



Wyoming Primary Schools

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Dear WPS Families,

I'm excited to share a meaningful update that reflects the heart of who we are and what we aspire to be at Wyoming Primary Schools.

Over the past several months, we've engaged in a collaborative process to craft a new Vision, Mission, and Core Values statement that will guide our work moving forward. This work was grounded in thoughtful input from our entire school community—including families, staff, all K–4 students, and a dedicated steering committee made up of teachers, administrators, and parents. Together, we've created a powerful foundation that captures the spirit, purpose, and priorities of our primary schools.

We are proud to share with you the results of this collective effort:

Our Vision: What we strive to achieve

Our vision is to create a dynamic, inclusive learning community where students:

- Develop into innovative thinkers, compassionate leaders, and lifelong learners
- Cultivate empathy, adaptability, and a sense of responsibility for their world
- Grow academically and socially, honoring their individual journeys while fostering a shared commitment to excellence

By nurturing resilience, adaptability, and personal growth, we strive to prepare each child to contribute meaningfully to our world.

Our Mission: The foundation for our strategic goals

At Wyoming Primary Schools, we partner with families, staff, and the community to create a supportive and inclusive environment where every child:

- Develops a strong foundation for lifelong learning
- Builds essential academic and social-emotional skills
- Forms meaningful relationships that foster growth

With a commitment to literacy, problem-solving, curiosity, confidence, and resilience, we empower students to become engaged learners and caring community members, ready to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Our Core Values: Beliefs and behaviors that anchor us

- **Love of Learning** – Inspiring curiosity, joy, and a lifelong passion for discovery and creativity.
- **Connected Community** – Fostering strong relationships through respect, belonging, and teamwork.
- **Growth Mindset** – Encouraging perseverance, confidence, and a willingness to take risks and embrace challenges.
- **Whole-Child Development** – Supporting academic, social, and emotional growth for every student.
- **Student-Centered Learning** – Empowering children to take ownership of their learning through active engagement and meaningful experiences.
- **Honoring Tradition, Embracing Innovation** – Respecting our school's rich history while integrating new ideas to prepare students for the future.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We are excited about the future of Wyoming Primary Schools and all that lies ahead. With a clear, shared vision and a strong foundation of values, we look forward to continuing this journey together. Your support, partnership, and belief in our mission mean the world to us—and we're so grateful to have you with us every step of the way.

With gratitude,
Dr. Gina Kirchner
Principal, Wyoming Primary Schools

Counselor Corner

Executive functioning skills are the basis for planning, organizing, initiating, and following through with all tasks, assignments, and problems inside and outside of school. This week's Cowboy TV lessons specifically focused on time management, but children need to regularly use all of the executive functioning skills at school. In their extensive work in the field, Peg Dawson and Richard Guare termed 11 executive functioning subskills: response inhibition, working memory, emotional control, flexibility, sustained attention, task initiation, planning/prioritizing, organization, time management, goal-directed persistence, and metacognition. These skills need to be taught and developed both inside and outside of school; however, we also need to give ourselves and our children grace, as some of these skills are not fully developed until the age of 25! [This document](#) gives a brief definition of each of the executive functioning skills described in a slightly different way than Dawson and Guare did.

Wheel-a-Thon Information

Wheel-a-Thon is right around the corner! The event will be held on Sunday, April 27th from 1-4 p.m. Please click [HERE](#) to find all of the details about this wonderful PSA fundraising event!

K-8 Art Show -

The K-8 Art Show is scheduled for April 26th from 1-3 pm at Wyoming Middle School. Be sure to mark your calendars - you won't want to miss the opportunity to see amazing student work!



Upcoming Dates

- **Third Grade OST - Math** - April 14 and 15th
- **Fourth Grade OST - Math** - April 16th and 17th
- **Board Holiday - No School** - April 18th
- **K-8 Art Show** - April 26th - 1:00-3:00 at Wyoming Middle School
- **Wheel-a-Thon** - April 27th - 1:00-4:00 (starts at Elm School)
- **Plant Sale** - Week of April 28th - after school at Vermont

[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: Special DOUBLE Edition
- WMS presents Beauty & the Beast Jr. this weekend: April 11-13
- Wyoming City Schools K-12 Art Show on April 26
- Upcoming Events
- PSA School Supply Kits: Place your order now!
- PSA Wheel-A-Thon on April 27
- JWC + Minted - Shop More, Raise More Fundraiser
- Free Class on May 7: My Dog, My Best Buddy