



QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Quarter 2 Happenings

From The Office

Welcome to the beginning of Quarter Two at Queen Elizabeth. During our first quarter, our K-8 staff was busy benchmarking all of our students in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Staff have analyzed the data gathered on our PLC days and are using this information to guide our school as we strategically support the growth of all of our students over the course of the 2022-23 school year in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

Teaching staff were thrilled to meet either face-to-face, or connect over the phone with parents (and students!) to discuss learning habits, academic achievement, and to learn more about each other.

We encourage you to reach out via email, or call the school office to arrange a time to speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We value your input, and a strong home-school connection throughout the year, and not just at Parent-Teacher Interviews.

The wonderful staff of Queen Elizabeth School and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support, and look forward to continuing to work with our families this year!

Sincerely,
Mr. Chris Kirwan
Principal

Feeling Sick?



We are definitely into the full swing of the cold and flu season. We do want to remind everyone to keep children at home when they don't feel well.

We all know that some germs spread easily. If your child is experiencing a fever; a bad cold with sneezes and coughing; a stomach bug that causes nausea or diarrhea; or something like chicken pox, measles or another infectious condition, we do ask you to keep your child away from school until their health improves. Not only is your child more likely to recover quickly if they are able to rest, but it also helps ensure other students, as well as staff, remain healthy.

If a child is sick at school we will be calling parents/guardians to pick them up, and we thank you for your cooperation!

Around the School

Turkey Dinner



This year, all students and staff will be gathering in the gym on December 21 for a turkey dinner served by the staff, under the planning and direction of our Red Seal Chef, Mrs. Kirsten Janele. We thank all of our community sponsors, and Mrs. Janele for putting this meal together for our students.

Christmas Concert



Elementary classes are practicing their hearts out, Junior High students who have volunteered for speaking parts are memorizing their lines... the excitement is building as we prepare for our **in person Christmas Concert on December 15 at 1:30 PM and again at 6:30 PM in the school Gym**. Thank you to Mrs. Reich for planning this in person event for the first time in a few years!

School Council Christmas Basket Auction

School Council will again be holding a silent auction for themed baskets created by each classroom or grade in the case of Junior High. Teachers will be communicating their class basket themes home this week. We ask for donated items to be brought to school no later than Friday, December 2 to give Council Members time to wrap the baskets and set up the online auction.

Permission Forms

A reminder that Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools and Queen Elizabeth School will be issuing permission forms and documents needing parent signatures digitally through PowerSchool Student and Parent. If you do not have an account, please contact the office.

School Messenger

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools and Queen Elizabeth School use *School Messenger* to communicate district-wide and school-wide information about events, school closures, safety alerts and more via text and email to parents and guardians. Please opt in if you haven't already in the past by scanning the QR code below, or texting "yes" to 978338.



Specific School Policies

A Safe Learning Environment

A reminder to students and families that Queen Elizabeth School is a safe learning environment for everyone. Students will be dealt with accordingly for: bringing anything illegal or any object or substance that does not belong in an educational environment to school, uttering threats, showing aggressive behaviour or in any way not contributing to a positive safe learning environment.

Dress Code, Hats and Hoods

Students are to please dress appropriately for school. Clothing with images of alcohol, drugs or illicit substances are considered inappropriate.

We are a hat free school for safety and security reasons. Students are expected to take their hat off when they enter the building. Once a student leaves the building for recess or at the end of the day, they may wear a hat.

Hoods are considered a form of hat and are not to be worn while inside the school.

The exception to hats and hoods is for special occasions or theme days which will be advertised.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are to be kept in a student's locker, backpack or pocket and not to be brought out during instructional time. Parents/Guardians, please do not contact your child during class time via text message. You are able to leave a message at the school office. Cell phones that are being used inappropriately will result in a warning from staff, confiscation for the period, or confiscation by the office. Repeated issues with cell phones will be dealt with by school administration and parents/guardians.

Student Citizenship and Behaviour Expectations

At Queen Elizabeth School, it is our shared belief that students have the *right* to learn in a safe and supportive environment, and the *responsibility* to help to create it.

Students help to create this environment when they follow our *one school expectation*:

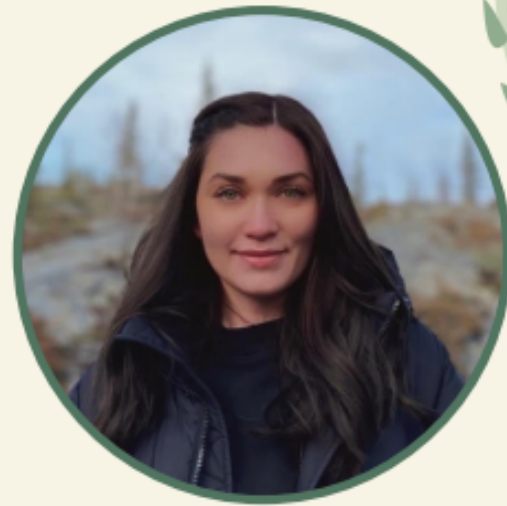
Students will treat self, others, and school with dignity and respect.



Wellness Coach



**Ms. Mariah
Mossman**



About Me



Hello! I'm Ms. Mossman
and I'm your school's
Wellness Coach. This is my
second school year with
WRPS.

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What is a Wellness Coach?

Wellness Coaches work in Schools to promote positive mental health in children, youth, families and support individuals in the community who interact with children and youth. The MHCB initiative is based on research and best practice literature that demonstrates that mental and emotional wellbeing can be developed, nurtured and supported through promotion and prevention efforts.

**Check out our
website!**

