

W. P. Sandin Public High School

April—May 2017 Newsletter

Administrative Message:

With the days getting longer, and the songbirds singing it has our minds drifting off with thoughts of spring. Waiting for the first smell of rain, the first crocus bloom, and talk of planting the garden are all sure signs of spring. Then again, here at W.P., other sure fire signs of spring include badminton racquets sticking out of every other backpack, a concerned gym teacher looking at a muddy running track, Mr. Reddekopp sporting sandals, and of course the gentle spring winds carrying whispers of graduation.

The past couple of months have seen many stellar accomplishments: the 6/7 girls basketball team finished off a perfect season by bringing home the P4A banner; the P4A curling banner will once again be hanging in the home of the mighty Aardvarks; and the senior boys and the mixed curling teams both advanced to Regional play downs. Looking to the future, Aardvark athletics is in full swing of badminton season with over 80 students participating. Hard to imagine that track and field is just around the bend.

In addition to the athletic offerings; writing club, Junior SLC Conference, Art Club, Lego Club, and try something new days are all recent additions to the offerings at W.P. Sandin. We would like to thank all staff for their ongoing commitment to making this school the best that it can be. The hours spent by staff to create the best possible educational experience is greatly appreciated.

Speaking of great work and being appreciated, the school community council (SCC) put on an absolutely spectacular teacher appreciation lunch prior to the February break. Not only did they bring in an overwhelming variety of culinary treats, they also provided hallway supervision so we could sit down for lunch as a staff. It was truly a wonderful display of kindness and appreciation. In addition, we would encourage all parents to come out to the SCC meetings as they are an excellent opportunity to hear what is going on in the school as well as within the division. This year, the attendance at the meetings has been very impressive with double-digit turn out at every meeting. Keep up the great work SCC. The next meeting (also the AGM) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm in the W.P. library.

With the year quickly ticking by we would, as always, encourage all students and staff alike to remain focused on the most important things in life: family, friends, kindness, and of course education.

Sincerely yours in education,

Mr. Brian Linn & Mrs. Harriet Tomporowski

Office News:

Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday, April 6th, 3:30 - 9:00—**We look forward to seeing you there!**

School Community Council AGM— Tuesday May 9th @ 6:30—**Everyone Welcome.**

NOTE: Dates have changed for P4A Track Meets—see calendar or App for revised dates



We have an APP—Download on Google Play or the Apple APP store “School info app” find WP by clicking Canada—Saskatchewan—W. P.





Science Fair

WP's School Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 11. If anyone from the community is willing to be a judge please contact the school @ 306-747-2191. The judging will take place @ 11:15-12:20. Public Viewing 1:10-2:15—Awards presented at 2:15.

The Science Fair in Prince Albert will be held on Wednesday, April 26 for the projects moving on!

PAA 10 - Forestry Studies

Dear Carrier Products LTD.,

Thank you for allowing our grade 10 PAA Class to visit your sawmill and for taking the time out of your busy day to give us a tour of your facility. We enjoyed being able to see the process of taking new timber and turning it into the lumber we use in many aspects of our everyday lives. It was very interesting to see how the logs changed as they passed through each machine and just how fast the process really is. Learning about it in the classroom is way different than actually seeing the process. It was a fun, insightful day. We appreciated the opportunity to witness this process first hand and would be interested in coming to see it again.

Mr. Meyers' PAA 10 Students



SLC News:

The SLC plans for the spring include some exciting events!

Friday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day!

We encouraged students to wear green that day to celebrate the Luck of the Irish! In our traditional "Shamrock Game", the boys were given a shamrock to wear and could not speak to any girl that day. If a girl got a boy to speak to her, she won his shamrock. The girl with the most shamrocks by the conclusion won the game.

Friday, April 7: Horizons Junior SLC Conference

As you may recall, our school hosted an incredible Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference in September 2015. This "Fire is Catching" conference got our junior SLC students so fired up that they decided they wanted to host their own junior conference! We have partnered with "Horizons" – which is a Canadian Association of Student Council organization – to bring a one-day junior SLC conference to our school on April 7. Students in grades 6 – 9 from across our division will attend this event and have the opportunity to listen to a variety of wonderful inspirational speakers as well as participate in spirit activities and workshops. All of our students in grades 6 – 9 at W.P. Sandin will be attending; we will send home a parent letter with more details as the date approaches.

Easter Activities

It has become an annual tradition at W.P. Sandin to host the Shellbrook Elementary school students during the week before Easter. The elementary students partner up with a high school class and go around the school to participate in a variety of Easter-related activities. We look forward to hosting this event once again this spring.

Friday, May 26: Relay for Life

After the Junior SLC conference and the Easter activities, the main focus of the SLC this spring is going to be a community-wide Relay for Life event. This fundraising event for cancer research has gained momentum throughout the country and this year we have a group of enthusiastic and committed high school students who want to bring it to Shellbrook! The event itself will be outside on the high school track / football field and will run from 6:00pm – midnight. We will be sending out more information about how to register or how to get involved in the next couple of weeks. Thank you in advance for supporting this important initiative.



Library

Book Fair @ W.P. Sandin High School Library

April 3 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

April 4 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

April 5 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

April 6 8:30 am – 9:00 pm – open during Parent Teacher Interviews



The Library is turning 65!! The Board invites you to celebrate with us Wednesday, April 12th, 2017

2:00-4:00pm – Program at 2:30 pm -Program will include recognition of

Wapiti Regional Library
Serving Central Saskatchewan

Memorial donation from former librarian Hazel Barkway.

Shellbrook Public Library 105 Railway Ave. West

Cake and refreshments to follow.