



## December 2021 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Report cards will be coming home with students on Friday. These documents are a snap-shot in time in terms of how your child is doing academically (Math, ELA, Science, etc.) and when it comes to their learning behaviours (active participation in learning, social responsibility, personal management). Teachers strive to provide a clear picture to parents (and students) about how they are doing in the various areas of school—their strengths, challenges, and next steps for improvement. Please take some time to read over the comments to see what your child is doing well in, and some areas where they can maybe focus on more. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's report card please connect with your child's teacher.

We are pleased to host a COVID immunization clinic at the school on Wednesday December 15th between 1:00—6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for our youngest students to get that added layer of protection from this terrible virus. According to public health “vaccination is one of the most effective ways to protect our families, communities, and ourselves against COVID-19, by reducing the spread of the virus and protecting ourselves from getting sick with COVID-19”. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity. An email was sent home to all families Tuesday with additional information.

Our playground “hill” is a busy place these days at breaks. Many students race to the hill at breaks to go up and down on their sleds - either the ones they have brought from home, or the crazy carpets we have at the school. We could use another foot of snow to cover the bald spots and ice! Please remember to dress for the weather everyone—the days are getting colder so we need to come prepared to be outside at every break. No ski-pants = no toboggan hill.

We would like to welcome a couple new staff members that have recently joined “Team Woodlands”:

Jessica Prefontaine is replacing Mandy Hallow who is on leave—she is teaching primarily K-8 Music, and 5-6 Art and Social Studies.

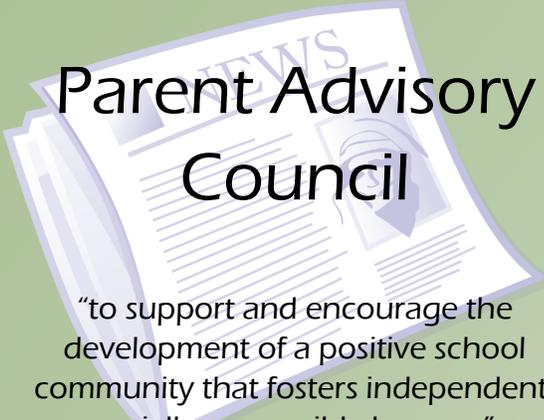
Christina Will has joined us as an educational assistant in the afternoons.

Please make note that our last day of school prior to the holiday break is on Wednesday December 22nd, with a return to school being Thursday January 6th.

I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday season!

*Tim Lee*





# Parent Advisory Council

“to support and encourage the development of a positive school community that fosters independent, socially responsible learners”

## Notes from PAC

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

From the PAC group.



## Playground

A sub-committee was created to work with the PAC Committee.

Updated plans are currently being developed as new equipment has been added since the last plans were made.

A survey of the students (and staff) was done to get an idea of the types of projects they would like to see on the playground.

We look forward to seeing these ideas implemented.



## Meetings

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Next meeting is:

Date: Thursday,  
Time: 8:30  
Location: via zoom

Everyone is welcome to participate in our meetings! If you require assistance on how to join a virtual PAC meeting contact Lynnette at the number below.



## Fundraising

Each year PAC holds fundraising events to support our school!

*Shelmerdine's* - pick up December 1st

*Gift Cards* - will be sent home when they arrive at the school.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our fundraisers successful. Your continued support is truly appreciated.

## Volunteer

We are looking for energetic individuals who are willing to join our PAC group. We work together to raise funds for the continued development of our playground and assist the school with various events. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Lynnette Lindell @ 204-982-9372 or by email at [lynnette@lansard.ca](mailto:lynnette@lansard.ca)



Woodlands Parent Advisory Council  
November 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Lynnette Lindell, Tara-Lee Koss, Billie Jean Oliver, Jeannine Campbell, Tim Lee

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:35

**Minutes:** October 2021 Minutes were read. Jeannine Campbell moved to have Minutes passed; Tara-Lee Koss 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Regular PAC Chequeing:	\$5,686.45
Playground Chequeing:	\$3,122.37
Playground Savings:	\$19,407.82

**Fundraising:**

- We made \$93.50 on Colibri; Lynnette looking for next year to possibly pick-up instead of delivery fee.
- Gift Cards – Closes on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Billie Jean to send out reminder.
- Shelmerdines – on-line orders are due on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Delivery date is set for December 1<sup>st</sup>. Billie Jean to send out link again. On-line orders thus far is much lower than when we had paper forms.

