

Whyte Ridge School

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Administrator Report for April 2025 PAC Meeting - Mike Weekes and Cyndi Tibbs

Celebrations

- After another report card period, we continue to see evidence of academic growth amongst our students. In our community report we will be sharing our data on student literacy and numeracy and this will drive our practice for 2025-2026.
- We had an awesome Happiness assembly on March 28th which was organized by our grade 1 teachers and students.
- We are running a Math Day in the morning tomorrow (April 10th). This engaging and exciting event will include all students from grades 1-4 participating in grade -level math activities (STEM, Art and Games) using stations. The goal is for students to enjoy math and see that it's everywhere around us.
- Congratulations to our grade 3 and 4 choirs who won silver and gold at the Winnipeg Music Festival. This was again a significant accomplishment for Mrs. Gouriluk and her students, as it reflects the weekly work that everyone puts in during the lunch hour.
- In the gym, current extra curricular programming involves soccer, track and field, basketball, and intramurals in addition to preparation for the Divisional Track and Field Meet, Dance in the Park, Fun Day and Jump Rope for Heart. Mrs. Gouriluk continues to run choir at lunch in preparation for the spring concert (April 29th) and we are excited about our Grade 4 Farewell.
- We are looking forward to our Welcome to Kindergarten event which runs on Thursday, May 29th.

Office & Staffing Update

- Our top-notch office team continues to work with families in a very service oriented, patient and resilient way. In addition to working with many different parents, our office staff give out ice, act as nurses, and solve conflicts with many students throughout the day. They also do an excellent job of prioritizing communication for the administrative team. On April 23rd we will be celebrating Administrative Professionals Day.
- We currently have around 575 students registered for next year and are staffed for 630 students for 2025/2026.
- Given our increased enrollment, the following increases to staffing have been announced for next year (with the same number of classes):
 - Mrs. Horrocks is moving to full time (3 Full Time Office Staff)
 - We have an increase in PE and Music time
 - Extra Literacy and Numeracy Support
 - Lower class sizes
- We are hiring 4 term positions for next year:
 - Full year grade 1 and 2 positions (leaves)
 - Half year grade 2 position (leave)
 - Half year .75 student services position (leave)
- Mrs. Kurth announced her retirement (Mrs. Arias will be teaching Kindergarten next year); Mrs. Iwan is back from leave and in grade 1; We are posting for Ms. Kuran's leave for late May/early June.

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Initiatives and Staff professional development

- On April 11th, our teaching staff will be attending the Oodena Celebration Circle with HGI in the morning with teacher team planning time in the afternoon. The theme of the day – Teaching Treaties Across the Curriculum will support teachers in delivering Treaty based lessons with a focus on unit planning for 2025-2026. We will also be including our Knowledge Keeper, Patti Umperville in our planning.
- Striving towards the well supported classroom (and classroom teacher) means that we need to consider running our classrooms differently and more efficiently. This means being creative with timetabling and how we distribute people power throughout the building, with a focus on calm and regulation. We will be implementing a soft start in September of 2025 which creates safe spaces for students of all abilities and needs from 8:25am-8:55am daily.
- Our grade level teams continue to work towards well balanced literacy programs by attending various PD (UFLI) and through running PLCs. All focusing on developing comprehensive literacy instruction. In 2025-2026 we will be focusing on what the data tells us about student learning while identifying gaps in achievement.
- We have received a quote from Wendy Simonson of Horizon Lane for our outdoor space and we have met with facilities to initiate approval. The total cost of the project would be approximately \$25000. This amount would have to be funded mostly by the school/PAC with a small amount of \$3500 available through the division.

April 10th	Whyte Ridge Math Day in the AM
April 11th	No School – Divisional Common Day
April 16th	Lacoste Order Forms Due to Classroom Teachers (PAC)
April 17th	PAC Pizza Hot Lunch
April 18th	No School – Good Friday
April 29th	Spring Concert @ 6:30pm
May 6th	Lacoste Order Pick Up from 3:30-5:30 (PAC)
May 7th	PAC meeting @ 7:00pm in the Library
May 8th	PAC Pizza Hot Lunch
May 22nd	PAC Pizza Hot Lunch
May 27th	Divisional Track and Field Meet
May 29th	Kindergarten Stay and Play
June 12th	Fun Day for Grades 1 - 4
June 13th	No school – School PD Day
June 18th	Grade 4 Farewell time TBD (PM)
June 23rd	Dance in the Park in the PM
June 26th	PAC Pizza Hot Lunch; Last day of classes; Report Cards Go Online

On the horizon