Administrator Report for November PAC Meeting

Mike Weekes and Cyndi Tibbs - we currently have 615 students

**School Business**

As always, October was a very busy month. The first two weeks in October involved staff PD (cybersecurity and accessibility training) and our admin team attended their annual Professional Development Conference (the focus was anti racism and equity). October is a usual time where dysregulation occurs and behaviour issues rise. This year, increases in incidents have been a bit delayed, as the last couple of weeks have been a little busier than usual. Whyte Ridge is currently working with a lack of space which has meeting the needs of all students and staff challenging.

Teachers are working hard with support staff to maintain a state of calm in their classrooms and in the building. Lots of new staff have added a freshness and different perspective to our building. Grade level teams meet once a week to plan field trips, go over assessment, and discuss goals.

**School Events and Clubs**

October and the beginning of November have included lots of activities and special events for students. Our Halloween Assembly included lots of student interaction, our Socktober efforts produced 968 pairs of socks for the Main Street Project, and our Remembrance Day Assembly was meaningful for all students and staff. Students have also been able to go on field trips to the Manitoba Museum and Fort Whyte.

In addition to the many special events going on, intramurals and extra curricular activities are up and running:

* Indoor Track and Running Club
* Intramurals are running almost daily for the 3s and 4s – this includes many different games and sports.
* Grade 3 and 4 Choir.
* Grade 2 Lego Club.
* Student Action Club.
* Grade 4 Acting Club.
* Beading Club.
* Pow Wow Club.
* Cribbage and Chess Club.

Our holiday concerts are scheduled for December 16th- 18th and parents are encouraged to check our calendar regularly for updates and information on special events and activities.

**Staff initiatives and professional development**

November is usually that time of year when schools activate their school plan, while leveraging classroom profile meetings, to initiate literacy and numeracy interventions. Even though students are learning and growing, we are continuing to see deficits in the areas of gross and fine motor skills and problem solving, while dealing with social/emotional issues.

Many of our teachers are accessing professional learning communities, literacy/numeracy conferencing, and work on developing Indigenous Perspectives in their classroom.

On January 31st, 2025, we will be working on the “well supported classroom”.

**On the horizon – in the community update**

As we near the holiday season, concerts and snow, we will continue to communicate effectively with our community about:

* Attendance
* Report cards – Report cards go online December 6th
* Bussing
* School fees
* Lunchtime and recess behaviour
* The impact of digital citizenship and mental health

We also look forward to community events in the new year (digital awareness night and hosting a community breakfast).

Feel free to pass any questions or concerns onto Mike Weekes or Cyndi Tibbs. Or call our office at 204-488-4245.