned to come together and to learn alongside each other.

I'd like to say great job to all of our students who have worked so hard, despite being separated (at least physically) from their teacher and their peers. I know it has been difficult, but you should be proud of your ability to adjust to this new way of living.

I'd also like to say how grateful I am to all of the parents who have worked so hard to figure out how to do remote learning while still maintaining housekeeping and possibly working. It has been a difficult time, and you have done an amazing job! Thank you.

Lastly, I am so proud and thankful to all of our staff members who have worked tirelessly to help our children and their families. We quickly learned new tech skills and that our way of teaching has changed forever.

Lastly, as we begin this last month of school I would like to thank all the staff and students who have made this year a success. You are the highlight of my year. Stay safe this summer and be kind.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Walsh

### Dates to remember

- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Spirit day: Sunglasses day
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – School spirit day: wear red & white
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – CSW – School Closed
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Chromebook and library books drop-off
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Jr. Kindergarten Farewell
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – School spirit day: wear red & white
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Whole School assembly at 11:00
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – last instructional day
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Movie online party
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – report cards available for pick-up
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – last day of school
- September 1<sup>st</sup> – Classes resume



# WES News

## Learning From Home

Every Wednesday, we will be posting pictures/quotes/videos of staff and students learning remotely. If you would like to contribute to our Learning from Home editions, please send your pictures/quotes/videos to your classroom teacher or to [erikawalsh@pwsd76.ab.ca](mailto:erikawalsh@pwsd76.ab.ca). Please note that students must have up-to-date FOIP consent. If you need further information or help setting up the consent, please call the school office.

## Congratulations:

We would like to wish the following staff members congratulations and best of luck!

## Years of Service:

**Mrs. Bev Marshall** has been with WES for 25 years. Wow! What an incredible feat. Thank you, Mrs. Marshall for all of your years and your dedication to our school and our students' education.



## Retirement:

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruxton who has decided to retire this year. She served a number of roles in our school and has taught grade one for xx number of years. Thank you for your service. The students and staff of Wembley Elementary will miss you!

Congratulations to Mrs. Blake who is also retiring this year. She has made an incredible difference in all of the students at Wembley Elementary – both past and present. Thank you for your dedication and care!

We wish you both best of luck and hope that you visit us from time to time in the future.



## Welcome:

At this time we would like to welcome one new face and two returning faces to our school for the next school year.

**Mr. Bailey** will begin his principalship at WES in September. He is eager to begin and has already had the opportunity to meet many of our staff members. He comes to WES with 10 years of teaching including 2 years as Vice Principal. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Bailey.

**Ms. Waldron** will be returning to WES in the school year. This year she joined our team in November as a temporary teacher. We are excited to welcome her back to the school next year!

**Mrs. Goodward** was also new to our school this year and filled a

temporary position at our school. We are eager to have her join our team full time. Congratulations, and welcome to WES!

## Kindergarten & JR. Kindergarten

Registration for both programs is now open. If you have any questions please call the school office.

## School Council

School Council will be having a virtual meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. A link to the Google Meet will be posted on Facebook an hour prior to the start. ***During this meeting, we will have an opportunity to meet the new principal!***

## Whole School Assembly

As school begins to close for the year, we would like to invite all of our students to join us in a school assembly on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. During the assembly, we will honour some of our staff members, grade three's will have their air bands performance and more!

## Whole School Movie (Virtual)

It has saddened our staff that we were unable to spend time with our students in person. We had planned to go to the movies in June as a school. Unfortunately, this cannot happen this year. Instead, we will be sharing a link to a movie for you and your family to share together. We encourage you to take pictures and to post them on Facebook. The link will

be shared on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through email and Google Classrooms. Be sure to check your learning folder throughout the month of June for a movie treat. More details will follow!

### Report cards

Report cards will be available for pick up on June 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00. Please select the option that works best for your family:

Option 1: Come to the school between 9-12 or 1-3 to pick up the report card (plus any additional belongings). When you arrive at the school, please wait in your car and call the school office at 780-766-2294. A staff member will bring the report card to the front door. If there are other families picking up, please wait in your car until you are called. The report card will be brought out in the order that we received the phone call. This is to ensure as many safety precautions as possible are in place and that we are maintaining social distancing.

