WALTER GRETZKY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Character Attribute is "Integrity"

Message From the Principal

No Wheels on the School Property

With Spring comes the use of bikes and skateboards. Please remember that students are to walk their bikes onto the property. Pick up your skateboard and carry it once you arrive at the school sidewalk. Parents please remind your child if they ride bikes or boards on property they will be asked to leave their wheels at home. Thanks for your cooperation to keep all our students safe on the playground.

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Want to keep up to date on what is happening at WGES? Find out about upcoming events. See students and staff in day to day activities.

Learn about websites and information to help your child learn.

Follow us @wggriffins on Twitter

Like us at WGES School Council on Facebook.

See you there!



Growing Excellence... Inspiring Success

School Cash

We have successfully been working with School Cash On-Line. It's easy to use and convenient. If you have not already signed up, please call the office to find out how. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!!!

Volunteers Needed – We are looking for

parents to volunteer one to two hours per week to read

with Primary students. If you are able to support our school in this learning opportunity for our students please contact Ms. Laura Dawson at the school.



Dates to Remember –

Good Friday – April 3
Easter Monday – April 6
Vaisakhi/Baisakhi Festival Dance – April 8
Pizza Day – April 10
Parent Council Meeting – April 14
Book Fair – April 14 – 17
PA Day – April 24
Rotary Classic Run – April 26
Kindergarten Orientation – May 14
M.A.D. Assembly – May 29





Caught'ya Winners

- -Amna
- -Victoria
- -Sean
- -Harnoor
- -Avery

Earth Hour

The ninth annual Earth Hour takes place at 8:30 p.m. local time on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

This Earth Hour, WWF is calling on Canadians to join

other countries in sending a strong global message – that this is the year we change climate change.

Don't forget to turn off

the lights and do your part to make a change.



Book Fair

Once again Scholastics will be hosting a Book Fair at Walter Gretzky School. Previewing the fair will be April 14th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. The Fair will open for purchases April 16th and 17th. Please refer to Book Fair flyer sent home on March 27, 2015.



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PRIMARY INTRAMURALS AND ACTIVE PLAYGROUND LEADERS

Thanks very much to all the Playground Leaders who provided such fun and active games at recess for so many primary students this winter! Intramurals have now finished and our Playground Leaders will be working on some new games to show students outdoors when the weather and playground improve later this spring. Many thanks also to Ms. Redpath, Mme. Pappani, Mrs. Schrader and Mrs. Harrison for supervising all the fun.



April 1st – <u>April Fool's Day</u> Don't forget to have some safe fun on this day.

Active Playground Leaders

We have 16 grade 5 and 6 Walter Gretzky students who trained this fall to become Active Playground Leaders. The Playground Leaders are involved in teaching over 80 grade 1-3 pupils, on four teams how to play a variety of fun



games during Intramural Sports. Twice a week our Active Playground Leaders meet with the primary students (and teacher supervisors) to have fun in the gym and learn some new games. In the spring the Playground Leaders will run games and activities out on the playground for the younger students. Well done Active Playground Leaders Ethan, Ben, Joel, Rudran, Jenna, Mashal, Kyle, Connor, Thomas, Lorelie, Jacob, Sylvia, Leah, Riya, Jasmeet, Paigton and Alex!



BABYSITTER TRAINING

Are you 11 – 15 years old and want to baby sit?

Do you know what to do in case of an emergency?

This course teaches you how to handle emergencies with confidence by providing the basic First Aid skills for such common problems as; Choking, Poisoning, Burns, Fire emergencies, Bleeding, Sprains, Strains and more!

You will also learn; important child care skills, safety tips for children of all ages, how to cope with tantrums and crying, great games and other activities for having fun with the kids while babysitting, and how to make the children's environment safe and enjoyable.

• Date: Saturday April 25th

• Location: Sobey's Community Room, Paris

• Cost: \$60.00/person (includes cost of manual)

• Time: 9:00am – 4pm

To register contact: Sherry Collings, Training Partner, Red Cross scollings@engele.com or (519) 442-1448