Wyoming Primary Schools Elm · Hilltop · Vermont

March 7, 2025

Dear WPS Families,

Happy March! We hope you are doing well and gearing up for a great Spring Break in just a couple of weeks. It's hard to believe that we are almost there!

At WPS, we believe building strong number sense is key to mathematical success. We work on number sense daily in our classrooms through Number Talks and other high-impact routines. Here are a few ideas for ways you can support your child's mathematical thinking at home in simple, fun ways:

Play with Numbers – Ask your child to count objects around the house, skip count by 2s, 5s, or 10s, or find numbers in everyday life (addresses, prices, clocks).

Make Math a Game – Board games like Yahtzee, Monopoly, or card games that involve adding and strategy help reinforce number sense in a playful way.

Use Real-World Math – Let your child help with measuring ingredients while cooking, comparing prices while shopping, or estimating how many steps it takes to get across a room.

Ask Thoughtful Questions – Instead of just finding an answer, encourage thinking by asking, "How did you figure that out?" or "Can you explain your thinking another way?"

Math is everywhere—have fun exploring it together!

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Gina Kirchner

Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

Counselor Corner

This week's Cowboy TV lessons focused on respect. When you show that you care how your actions and words impact others, you show respect. You can have respect for others, and you can have respect for yourself. Self-respect means you feel good about who you are, the types of choices you make, and the impact you have on others. As parents, you can promote respectful behavior by encouraging your child to do the following things to show respect:

- Using kind or polite words, even when you're upset
- Using manners like sharing, waiting your turn, saying "please" and "thank you"
- Accepting differences, or at least disagreeing with kind words

- Being careful not to damage places or things and putting things away after you use them
- Using a quiet voice and calm behavior in public places
- Sharing resources and only taking what you really need

Family Literacy Night - Calling All Superheroes

Join us for a super fun Family Literacy Night on **Thursday, March 13th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Wyoming Middle School**!

This year's theme is Superheroes, and every child will receive their very own cape and mask at the door!

Families will enjoy engaging in literacy activities together, celebrating the power of reading in a fun and interactive way.

This free event is designed for parents and children to attend together, so bring your little superheroes and get ready for a night of adventure! We hope to see you there!

Youth Art Week - March 17th-21st

During March, we celebrate Youth Art Month in our Wyoming Primary Schools and all across America students will learn the importance of art in education. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Benjamin would like to invite students to celebrate YAM with us at Elm, Hilltop, and Vermont Primary Schools! We will celebrate during the week of March 17th-21st. This week, students will learn the importance of visual arts education in our schools, and students and staff will celebrate with Dress-Up Days!

Parents and Guardians, we need your help with coordinating outfits for your child during this week:

Dress Up Days!

Monday 3/17: Wear Perfect Primary Colors (red, blue, yellow)

Tuesday 3/18: Wear Secondary Extraordinary Colors (violet, orange, green)

Wednesday 3/19: Wear Complimentary Colors (blue/orange, green/ red, purple/yellow)

Thursday 3/20: Wear Patterns head to toe!

Friday 3/21: Monochrome - one color, different tints and shades

Class Placement Parent Input

As we begin planning for the 2024-2025 school year, we value your input in the class placement process. Yesterday, on **Thursday, March 6**, Class Placement Input Forms were sent home in

Thursday Folders. These forms provide you with an opportunity to share any considerations you would like us to keep in mind when making class assignments for next year.

Completed forms are due by **Friday**, **March 21**. While we welcome your insights regarding your child's learning style and needs, **please do not request a specific teacher**, as we carefully consider multiple factors when making placements.

Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's success. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Upcoming Dates

- Family Literacy Night Thursday, March 13th 6:30-7:30 Wyoming Middle School
- 4th Grade Concert Tuesday, March 11th 6:30 p.m. Pendery Auditorium
- 3rd Grade Musical Monday, March 17th 6:30 p.m. Pendery Auditorium
- Spring Break March 24th March 28th

View the full WCS calendar here.

News from Around Wyoming

<u>Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community</u>, including:

- Finance Friday
- Upcoming Events
- Wyoming School Foundation Blue, White & Brackets on April 5
- City of Wyoming Upcycle Day moves to WMS on April 5
- Wyoming Lacrosse Club looking for new players in grades K-8
- Summer Camp Option: Xavier Women's Soccer Camp