



Wiltse Elementary School Newsletter

November 2011

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BELL SCHEDULE

8:45	1 ST Bell
8:50	Classes Begin
10:25 – 10:40	Recess
12:10 – 12:55	Lunch
12:25 – 12:55	Students Outside
12:55	Classes Begin
2:35	Dismissal



ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

With Wiltse Elementary and many others, the 2011 Great British Columbia ShakeOut was a great success with more than **530,000** participants... along with more than 8.9 million others who participated in additional ShakeOut drills on the same day in Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Guam, and California!

Media coverage of ShakeOut activities has been extensive and shows the broad range of drills that were held by schools, businesses, government agencies, and families. We hope that because of student participation in the ShakeOut that families are now more prepared to survive and recover from a damaging earthquake!

Thank you to Tanya Oakes and family for re-vamping the Safety Signs. Wiltse has also had a visit from the City of Penticton's Engineer and a Traffic Consultant to review the traffic signage on the streets around the school. There are some deficiencies that will be addressed especially around the crosswalk. LOOK for these changes soon. Both the engineer and consultant were impressed with the number of students and families that walk to school and considered the school a model for healthy living practices.

As well you will notice the re-painting of lines at the front of the school. There will be a loading area for school supply deliveries, two spaces designated for handicapped parking and space for day care buses. In the event of an illness of a student, we open this area for pick up and delivery. Thank you for respecting the use of this zone.

Thank you to staff for their sharing of student progress and future planning through Parent-Teacher interviews as well as reviewing, developing and/or creating Individual Education Plans for students with ministry designation.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Please contact our office at 250-490-0842 to advise us if your child is going to be away or late for school for any reason. Please feel free to leave a message on our answering machine before or after school hours, (During school hours please call the office at 770-7694.) give your child's name, grade and teacher, and date of absence. Or if you know your child is going to be away ahead of time please write a note in the planner. We also ask that you do not send your child prior to 8:20 in the morning, when outside supervision begins. All students are expected to leave the school grounds promptly by 2:45 pm unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Thank you for your help with this.



REPORT CARDS

Parents/Guardians rely on report cards as a key source of information on their child's progress. A report card normally provides parents with important information, including who the child's teachers are, what classes their child is enrolled in, the child's attendance and whether or not their child is on track to successfully complete course/grade requirements (marks and comments). This fall's student reporting process is complicated by the teachers' strike and associated Labour Relations Board essential services order, which currently does not require teachers to produce report cards.

Despite teacher job action, the duties of principals and superintendents remain unchanged by the teachers' strike. Section 5 (7)(e) of the School Act states "The principal of a school is responsible for administering and supervising the school including...the program of student evaluation and assessment and reporting to parents" and Section 6(1) states that the superintendent shall carry "out a system of education in conformity with the orders of the minister".

While the strike may interfere with a principal's ability to discharge this responsibility fully, insofar as possible, the expectation is that all efforts need to be made to maintain normal reporting. As such, report cards will be issued as per the school calendar, however if the teacher job action continues, the report cards will not have marks and comments except for those divisions/classes taught by Principals or Vice Principals.

WILTSE VISITORS

We are implementing a new visitor program at Wiltse. If you are volunteering or spending time in our school, please sign in at the office. Safety rules require that we have knowledge of all persons in our school in the event of an emergency. Thank you for helping us with this.

PRINCESS MARGARET DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Tonight and tomorrow night Princess Margaret Drama department is presenting a haunted house for Halloween. Tickets for *A VERY SCARY HARRY POTTER* Haunted House are \$4.00 and will be sold at the door. Doors open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information please call PMSS at 250 770-7620.

WILTSE MONSTER MASH

With Halloween on Monday, students are invited to wear a costume for the afternoon. Students are asked to change into their costumes after lunch eating time. Some primary classes will be changing just before lunch. As close to 1 p.m. classes will come to the gym and each grade will parade their costumes. Ms. Setter's and Ms. McPherson's Grade 4 classes will present their original interpretation of *Monster Mash*. Classes will spend the rest of the afternoon under the direction of their teacher and the activities they have planned. Just a reminder that dressing up is meant to be fun and accessories should not include weapons, blood or gory details. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

