



# Wyoming Primary Schools

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Dear WPS Families,

As we head into the first week of February, our team is hard at work analyzing recent Acadience and MAP assessment data. These assessments provide valuable insights into student progress, helping us ensure that every child receives the right support and enrichment to grow as a learner.

Over the next couple of weeks, our teachers and support staff will meet to review this data carefully, identifying trends and next steps. Our goal is to use this information to tailor instruction, reinforce strengths, and address areas where students may need additional support. Families will receive a full report of their child's progress in the report card packets that will come home in Thursday folders on **February 20th**.

Your partnership in this process is invaluable, and we appreciate your continued collaboration in fostering a strong learning environment for all students. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a great month of learning ahead!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gina Kirchner

Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

## Counselor Corner

This week's Cowboy TV lessons focused on 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." Someone who possesses a growth mindset believes that the brain can get smarter and stronger by acquiring knowledge and exerting effort to overcome challenges. Some books that you can share with your child about growth mindset are *Bubble Gum Brain* by Julia Cook, *Mindset Matters* by Bryan Smith, *The Magical Yet* by Angela DiTerlizzi, and *The Fantastic Elastic Brain* by JoAnn Deak.

## Building Placement for 2025-2026

Yesterday all students in grades K-3 received letters in their Thursday folders outlining our building placement process, along with parent preference forms, in their Thursday folders.

### **For Kindergarten Families:**

Each year, we redistribute our kindergarten students as they transition to first grade to ensure a balanced distribution across our three Primary buildings. All kindergarten families will receive a letter outlining our building placement process and a form to indicate their building preferences for grades 1-4. **All kindergarten families will need to complete the form and return to school by Friday, February 14, 2025.** We will do our best to accommodate your requests and will notify you of your child's anticipated building placement for grades one through four by March 21, 2025.

### **For Families with Students in Grades 1-3:**

Families with students in grades 1-3 will also receive an **optional** form in their Thursday folders. This form may be completed if you would like us to consider a transfer to a different Primary building for the 2025-26 school year. **If you would like for your child to remain at their current school, you do not need to complete the form.**

## **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!

## **Save the Date - Wyoming Art Show**

The second annual K-12 Art Show is fast approaching! Please plan to join us at Wyoming Middle School on **Saturday April 26th, 2025 from 1-3pm** for a celebration of our visual arts students in grades K-12! A wide variety of artworks created during the 2024-2025 school year will be displayed at the art show. Come see original artworks in clay, drawing, painting, and more from our youngest artists, tweens and teens!

## **Upcoming Dates**

- **Valentine's Day Parties** - Friday, February 14th
- **President's Day** - No School - Monday, February 17th
- **Report Cards in Thursday Folders** - Thursday, February 20th

- **Kindergarten Information Night** - Thursday, February 27th - 6:30 p.m. - Hilltop School Gym
- **Family Literacy Night** - Thursday, March 13th - 6:30-7:30 - 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
- WMS Assistant Principal Search: Survey & Groups
- WHS presents *Footloose* Feb. 7 & 8
- Kindergarten Registration Info
- Upcoming Events
- WSMA Winter Music Fest
- Spring 2025 Girls on the Run for Grades 3-5
- Wyoming Fine Arts Center: My Block, My City Program

## Photos from the Week

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