



# Wyoming Primary Schools

Elm • Hilltop • Vermont

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Dear Wyoming Primary Schools Families,

I hope this message finds you well and excited for the new school year. I wanted to take a moment to share some of the fantastic work our teachers are doing with math instruction this year. At Wyoming Primary Schools, we are committed to ensuring that every student receives the support and challenge they need to thrive in their math learning journey.

This year, our teachers are implementing a comprehensive approach to math instruction that includes pre-assessments, formative checks, and post-assessments. Here's what that means for your child:

- **Pre-Assessments:** At the start of each new unit, our students will take a pre-assessment to help us understand their current level of understanding. This allows us to tailor our instruction to meet students where they are and set the stage for their growth.
- **Formative Checks:** Teachers will conduct formative checks throughout each unit to monitor progress. These quick assessments provide valuable feedback, helping us identify areas where students may need additional support or challenge.
- **Post-Assessments:** At the end of each unit, students will take a post-assessment to measure their growth and mastery of the concepts. This not only helps us celebrate their successes but also guides our planning for future instruction.

In addition to these assessment practices, our teachers are incorporating best practices in math instruction, such as promoting a growth mindset, encouraging problem-solving and critical thinking, and using manipulatives and visual models to deepen understanding. We are also fostering a classroom environment where mistakes are viewed as learning opportunities, helping students build resilience and confidence in their mathematical abilities.

By using this cycle of assessment and focusing on best practices, we can ensure that our students are consistently being challenged appropriately and receiving the support they need to succeed. Our goal is to foster a love of math and help each child develop the skills and confidence they need to excel.

We are excited about the growth we will see in our students this year and look forward to partnering with you in this journey. If you have any questions or would like more information about our math instruction, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can also join us on Thursday,

September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym at Hilltop School to learn more about our approach to math and literacy instruction here at Wyoming Primary Schools.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and our students.

Sincerely,

Gina Kirchner

Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

## Counselor Corner

This week's Cowboy TV lessons focused on grit. Grit is the ability to keep working toward a goal or outcome with patience and persistence even when it's difficult. In order to show grit, one must have a growth mindset, which is the belief that you can get better at something if you keep working at it even when you encounter challenges. When you have a growth mindset, you don't just settle on the idea that you don't know something, rather you believe that you don't know it "yet." Studies show that grit trumps intelligence and natural ability, which can be improved with sustained effort. You can help your child to develop grit by encouraging him/her to embrace challenges with a growth mindset and your care and support. Each Primary School classroom is reading and applying concepts from the book titled *The Magical Yet* to teach and reinforce the importance of having grit and a growth mindset.

## Arrival & Dismissal Reminders

Please do not block our neighbor's driveways during arrival and dismissal. We recognize that parking is limited, but we want to ensure we respect our neighbors' property.

## Upcoming Dates

- **Curriculum Nights -**
  - **Vermont School - Tuesday, August 27, 2024**
    - Grades K & 1 - 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
    - Grades 2, 3, & 4 - 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
  - **Elm School - Wednesday, August 28, 2024**
    - Grades K & 1 - 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
    - Grades 2, 3, & 4 - 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
- **Labor Day - No School - Monday, September 2, 2024**
- **Literacy and Math Information Night - Parents Only - Thursday, September 12, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. at Hilltop School**

## News from Around Wyoming

[Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community](#), including:

- Information about the November Bond levy for Wyoming Primary School Facilities
- Wyoming Primary Facilities Master Planning Community Forum #4 at 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 3 @ WHS
- Finance Friday
- Call for Wyoming professionals to share expertise with our WHS students
- Upcoming Events
- PSA approves more than \$135,000 in funding for 2024-2025 school year
- More Support Organization Information
- Community News for 1st-4th Grade Families: Cub Scout Info Meeting on August 26