WILTSE REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Wiltse will have a Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 9:00 a.m. Most classes contribute art work or a poem to this assembly. Students will be given a poppy before they come to the assembly. If you wish to donate to Penticton Legion, there will be a container in the office for this. Parents are welcome at all assemblies. If you are able, please join us

NARAMATA RUN

Despite very cold and windy weather, Wiltse had one of their best performances ever. Here are the details:

- ◇ Over 50 grade 4 and 5 runners participated
- ◇ Many parents and families of the runners attended and cheered on the runners
- ◇ Team awards based on the top 6 finishers in each grade group awarded Wiltse Grade 4 Girls First Place, Wiltse Grade 4 Boys First Place, Wiltse Grade 5 Girls Sixth Place and Wiltse Grade 5 Boys First Place.
- ◇ Individual awards included Nadia Lee (6th), Allie Fehr (8th), Nolan Walton (2nd), Cole Lyons (4th), Carter Edwards (5th), Caleb Rousseau (6th), Emmy Caruso (3rd), Brett Conquergood (5th), Karter Fry (6th), and Jacob Stewart (9th)

Thank you to Ms. Snowsell and Mr. Bailey for coaching the cross country runners and to the teachers for their dedication to the fall training program. And most of all to Wiltse's runners for reaching their goals and improving their running.

WILTSE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (WPAC)

This year's WPAC Executive includes:

Derek Hurst Chair Laura Kuypers Vice-Chair
Morag McMillan Secretary Sandy Acheson and Lea Shortreed Co-Treasurers

The next meeting will be **November 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Library**. Child minding will be available.

FIRE SAFETY WEEK

Penticton Secondary Drama Department presented a *Fire Safety Game Show* for this year's Penticton Fire Department Fire Safety Week kick off. The game was played by Mckenna Clarke, Kyle Conquergood and Carter Edwards. Carter was the winner of a family pass to *The Frog Prince* presented by Pen High Drama Department November 29 to December 3. Liz Wilson and the rest of the Penticton Fire Department were impressed with the entries in this year's Fire Prevention Week School Contest. Thank you for taking the time to complete your family's evacuation plan. The winners of this year's contest are: Jaxson Servant, Fire Hall Party; Tajvir Gill, 2 VEES Hockey Tickets; and Kristin Swaren, Panago Pizza Dinner.

FARM BAG FUNDRAISER

Wiltse PAC is pleased to announce they have joined the Farm Bag Program. The idea is simple: it will give you an opportunity to purchase local, organic produce through us. A portion of your purchase will go directly to Wiltse PAC. It will be an easy and fun way to shop and help raise money for our children.

Please keep your eyes open for more information on how to order.

WILTSE WEAR WEDNESDAY

We will be making available order forms for Wiltse Wear in the next couple of weeks. Look for the order form soon.

SOCCER

Grade 4 and 5 soccer players have been practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. Coach Bailey has been pleased with the skills and sportsmanship of the players. Thank you players! We will be starting Grade 4 and 5 volleyball soon.



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Wiltse students have now begun their fitness runs each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will continue as long as the weather remains mild. Thank you to Mrs. McPherson for organizing this. Some intermediate students will have the opportunity to attend the Naramata Cross Country Run on October 26th.

CANSPELL SPELLING BEE

We are registered for this year's CANSPELL Spelling Bee. We will have a School Spelling Bee to determine our entrant into the Okanagan Regional Spelling Bee (entrants must be 9 years old to participate in this event). When we receive our spelling bee package we will start our lunch time practices.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

As conditions become cooler, and less predictable, we ask that you ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather – whatever it may be. Students are expected to go outside before the bell in the morning, at recess **AND** at lunch for some fresh air and exercise. Only on the **MOST** inclement of days do we recommend an "inside" day. If a child is not well enough to be outside, please consider keeping them at home.



Additionally, students should not arrive before 8:20 am and not linger after 2:50 pm as supervision is not provided before or after these times.

AMNESTY-GLOBAL AWARENESS

Starting Monday Oct. 24 until Nov. 7 Amnesty-Global Awareness will be hosting a used book drive. You can drop books off at Princess Margaret Secondary, the community center and Wiltse Elementary. Any books will be accepted. Starting Nov 14 books will be sold out of the Princes Margaret common area beginning at 5:00 PM. All books will be one dollar. Proceeds from the book drive will be going to Acid survivors' trust fund (<http://www.acidviolence.org>) as well as towards local family hampers during the holiday season. Thank you for your support!