Option 2: Request a digital copy from your classroom teacher. Digital report cards will be emailed to parents who requested starting at 1 pm on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

**Kindergarten report cards will be available on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see email from Mrs. LeDrew on how to pick yours up.**

### Chromebook drop off

We will begin collecting Chromebooks on June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup>. We want to ensure that all of our devices are back before the end of the school year so that they are properly cleaned and ready for the 2020-2021 school start up. Please return these to the school along with the charger that was signed out to your student. As we begin collecting Chromebook, teachers will prepare a paper learning package for our students. Please pick these up during the hours of 9-3.

### School supplies pick up

When our doors were first closed to the public, we only sent home some of the students' school supplies because we were hopeful of their return to in-school learning before the end of the year. Unfortunately, this did not happen. Some classes may still have some supplies left in their classrooms. Your classroom teacher will let you know if you have any supplies to pick up. If you do, you may begin picking this up on June 15<sup>th</sup> when you drop off the Chromebook that was leant you.

### Library Books

Please return any library books that your child may have at home. There is a library book bin outside the school doors on school days from 9-3.

### Facebook Challenges/Virtual Spirit Day

We will continue with our daily Facebook Challenges during remote learning. On the last school day of each week, we

encourage our students to participate in a school spirit day. Mrs. Walsh will also be going LIVE on the last school day of the week for a Weekly Wrap Up. Please see important dates for more information.

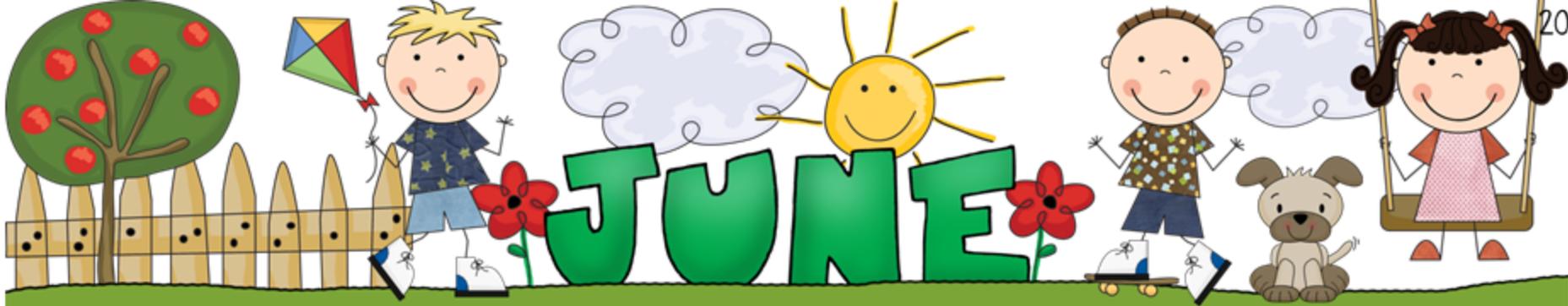
### County of Grande Prairie Grant

We are excited to share that we were one of the recipients awarded funding for a Physical Education alternative program, focusing on swimming lessons and gymnastics. The funds awarded will go towards the cost of lessons and transportation.

### Staying Connected

During this time, please remember that the schools are open. Teachers and support staff are busy preparing materials for distance learning and for when our students return. Although our doors continue to be closed indefinitely to the public, please feel free to call or email us. We are available to our students and families from 9-3 on school days. Thank you to those of you who have sent pictures to us. We love seeing our students smiling. Keep them coming!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mathematician Monday	2 Story-Telling Tuesday	3 Whip-it Up Wednesday	4 Tech Thursday	5 Spirit day: Sunglasses Fearless Friday Weekly Wrap up Live at 9 on Facebook	6
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	22 Last day of instruction Mathematician Monday	23 Story-Telling Tuesday	24 Whip-it Up Wednesday Movie - Whole school	25 Tech Thursday	26 Fearless Friday Report cards available for pick-up Weekly wrap up at 9 - Facebook	27 School Spirit day: wear red & white
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Happy Summer! Classes resume September 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>					