



Wyoming Primary Schools

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Dear WPS Families,

Happy New Year!

The start of a new year is a perfect opportunity to set fresh goals, embrace new challenges, and celebrate the journey of learning and growth. At Wyoming Primary Schools, we are committed to ensuring every student feels valued, inspired, and empowered to reach their full potential.

This year, we will continue our focus on fostering a love of learning, cultivating a sense of belonging for all students, and partnering with families to create a positive and enriching school experience.

Thank you for your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership. Let's make 2025 a year filled with joy, learning, and success for all!

Stay Warm!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gina Kirchner

Principal

Counselor Corner

During the past week the Cowboy TV lessons focused on starting the New Year off with intentionality. Students learned about an alternative to making New Year's resolutions that's inspired by John Gordon's book, *One Word for Kids*. Instead of making a long list of goals, students learned that you can choose one special word to guide you through the year. This one word helps you stay focused and make good choices every day. You can select a word by thinking about what's important to you and what you want to get better at. Your word should be something that inspires you and reminds you to keep going, even when things get tough. Once you've chosen your one word, it's important to keep it in mind every day. You can write it down and put it somewhere you'll see it often. Some kids like to draw pictures of their word or make it part of an art project. The more you see your word, the easier it will be to remember it when you're faced with a tough choice or a new challenge. Your word becomes a little helper that

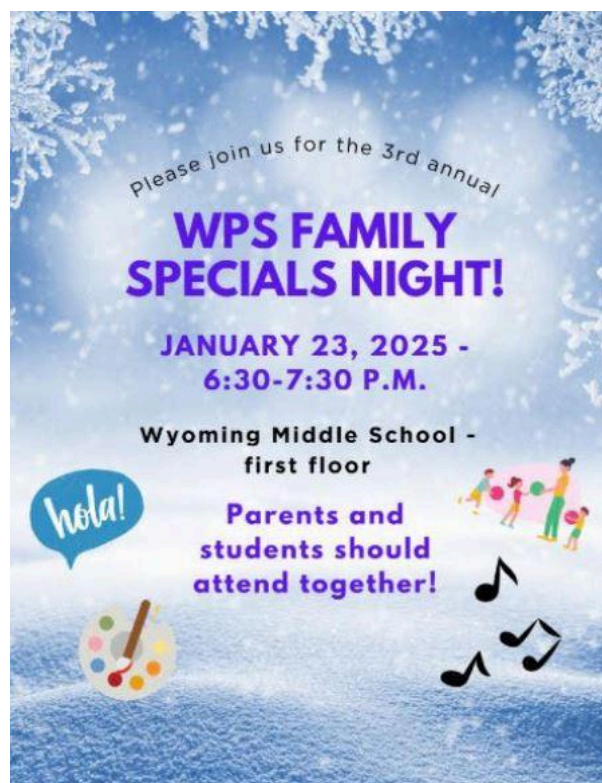
stays with you all year long. As parents/guardians, you can encourage your child to select a word for the year and help your child to be cognizant of the word in his/her daily life.

InView Score Reports

Second and Fourth-Grade Families: Due to an unexpected processing error, InView score reports for your students continue to be delayed. We apologize for this inconvenience. The reports will be sent home in your child's Thursday folder as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Family Specials Night - Thursday, January 23rd

Mark your calendars for our third, annual Family Specials Night on Thursday, January 23rd from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Wyoming Middle School. At this event, WPS families and their students will participate in fun activities connected to P.E., Music, Spanish, and Art with our amazing specials teachers! We hope to see you there!



Kindergarten Enrollment for 2025-2026

We're excited to announce that we're gearing up for kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year! For detailed information on enrollment, please [visit our website](#).

Mark your calendars for our Kindergarten Information Night on Thursday, February 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at Hilltop School. This event is a great opportunity to learn more about our kindergarten program and get your questions answered. We look forward to welcoming our newest Cowboys!

Devices at School

As we return from winter break, we recognize that many students may have received new devices, such as phones, e-readers, watches, or smartwatches, as holiday gifts. We want to remind families that students are not permitted to use devices of any kind during the school day - including those devices that are in "airplane mode" or "school mode". All devices, including watches, must remain turned off and stored in students' backpacks while at school. They should not be turning devices back on until after 3:25 p.m. as they are leaving the building. This practice helps us maintain a focused and distraction-free learning environment. Thank you for your support in reinforcing this expectation with your child.

Yearbook - Message from PAC

Attention 4th Grade Parents: every year we work to recognize our "graduating" 4th graders as they end their time at the primary school and move on to middle school. One way we do this is by highlighting them in a spread in the primary yearbook. We need your help to do this. Please send in a photo of your 4th grader along with a few notes about the photo - they must be at least 1MB (often cropping or editing a photo will compress it, send an original photo), the photo should be just of them (please do not send photos with friends or siblings). The photo should be a candid and we encourage it to be something that highlights their personality or hobbies but needs to include a clear image of their face (do not send far away in action sport shots or photos of backs). Send all photos (or questions) to wyoprimyearbook@gmail.com by Feb. 28th. We thank you for helping us give special recognition of our special 4th graders.

Upcoming Dates

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** - No School - Monday, January 20th
- **Professional Development Day** - No School for Students - Tuesday, January 21st
- **Family Specials Night** - Thursday, January 23rd - 6:30-7:30 at Wyoming Middle School

[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
- Kindergarten Registration Info

- Upcoming Events
- WSMA Winter Music Fest
- JWC Euchre Tournament