**Principal's Report:**

- Staffing changes; down a full-time EA
- Ms. Hallow on medical leave until the end of December – Jessica Prefontaine is in to cover;
- Progress Conversations was a success; Teachers all had full nights; looking at changing up format for February's event; maybe add time and leave time in between meetings;
- No plans for Christmas concert as we need to limit the number of people in the building
- Questions surrounding high school zones held in our building;
- Report cards go home on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Marks for the Grades 7 & 8's will be on the Parent Portal.
- Volleyball goes until early December for both boys and girls; will be part of a "tournament" that goes over the course of a few days and travel to different schools.
- Basketball – looking for coaches and a staff member that will be "assigned" to the team. The coach can be a parent but must have all the checks and criteria in place to be a volunteer. Will do our best to make it happen.

**Playground Committee**

- Need to set a date and time to do a walk-about, generate a new plan and apply for grants.
- email to be sent amongst committee members

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is schedule for Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 (zoom)

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION December 1st – 15th



INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION requests that all parents/guardians of children eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2022/2023 school year

contact their local school between December 1<sup>st</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to register their child.

There will be no in-person registrations at this time.

Please call or email the school to initiate the registration process.

Please visit our website for school contact information - [www.interlakesd.ca](http://www.interlakesd.ca)

Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2022/2023 school year.

Proof of age and residency/address are required.



## Must Help Mustangs!!!

The Must Help Mustangs are a group of grade 3/4 students who want to help our world and our community. We have decided to collect donations for the local Christmas Cheer Board. We believe this is really important because some families need extra help at Christmas time and this helps them.

Starting November 30, you can bring in donations for it. Donations can be things like pasta, Kraft Dinner, canned vegetables, new toys or clothes. A list of things you can donate went home in November. You can bring them to the office any day from November 30 to December 10. If you have any questions, please contact the school. Please help us help kids!

From the Must Help Mustangs,

Brooklyn	Kennley	Jocelyn	Owen C.	Luke	Shay	Gage
Tyrone	Austin	Armand	Adrian	Hollie	Sophie	Lara
Chelsea	Zoey	Blake	Lily	Kira	Ashton	
Ethan	Kailyn	Alysse				



# Kindergarten Classroom Corner



We are having so much fun in Kindergarten this year, we can hardly believe it is already December! This month we focused on adding some math games and centres to our learning. The pop it game is a huge hit. This game helps us learn to automatically read the numbers on a dice and helps us with counting. We also have to take turns and remember to pop the pop its in the right order!

We also turned our giant connect four game into a matching game! Students have to find the written numerals from 1 to 6 and match them with the correct number of dots. This is a really great activity for learning to identify numbers to 6! We might soon be ready to increase this to numbers up to 10.

Snakes & Ladders is another game we are using for Math this month. This game is really helpful in teaching us to wait our turn as four people can play. We are learning to play games with other students, count spaces, and read the numbers on the dice when we play this game. We are also learning that we can't always win, and that is a hard lesson to learn some days!

The most exciting part of our month was when we received a new student in our class. Dallas joined our Kindergarten class this month and we are so excited to have a new friend.



# NOVEMBER IN 3/4 G!

Students have been enjoying working together and have been sharing their learning in both Science and Social Studies. We have completed several projects on parts of plants, photosynthesis, and have just started a greenhouse design project. Students explored topics related to peace and conflict resolution around Remembrance Day and worked on some beautiful art pieces.

Math has been filled with place value, representing numbers, and Number Talks. Students have especially enjoyed practicing these skills on Prodigy.

We had a special opportunity this fall to participate in a global inquiry project to develop their critical thinking skills where students were able to explore what fall is like around the world. Students were able to connect with other students from across Canada, Peru, Chile, Uganda, and South Korea!

The favourite activity this month has been writing! Students have been working on adding descriptive words to make their writing more interesting. They love sharing their stories with each other and are learning to reread and edit their short stories.





# Volleyball Wrap-up



It was great to get back to extracurricular team sport this fall at the school. Our players were eager to get started and showed commitment and passion for the sport and their teammates more and more as the season went on.

## Girls Team:

The girls volleyball team had a great season and made lots of improvement! The girls dedicated to many early morning and recess practices to improving their skills. They played some successful sets against Warren, Grosse Isle, Stony Mountain, Stone-wall, and Balmoral in the regular season. Unfortunately we fell short to Warren in the playoffs, but are looking forward to next season! Great job girls!

