



Wyoming Primary Schools

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Dear WPS Families,

At Wyoming Primary Schools, we know that strong reading skills lay the foundation for lifelong learning. Partnering with your child at home can make a big difference! Here are some helpful tips to support your K-4 reader:

- **Read Together Every Day** – Set aside time to read with your child, whether it's bedtime stories, shared reading, or taking turns reading aloud.
- **Talk About Books** – Ask open-ended questions like, “What was your favorite part?” or “What do you think will happen next?” to build comprehension.
- **Encourage a Love of Reading** – Let your child choose books that interest them, including picture books, graphic novels, and non-fiction texts.
- **Make Reading Interactive** – Use voices for characters, act out scenes, or have your child retell the story in their own words.
- **Build Vocabulary** – Discuss new words, play word games, and connect words to everyday experiences to help expand their language skills.
- **Model Reading Behavior** – Let your child see you enjoying books, magazines, or newspapers—this sets a great example!
- **Use Everyday Opportunities** – Reading doesn't just happen in books! Encourage your child to read recipes, signs, menus, or instructions.

Your support at home helps reinforce what students are learning in school. If you have any questions or need book recommendations, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

Happy reading!

Warmly,

Dr. Gina Kirchner

Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

Counselor Corner

This week marks the beginning of Black History Month. This could be a great time to be intentional about incorporating the following Ohio Social and Emotional Learning Standards into your family's discussions and activities:

- Discuss positive and negative opinions people may have about other people or groups, even if they aren't always true.
- Participate in cross-cultural activities and acknowledge that individual and group differences may complement each other.
- Identify ways that norms differ among various families, cultures and social groups.

Valentine's Day Reminders

Valentine's Day is right around the corner! We are looking forward to our classroom parties on Friday, February 14th. Please remember that any treats that are handed out with Valentines must be on our approved food list. You can access the approved [allergy free food options](#) here. Please note that any food that is not on the approved list will be returned home in students' backpacks.

Student Illness Policy Reminder

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With cold and flu season upon us, it's a good time to review Wyoming School District's illness policy to help maintain a safe and healthy school environment.

If your child has been ill with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, please keep them home for at least 24 hours after their last fever or gastrointestinal symptoms. Your child must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin). This allows them time to fully recover and return to school ready for a productive day.

The 24-hour rule also applies to antibiotic treatment. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics for conditions such as strep throat or conjunctivitis ("pink eye"), they must remain home for at least 24 hours after their first dose before returning to school.

Your cooperation is essential in keeping our school community healthy. Thank you for your support in helping us create a safe learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Wyoming School District Health Services

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
- WHS presents *Footloose* this weekend!
- Kindergarten Registration Info
- Upcoming Events
- WSMA Winter Music Fest on Feb. 22
- Wyoming LAX Club looking for new players in Grades K-8
- Spring 2025 Girls on the Run for Grades 3-5
- Wyoming Fine Arts Center: My Block, My City Program