



Wyoming Primary Schools

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Dear WPS Families,

As we begin a new academic year, I want to share an exciting focus that we're emphasizing at Wyoming Primary Schools: Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

PLCs are collaborative teams of educators who work together with the shared goal of improving student learning. Through regular meetings and data-driven discussions, our teachers analyze student progress, share effective strategies, and support each other in enhancing their instructional practices. This collaborative approach ensures that all our students benefit from the collective expertise of our entire teaching staff.

This year, our focus within PLCs will be particularly on refining our math instruction. We're using pre and post-assessments along with formative checks to ensure that each child is both challenged and supported in their learning journey. By closely monitoring student progress and adapting our teaching strategies accordingly, we aim to provide a personalized learning experience that meets the needs of every student.

We believe that by working together as a professional learning community, we can make a significant impact on your child's education. Our teachers are dedicated to continuous improvement, and I am confident that this focus will lead to even greater success for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to a fantastic year of growth and learning at Wyoming Primary Schools.

Sincerely,

Gina Kirchner

Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

Counselor Corner

This week's Cowboy TV lessons focused on self-regulation, which is the ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors effectively in different situations. Self-regulation includes managing stress, controlling impulses, displaying emotions appropriately, motivating oneself, and working toward personal and academic goals. Students have been taught the mantra, "I have the power to change the way I feel," because they are learning that they can use calming

strategies to help them feel calmer, happier, and more focused and in control of themselves so that they are ready to learn. Hand breathing is a calming strategy that we will ask students to utilize as an initial calming strategy. Calming breaths can help to regulate a child's body and brain. There is a calming space in each Wyoming Primary classroom to help students manage stronger emotions in the learning environment. When students' bodies and emotions are regulated, they can be their best selves!

Harvest Fest

We are so excited for Harvest Fest 2024! WPS hosts this fun event each year to raise money for our sister school in Sierra Leone. Through this event, our students learn many valuable lessons about nutrition, growing food, and helping others. There are several ways for families to participate:

- You can order shirts! [Eat Your Veggies! Harvest Fest 2024 T-Shirt](#) - Hurry! The deadline to order is September 4th!
- You can RSVP to attend Harvest Fest to enjoy a delicious meal served by our fourth graders: [Harvest Fest 2024 RSVP Form](#)

We hope to see you there! Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Dates

- **Labor Day** - No School - Monday, September 2, 2024
- **4th Grade Music "Try-It Night"** - Thursday, September 5th - 6:30 p.m. at Wyoming Middle School
- **Literacy and Math Information Night** - Parents Only - Thursday, September 12, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. at Hilltop School
- **Harvest Fest** - Saturday, September 14th - Wyoming High School - 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please use this link to RSVP: [Harvest Fest 2024 RSVP Form](#)

Apply Now for Free and Reduced School Meals

Free and reduced meal applications are available online in the [Payschools Parent Portal](#). Additionally, paper applications are available in the school front offices. A new application is required each school year to determine eligibility for free or reduced meals; there is only a 30-day grace period from last school year's approval.

Instructional Fee Waiver: Prior to electronically signing and submitting the online application, please make sure to "check" the boxes in the disclosure section if you are also requesting an instructional fee waiver. This is an important step, as fees will not be waived without this authorization.

For families who are directly certified for free or reduced meals due to their eligibility through SNAP, TANF or Medicaid, you will receive a Direct Certification Notification from our Nutrition Services Partner, Milford Exempted Village Schools.

Please note that action is required - you must sign and return the Fee Waiver Permission on the bottom of that form - in order for instructional fees to be waived.

For questions or assistance, please contact Milford Nutrition Services at 513-576-2290 or foodservices@milfordschools.org.

News from Around Wyoming

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

- Wyoming Primary Schools Bond Levy on November Ballot
- Wyoming Primary Schools Community Forum #4 at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, September 3
- Finance Friday: WHS Bond Issue Will Be Paid Off Early, Lessening Net Impact of November's WPS Levy
- Share Your Expertise With WHS Students
- Upcoming Events
- WyoShop Spirit Store open 3-6 p.m. Thursdays in September
- JWC Mum Sale