



SWAN HILLS SCHOOL

Grizzly Pride

NOVEMBER 2017

Character Trait of the Month

Integrity

Highlights in This Issue

School Photos Retakes

UPCOMING KEY DATES

November 1	Early Dismissal
November 3	Photo Deadline Order
November 9	Remembrance Day Service 10:00 a.m. large gym
November 10	No School
November 13	No School
November 15	School Council Meeting
November 16	Grad Rings
November 17	Photo Retakes
November 20	PD Day
November 29	Early Dismissal

**PLEASE NOTE EARLY OUT DISMISSAL TIMES ARE
2:33 p.m.**

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Whether we want it or not, winter appears to be upon us. We are all, hopefully, remembering to dress for the weather, and I suspect the complaints I am hearing about the snow and the cold will soon shift to excitement over the upcoming sledding, skiing, and other seasonal activities.

We are in the midst of our Remembrance Day activities, a ceremony that promises to be touching to all who attend. I offer a great thank-you to Mrs. Kuyek and the many others who planned, prepared, and set up to help ensure our students, staff, dignitaries, and other attendees, feel the importance of the occasion. I hope many community members join us for our Remembrance Day ceremony November 9th.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos were sent home. Photo orders are due November 3, 2017. Retakes are November 17.

STAFF PARKING LOT

Please do not enter the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up your children. It creates a hazard for our students as they are entering and leaving.

As well, do not park in the staff parking lot, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Do not park and block staff members in.

"Together We Can; Together We Will"

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Kaely Condin & Kyra Griffin for their scholarships to the Eveline Charles Academy! Kaley won a \$1000.00 towards a full time program. Kyra won a \$300.00 for the online makeup program. They entered the Eveline Charles Academy draws at the Career Fair they attended in Whitecourt September 22. It does pay to enter draws and apply for scholarships.

STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL

Please be reminded that students who do not have after school commitments must leave the school or be picked up by 3:45, as there is no supervision after that time. We have had some issues with students found either walking the hallways or being outside alone, and this creates a safety risk for them. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

You have received Demographic Verification Forms with your child. This is a two-paged sheet. Make sure you complete both sides. Please check over the current information. If any changes are required, correct the information in the "Corrected Information" column. Please **SIGN** and date the front side of the form stating that you have received and changed all of the information. Along with the Demographic Verification Form, you will also need to complete a FOIP from and Elements at Risk form. Please return the Demographic Verification Form **whether changes are made or not** along with the other signed and completed forms. If you have not returned these forms, please do so ASAP.

APPROPRIATE OUTSIDE CLOTHING

Winter is here and the staff would like to remind all parents to dress their children for the cold weather. The students are outside for breaks throughout the day and need that warm clothing. It is important for elementary students to come with snow pants or waterproof pants. This will prevent your child from having to sit in wet clothing or calling you in the middle of the day to bring dry clothing to the school.



COLD WEATHER POLICY

Students will stay inside if the temperatures outside reaches -25 degrees with the wind chill. If there is no wind, students will stay inside if the temperature reaches -25 degrees.

The safety of students is our first priority, so we will use our best judgement before sending students outside. Please ensure that your child is dressed properly for the weather.

AMA Safety Patrol at the School. Patrollers follow the same policy as the school for weather conditions.

Our policy states "students will have inside recess if the temperature hits -25 with or without wind chill. Therefore, if the temperature is -15, but the wind chill puts us over -25, students will stay in. If the wind is calm, the temperature must be -25 in order for students to stay inside."

Therefore, if the weather conditions fall within these criteria, Patrollers ARE NOT expected to be outside. Their safety and the safety of students comes first.

BUSSING

Reminder that if an item does not fit in your child's backpack it is not permitted on the bus.

Please remind your children to dress for colder weather. In the event that the bus breaks down on route, we will be walking to school. Also, please talk to your children about waiting for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching to get on it. When it is icy, the bus may slide upon final braking and the kids need to be in a safe place off the road.



VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to volunteer, assist in classrooms, or participate in classroom activities on special occasions, please ensure you have the appropriate paperwork completed. Volunteer papers can be picked up from the office, and you will require a Criminal Record Check. Overnight trips will also require a Child Welfare Check.

SUPERVISION

As supervision of students begins at 8:25, please do not send your children to school too early. During inclement weather, students will be permitted to wait inside the entrances.

VISITORS ENTERING THE SCHOOL

All visitors to the school must first check-in at the office and then proceed into the school.