**Administrator Report for May 2025 PAC Meeting**

**Mike Weekes and Cyndi Tibbs**

**Celebrations & School Events**

* In April we celebrated Happiness at an assembly that was organized and run by our grade 1 team. We had a chance to listen to and watch our amazing choir/drama club students in their spring concert on April 29th. This was a culmination of the work done by our grade 3 and 4 choirs, and acting club, over the course of the year. We want to thank Mrs. Gouriluk and all of the other teachers who helped with this amazing performance.
* Our staff continue to support all students by providing many different extra-curricular activities. Basketball, intramurals, indoor track and field, drama, Lego club, student action club, book club, pow wow club and beading club have all come to an end. Outdoor track and field training is now in full swing and soon marathon club for our grade 4 students will begin. We will be sending many students to the divisional track and field meet on May 27th.
* As we know, May and June are very busy times for families:

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| 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 |

* Our Jump Rope for Heart event happens in PE classes in May. An email was sent to parents on April 25th, about how to get involved. Since 1981, Jump Rope for Heart has been a community and school event that supports heart and stroke research and education. Donations will be accepted until May 12th.
* Our Fun Day on June 12th will once again include all grade 1-4 students, who will participate in various fun activities. This day will include different stations (all physically active) with music and prizes.
* Grade 4 Farewell will take place on June 18th. Grade 4 families will receive official invites to this afternoon event in early June. Grade 4 students will also be visiting HGI School on June 19th.
* Dance in the park arrangements are being made by our committee, in preparation for the June 23rd event. We will communicate information to families as soon as we know more.

**Office Update**

* We currently have 584 student registered for next year and we are projected for 630. This means once again an increase in office staff (3 full time), a slight uptick in specialist time, and again smaller class sizes. We will once again have 23 classrooms (grades 1-4) and 6 kindergarten classes. We are currently hiring our staff for 2025/2026.
* Whyte Ridge continues to be a busy place and with several new registrations and inquiries from parents over the summer, we will once again be opening our office on August 25th.
* Our office team will be communicating with our new Kinders (for 2025-2026) about class placement and staggered entry by the end of June. Class lists for Kindergarten students are developed after our Kindergarten stay and play which is May 28th.

**Timetable for 2025-2026**

* We are implementing a soft start at Whyte Ridge School for 2025-2026. This will involve our whole staff focusing on community building and regulation from 8:25am-8:55am daily. We hope that this change will help students with routines, while developing a sense of calm first thing in the morning.

**Our literacy and school goals – that align with the Pembina Trails School Division**

* Through Professional Learning Communities, division lead PD, and grade level collaborations, our teachers continue to work towards comprehensive literacy programs that meet the needs of all students.