The girls team consisted of:

Katelynn DeFoort	Leah Estensen
Mya Fowler	Whitley Monforton
Lexi Poitras	Cadence Smith
Cheyenne Fleury	Isabel Laing
Hayley Poitras	Sadie Norberg
Mya Good	
Coach: Ms.Gray	



**Boys Team:** at the start of the year we were focused on the fundamentals of movement, passing, setting, and servings. As the year moved on we tried a couple different tactics and worked on overall team play. It was nice to have a solid core of grade 8 players that were dedicated in practice and games. We found ourselves on the losing end of some of our “triple ball” games at the start of the season, and we had some obvious areas to improve on. When the playoff round started we knew we had to play our best. In our first round match, we travelled to Warren and beat them handily 3-0. We then hosted Grosse Isle in the divisional semi-final on Thursday. Earlier in the year we lost to Grosse Isle so we weren’t too sure what to expect. The boys came to play, and with the help of the home crowd won 3-1. In the divisional final we played Balmoral—a team we had lost 4 straight sets to the week earlier. Once again our boys played a smart, confident game and beat Balmoral 3-0 to be crowned Divisional Champions!! After looking at our banner wall, this marks the first time Woodlands has won the Divisional Boys Volleyball banner since 1989-90! It was a very rewarding way to end the season, and proof that hard work and solid teamwork does pay off.

The boys team consisted of:

Caleb Voth	Ryder Clare	William Kollman
Daniel Oliver	Sawyer Park	Kade Schedler
Daniel Koss	Ryder Magus	Jak Proctor
Sheldon Stranger	Espen Sund	Landon Tully
Coach: Mr.Lee		



Today is a great day to read to your child at home! It increases vocabulary and literacy skills. Christmas books provide a world of imagination for you to share with your child. If you need books now or another time of year, please contact your child's teacher and we can arrange to lend you books for no cost. Make it fun! Cuddle up and enjoy a book!



What do our students say about being read to?

Logan, gr 1 – It makes me feel happy and makes me feel better when my Mom reads to me.

Ryder, gr 1 – When my Mom reads to me at bedtime it makes me feel happy and it helps me go to sleep.

Brooklyn, gr 1 – My Mom and Dad read to me at bedtime and it makes me feel safe. When they're done I get to look at the pages of the book too!

Cash, gr 2 – I usually get to pick the books when my parents read to me. Sometimes I pick hard books and we take turns reading them. It makes it easy-peesy-lemon squeez-ie.

Laila, gr 2 – I read to my little brother. He loves Good Night Moon. I have the book mostly memorized. My Dad reads it to him too so he will go to sleep.

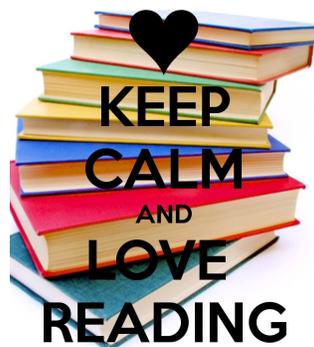
Jase, gr 3 – My Mom and Dad read to me almost every night. It makes me feel good and relaxed. I like Geronimo Stilton and most books we have. Sometimes I'm excited for them to read to me because I want to know what happens next in the book!

Armand, gr 4 – It makes me feel better and calm down when my parents read to me, especially if I've watched scary movies before that! I like Wings of Fire books.

Lincoln, gr 4 – When my Dad is home I read a page and he reads a page. This makes me feel good because it's time with just Dad and me.

Sophie, gr 4 – When I share a book with Mom it makes me feel happy, calm and relaxed.

Lewis, gr 4 – My Mom reads to me. It makes me feel happy and calm.



# PUBLIC SKATING AT WARREN ARENA!

Monday, December 27th

Public Skating: 1:00—2:00

Stick & puck: 2:00—3:00

Tuesday, December 28th

Public Skating: 11:30—12:30

Stick & puck 12:30—1:30

Wednesday, December 29th

Public Skating: 1:00—2:00

Stick & puck: 2:00—3:00

Thursday, December 30th

Public Skating: 11:30—12:30

Stick & puck 12:30—1:30

Friday, December 31st

Public Skating: 1:00—2:00

Stick & puck: 2:00—3:00

\$3.00 per skater

\$10.00 per family

12—17 years old must show proof of at least one vaccination;

18+ must show proof of vaccination.

Please provide your school issued or government issued id.





# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Kindergarten Registration is being held from December 1 <sup>st</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> 			1 Day 1  Early Dismissal	2 Day 2 K	3 Day 3	4
5	6 Day 4 K	7 Day 5	8 Day 6 K	9 Day 1	10 Day 2 K  Holly Jolly Jog  Report Cards sent home	11
12	13 Day 3	14 Day 4 K	15 Day 5  Door decorating	16 Day 6 K  Christmas Bingo Begins	17 Day 1  Jersey Day Christmas Song Trivia	18
19	20 Day 2 K  Festive Hat and Sweater Day	21 Day 3  Red & Green day Christmas Character Trivia	22 Day 4 K  PJ Day	23  No School	24  No School	25  Christmas
26  Boxing Day	 happy holidays! 					31