



Wyoming Primary Schools

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Dear WPS Families,

We had a great time at Family Math Night last night! Thank you for coming out! If you were not able to make it, or would like to continue the fun, you can access all of the [games from Math Night in this folder](#).

Following Family Math Night, I want to provide you with some information about why math games are so important for our young mathematicians this week. At Wyoming Primary Schools, math games are an essential component of our approach to teaching and learning mathematics. These engaging, interactive activities are designed to reinforce key math concepts in a fun and motivating way, helping students develop essential skills while fostering a love for math.

Math games provide students with opportunities to practice concepts such as number sense, operations, patterns, geometry, and problem-solving in a low-stakes, playful environment. Whether working independently, in pairs, or in small groups, students are able to apply mathematical strategies, think critically, and learn from their peers through friendly competition and collaboration.

Rationale

The use of math games supports our commitment to making math learning both meaningful and enjoyable. There are several key reasons why math games are a valuable tool in the classroom:

1. **Active Engagement** – Math games make learning interactive and fun, allowing students to be fully engaged in the material. This helps increase motivation, especially for students who may find traditional practice less stimulating.
2. **Reinforcement of Skills** – Games provide repetitive practice in a way that feels fresh and exciting. Students get the opportunity to strengthen their understanding of math facts, operations, and strategies while honing important skills like quick recall, problem-solving, and logical reasoning.
3. **Differentiation** – Math games allow for differentiation, as students can play at different levels of difficulty. Teachers can adapt games to meet the needs of diverse learners, ensuring that each student is challenged at the right level.
4. **Collaboration and Communication** – Through playing math games, students practice explaining their thinking, strategizing, and working cooperatively with their peers. This fosters mathematical discourse and helps build communication skills as they learn to articulate their reasoning and listen to others.

5. **Instant Feedback** – Math games provide immediate feedback, allowing students to quickly see the results of their efforts. This helps build confidence and encourages them to try new strategies, deepening their understanding of mathematical concepts.
6. **Problem-Solving Skills** – Many math games involve strategy and require students to think critically and plan ahead. This helps develop problem-solving skills that are applicable beyond math, contributing to overall cognitive development.
7. **Positive Math Experiences** – Perhaps most importantly, math games help students associate math with enjoyment. By incorporating games into our curriculum, we aim to build a positive attitude toward math, reducing anxiety and helping students see it as a subject that is fun, engaging, and accessible.

At Wyoming Primary Schools, we believe that math games are a powerful way to create a rich, dynamic math learning environment where students feel supported, challenged, and excited to grow their math skills. Through play, they are not only reinforcing content but also developing critical thinking, collaboration, and perseverance—all of which contribute to their overall mathematical success.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in your child's education,

Dr. Gina Kirchner

Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

Counselor Corner

During the past week the Cowboy TV lessons focused on the skill of time management, which is how long we spend on a task. It is important to be able to balance how much time we have and how long to spend on each part of a task. One way we can organize the things we need to do is to create a to-do list. Then, when we get something done, we can cross it off. Good time management allows us to achieve our goals because it keeps us on track with completing tasks and assignments and provides us with time to check over our work. Parents can help their children to develop time management skills by explicitly talking about timelines for household tasks and helping children to stay on-task and check-in at certain points to see if they are staying on track.

Scholastic Book Fair - Coming Soon!

We are excited to be gearing up for the annual [Wyoming Primary Scholastic Book Fair](#) November 12th - 14th at Hilltop from 3:30- 7:00. A portion of the sales will go to our primary libraries. We can't make this event happen without our volunteers. If you have the time we would be so appreciative of your help. [Book Fair Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Recess on Cold Weather Days

As we begin to transition to cooler weather, we want to remind you to please send your child to school dressed appropriately for the outdoor conditions. Our primary cold weather guidelines are as follows: when the temperature is 25 degrees or higher (including wind chill), we will hold outdoor recess. If the temperature feels like 24 degrees or lower, students will remain indoors for recess.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we work to keep our students comfortable and safe during recess.

Recess on Cold Weather Days

Calamity Days may be called for a number of reasons. Most often, a calamity day is due to hazardous road/sidewalk conditions due to inclement weather. [More information about school closures and delays can be found here.](#)

Calamity day information is shared with families through the use of our SchoolMessenger notification system. [More information about SchoolMessenger, including how to make changes to your contact information, is available here.](#)

Our annual Superintendent Thanksgiving Message serves as a test of our SchoolMessenger phone call system. This year's Superintendent Thanksgiving Message is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26. If you do not receive the phone call on November 26 or would like to make changes to the phone number used for the message, please [follow these instructions](#) or send your request by email to info@wyoingcityschools.org

Upcoming Dates

- **Halloween Parades & Parties** - Thursday, October 31st - (view and print [letter and permission slip](#))
- **Conference Day** - Friday, November 1 - No School for Students
- **Thanksgiving Break** - Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29 - No School for Students or Staff

[View the full WCS calendar here.](#)

News from Around Wyoming

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

- Finance Friday: Annual Audits of Public Organizations
- Wyoming Primary Schools Bond Levy on November Ballot
- Upcoming Events
- Wyoming Firefighters Association Turkey Raffle on Nov. 22 & 23

Photos from the Week

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the week at WPS!