



# Wyoming Primary Schools

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Dear WPS Families,

Happy Halloween! We are so excited for the day ahead and continue to keep our fingers crossed that the weather cooperates.

Please remember that tomorrow is parent-teacher conference day and a day-off for our students. We look forward to the opportunity to connect with you about your student's progress!

Over the next two weeks, I will be sharing information about the online resources we use at Wyoming Primary Schools to support students in reading and math. Please know that we are mindful of screen time, using technology purposefully and in short intervals to complement direct instruction. When screens are used, they allow for personalized learning experiences, enabling teachers to work with small groups of students.

This week, I'm excited to share an overview of **Lexia Core 5**, the online tool we use to support literacy development.

**About Lexia Core 5:** Lexia Core 5 is an adaptive literacy program that customizes reading instruction to meet each student's unique needs. It helps our students build foundational skills, ensuring they progress toward middle school as confident, capable readers.

## Key Benefits of Lexia Core 5:

- **Personalized Learning:** Lexia Core 5 adjusts to each student's progress, providing individualized instruction that lets them work at their own pace. This helps every student, whether they need extra support or additional challenges.
- **Comprehensive Skill Coverage:** The program addresses phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. By targeting these essential reading areas, it helps build a strong foundation for future academic success.
- **Data-Driven Insights:** Teachers receive real-time data on student progress, enabling them to tailor instruction to each child's needs, intervening when necessary for additional support.
- **Engaging and Interactive:** The program's interactive activities motivate students, encouraging a positive attitude toward reading.
- **Support for All Learners:** Lexia Core 5 is especially effective for English language learners (ELLs) and students with learning differences, ensuring that all students have access to high-quality literacy instruction.

- **Flexible Integration:** Lexia Core 5 can be easily integrated into our literacy routine, whether during computer lab time, classroom centers, or as part of blended learning.

By implementing Lexia Core 5, we support our mission to provide all Wyoming Primary students with the essential reading skills for future academic success. The personalized, data-driven instruction this tool provides ensures that our teachers can effectively support each student's literacy journey.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Dr. Gina Kirchner  
Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

## Counselor Corner

During this past week the Cowboy TV lessons focused on being flexible, which is the ability to adapt to change and deal with problems. Anytime children are asked to change what they're doing, they're being asked to demonstrate flexibility. In addition, cognitive flexibility is a skill that helps students demonstrate expected behavior both at school and outside of school. Cognitive flexibility includes handling transitions by shifting easily from one task to another; handling deviation from rules, routines, and original plans; and handling unpredictability, ambiguity, uncertainty, and novelty. Parents can help their children develop their flexibility skills by praising them when they exhibit flexibility and by encouraging their children to think about things in different ways and from a variety of perspectives.

## 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.

## Calamity 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@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:info@wyomingcityschools.org)

## Upcoming Dates

- **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: Income Tax Distribution
- 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!