BC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM

What's crunchy, sweet and looks like a stubby orange finger? And, you can eat them with your hands! Baby carrots – nature's cheezies! Carrots are nutritional heroes - they store a goldmine of minerals and nutrients. In fact, the first carrots were grown for medicinal purposes. Carrots contain more of the organic compound beta-carotene than any other vegetable or fruit; that's why they're orange. Our bodies convert beta-carotene to vitamin A. Why do you need vitamin A? It helps your night vision. It's also good for our skin, helps our body fight cancer and gives us strong bones (especially important for growing bodies). So, it's true – eating your carrots will help you see in the dark!



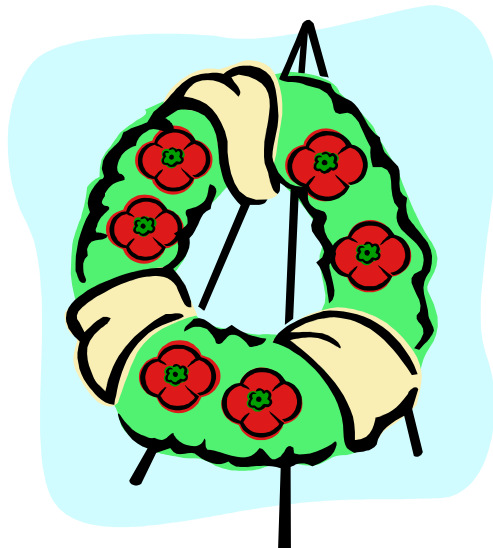
How do farmers grow them so small?

Easy, they don't let them get big. Some baby carrots are just that, they're pulled out of the ground when they are still small - before they've developed a proper 'shoulder' (if you imagine the tops as hair, the 'shoulder' is the round part just below). Like all babies, these immature roots are sweeter and not as tough as the 'grown ups'. Baby cut carrots, like the little gems you're snacking on started out as large carrots that were peeled, cut and rounded off using special machines. BC farmers grow special varieties of carrots to make their 'babies'. Sweet-Bites and Sugar Snacks are two varieties grown for their uniform shape, sweet taste and bright orange colour.

Bonjour d'Anjou





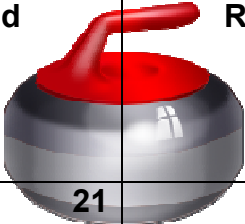
Bonjour (hello), do you like my elegant name? Please pronounce it properly, AWN-joo. When speaking more formally, you may refer to me as D'Anjou. My full name is Beurre d'Anjou, which is French for buttery pears of Anjou, a region in France where here my ancestors were first grown. I'm often described as having a sweet, delicate flavour. I'm a juicy pear, but firm, and some say less grainy than other pears. Notice my lovely egg-shaped appearance – I'm rounder than my oval shaped cousin the Barlett. I shouldn't brag, but I am quite proud of the fact that BC orchards produce all of the Anjou pears grown commercially in Canada. I prefer the moderate climate in BC. Like all pears I'm picked by hand before I'm fully ripe. I take a long time to ripen and need at least 1 or 2 months in cold storage before I'm mature enough to be eaten. In fact, I have excellent keeping-qualities and am the only variety of pear that can be stored through the winter – this makes me popular with the growers and grocers who call me their winter pear. When you buy me I may still be a bit hard – gently press against my stem end, if it gives slightly I'm ripe and ready to be eaten. Not ready to eat me yet? Place me in the coldest part of your refrigerator and I'll keep. If I'm not ripe, just place me in a paper bag on the counter for a couple of days





WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER, 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 Monster Mash 1:00 pm	1	2	3	4 Hot Lunch McDonald's	5
6 Daylight Savings time ends, turn clocks back one hour. 	7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 9:00 am Hot Lunch Edo Japan	11 Remembrance Day  Schools Closed	12
13	14 Rocks and Rings 	15 Rocks and Rings	16 Kindergarten Hearing Screening	17	18 Hot Lunch Subway	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Report Cards Home Hot Lunch Pizza Hut	26
27	28	29	30			

Safe Arrival (250)490-0842 before 8:00 am and after 3:30 pm.
Please ask your child to check in with the office once they arrive at school.