

Winfield School News

Cultivating Excellence

September 5, 2018



Welcome
Back to
SCHOOL

Principal Message

Welcome Back to a new school year at Winfield School!

Welcome back! I would like to extend a warm welcome to those students, parents, and staff who are new to Winfield School, as well as those who are continuing with us. My name is Michele Ruff and I am the new and very excited Principal of Winfield School! Over the course of my teaching career, I have taught in a variety of classrooms from K-6. I look forward to working with students, parents, and staff over the course of the school term. In addition to my administrative duties, I will be teaching the Health and Library classes to the students in Grades 1-6. As well, I will be having Library with the ECS students. This will give me the chance to get to know each of the students! It is my hope that all students will be successful and achieve great things over the course of this school year.

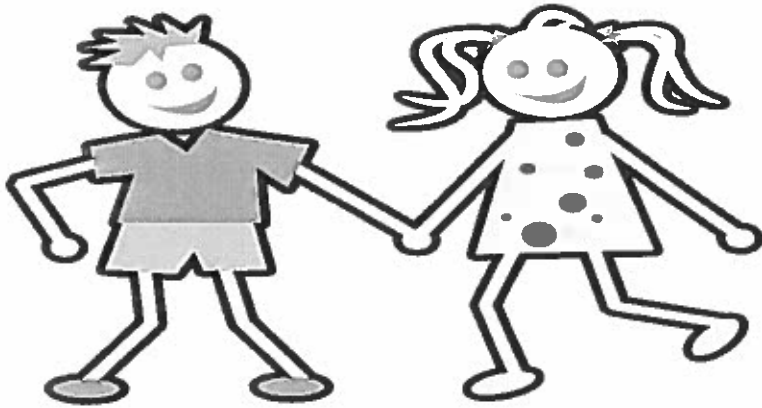
While many of us were enjoying the summer sun, Miss Jeannie was working hard getting the school ready. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Jeannie for all of her extra work! Ms. Rylance, our administrative assistant, spent time ensuring that the necessary papers were copied and ready to go for the first day of school. As well, thanks to the teaching staff for the time they spent over the summer getting their classrooms ready for the new year. We are so fortunate to work with such a dedicated group of people!

We have a number of new staff members on the Winfield School team. Miss Nathalie Appelman will be teaching the ECS/Kindergarten classes on Mondays and Wednesdays. (The ECS children will also be attending on Fridays after Christmas.) Mrs. Tracy Robinson will be joining Miss Appelman in the ECS classroom as a PUF Educational Assistant. As well, Ms. Lana Fleming will be an Educational Assistant within the various classrooms.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's programming, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school at (780) 682-3856 or via email michele.ruff@wrps11.ca.



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Ms. Kandice's Corner

Tips for Making the Start of School Less Stressful

The beginning of the school year is an exciting time, but for many children getting back into the routine can be difficult. Below are ideas for starting the new school year right.

Return to a School Sleep Schedule - The first few days of getting up early and going to bed early may be difficult, but following a consistent bedtime and morning routine will get you back on track easier.

Introduce a New Environment or Re-Introduce a Familiar One: Summer goes by quickly, but children often forget many important things about school. Remind them of their classmates' names, teachers' names, bus rules, classroom rules, and school rules.

Involve Kids - Shopping for a book bag, new shoes, pencil holder, and other school necessities is a fun tradition for many families. Help your child write a list of items they need for school. Take the list to the store and let them pick out their own supplies. The list is a great way to practice reading and writing as well as planning. Give older children a budget to practice their math skills and to learn about decision making and purchasing.

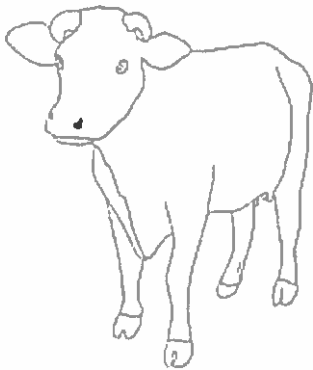
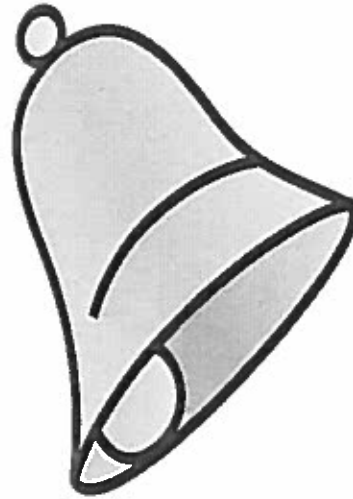
Plan Ahead - Parents have many things to remember as the new school year starts. Make a list and check things off so your stress does not become your child's stress. Scheduling medical appointments, buying school supplies, and figuring out the bus schedule in advance will make the first few days of school more relaxed and less activity packed.

I am available at Winfield School on Wednesdays. Please contact me if you should have any concerns regarding your child's social/emotional well being. If I visited with your child last year and would like continued support this year, please contact me at the school as a new consent needs to be signed for this year.

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Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, Sept. 11 Library Classes begin for students in Gr. 1-6. ECS students can take library books out on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Students may take two books out.
- School Council Meeting and Elections on September 12 at 9:00.
- Sept. 19, Cross Country Run for students in Grades 3-6.
- Sept. 28. No school for students-Professional Development Day for staff.
- Breton Food Bank Food Drive Sept. 30-Oct. 6. Please see the attached letter.



**Organizational
meeting for the
Winfield 4-H Beef
Club**

**Sept 10, 2018, 7 pm,
Alder Flats hall
For info can call or
Text Deborah –
780-202-0671**

DEAR PARENTS:

The Breton Food Bank serves all County of Wetaskiwin residents west of Range Road #30 to the far west end of the county in addition to all residents east of Range Road #60 in Brazeau County.

Families who need a temporary handup may contact the Food Bank by calling 780-696-3669 and leaving a message in the appropriate message mailbox. A volunteer will contact them, obtain the necessary information to build a custom built hamper for their family, and confirm their hamper request. Hampers are usually distributed Thursday afternoons. The family receives another call on Thursday to arrange a mutually convenient time for pickup.

We have been providing handups to families in Wetaskiwin County for many years and are glad to do so as we feel residents should not have to drive the distance to Wetaskiwin to receive this service. 50% of our food supply is distributed to Wetaskiwin County.

The Breton Food Bank has scheduled a Food Drive in the Village of Breton on Thursday, Oct 04, 2018. We wanted for the rural Breton area residents to be able to participate also, so we contacted Breton schools to make arrangements to have donations sent to schools with the children during the week of the drive. At the end of the week we will arrange for the donations to be picked up. This is a very cost effective way to collect donations from rural residents.

We thought it would be nice to allow the same opportunity to all Wetaskiwin County residents who are in our service area. Your school has agreed to collect donations!! Mark this week on your calendar:

Sept 30 - Oct 06, 2018

Breton Food Bank Food Drive

Most needed items include:

Canned vegetables	Canned tomatoes	Juice boxes
Canned fruit	Pasta sauce	Fruit juice
Fruit cups	Kidney beans	Pasta
Pork n' beans	Box cereal	Mac & Cheese
Jam	Rolled oats	Rice
Peanut Butter	Soups (canned or dry)	Granola Bars
Soda crackers	Mr. Noodles	Canned meats & seafood
Please Note: B.B. dates should be current		Coffee & tea

Also: Bathroom tissue & toothpaste

All donations are greatly appreciated by Food Bank volunteers and hamper recipients!!

Thank you!!
Breton Food Bank.