

As we enter the month of June, it is important that we stay focused on completing the school year at our best. While everyone's 'best' is unique, the challenges that we strive to overcome can lead to 'better' which may not always be visible to us in the middle of our challenge. I am proud of our school community which has seen us face challenges that we did not request. I have seen members of our Clear Vista School community persevering over obstacles and finding ways to problem solve together which will lead to better ways to overcome the next unforeseen challenge that comes our way. Thank you to the school staff who have passionately strived to ensure that our students are able to continue learning in less than ideal circumstances. Thank you to our families who have become partners and co-teachers, as well as technology gurus in more ways than one; you ensured that your children were able to continue learning. Thank you to our students who have exceeded our expectations and helped the adults in their life experience how to become 'better' learners themselves to support you to become your'best'. Have a safe and restful summer!

> Mr. Van Someren Principal



"Inspiring Students To Be The Best They Can Be"

### A message from the Vice-Principal

Clear Vista Families,

Thank you everyone for your continued patience and understanding during these difficult times. The move to online learning has been challenging for students, staff and families. This is not what we wanted, but it's where we are. I have heard from families that have been thrust into a teaching position that they never wanted. I have heard from students that are not enjoying or responding to the online format. And I have heard from staff that are unable to engage with their students in the same way to make lessons meaningful. It has been a struggle. However, throughout this process, I have also heard stories of resiliency, perseverance and strength. Our Grade 8 students have provided input into their Farewell ceremony and are excited to begin school at WCHS. Our students in grade 5-8 next year have begun to choose their option classes in anticipation of schools opening. Further, I know of parents that have been providing support and guidance to groups of families. Our staff keep encountering students through video chats that warm their hearts – kids showing their family pets or their rooms; kids telling jokes through Google Classroom; or inadvertent times when kids (or parents) didn't realize a Meet was running. There is greatness happening all around us!

As we approach the last few weeks of this year, we must not let our frustrations on the current situation dissuade us from the many positive events occurring all around us. The world is beginning to re-open and the return to normalcy is visible.

I applaud all your efforts and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Michael Daly Vice Principal



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### Change

Some of the hardest changes to deal with are the ones that come from the blindside. We either were not expecting it, or we did not think the impact would be severe. Although change is inevitable we are more accepting to that which is within our control or happens gradually that it may even be unnoticed. Reactions to difficult/challenging change may follow a predictable pattern as it may with grief. Shock and or disorientation; followed by emotional responses; coming to terms with the new normal, followed by acceptance and moving forward. It is the emotional response that may be triggered to reoccur just as it would in grief as unwanted change and grief are often one. As we try to plan for the future and seek the normal we once had it is inevitable that change will be present. Re-entry into our school system is currently being planned for the fall by all the powers that be. As much as we want to have a direct route from A to B and resume normalcy external influences on protocols will be a factor. As parents and teachers to our beautiful children allow yourselves to process change, to feel all the emotions often attached to unwanted change and to tell our kids it's okay to go through that process as well. We often underestimate how resilient all of us are. Support yourselves and your children through the process and the possible reoccurring triggers. (There is no definitive timeline.) This is where the resilience gains strength to face future change whether it will be invited or not.

\*Students who I have taught in the past know that I have often started the year with the "Your plan vs Reality" meme. (A quick google search will give you variations of the graphic.) Discussions based on this simple meme lead students to understand several concepts of adversity, appropriate coping strategies and flexibility. I encourage parents to take a peek and have a discussion with their children about eventually getting to point B although it may not be what we first envisioned and that is okay.



## School

Council

A HUGE thank you goes out to School Council for purchasing 10 new ukulele tuners for our music program.

They will also be adding four more of the 4 square courts outside our division two and three areas.

Another exciting addition will be brand new volleyball jerseys for our girls this year!

We cannot thank them enough for their kind generosity to our CV students!!





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LA3 students continue to work in their workbooks, complete art projects, do some yoga and active living. We have had many more google meets and phone calls and have even been able to have a few students meet together. We continue to make connections and I get to see/hear about what they've been up to and how they are doing.



1 H



Grade 1H has been very busy learning addition and subtraction to 20, shapes, and measurement. The children wrote about what they are doing at home during the pandemic. Lots of children wrote that they are working hard at learning but also baking, crafting, and planting flowers and vegetables. They are also enjoying much more family time. We have been learning about beginning blends in phonics and in reading, the children are completing comprehension questions to follow what they have



read. The class did 2 flip grids. One was on the topic of Mother's Day and the other was them sharing information about a 3 D shape they found in their homes. Miss Holliday wishes to send a big thank you out to parents who have been working so hard supporting their child's learning. It is appreciated very much.

Have a great summer!

Ms. Holliday



Grade 1 P has been busy this month. We have been reading, spelling, writing, and of course learning about 2D and 2D shapes as well as sharpening up our addition and subtraction skills. Google meets are a favorite activity for us!! We are right into our ABC countdown, and when we get to Z... we will zoom into grade two!! Most recently we had a hat day!!

Have a safe, kind June everyone!

Mrs. Henson

# **2W**

Before school closed, 2W was receiving a ton of postcards from all over the world! Our request to get "a few" postcards went viral and we must have 80 postcards by now.

Our most recent postcard arrived last week. A nurse from New York City wrote to us. She hopes her postcard finds us healthy and happy. WOW! This is AMAZING! A nurse...from New York City...found time to write to us. I wrote her back and thanked her from all of 2W. I wonder if you can find New York using the google earth website?





Mrs. Wieclaw





**4**L



4L has been busy! We have been focusing on applying reading strategies to our novel study, writing the main events of our stories, and practicing multiplication and division! Abig focus during our Google Meets has been learning strategies that bring calmess and gratitude into our lives. Check out 4L learning!





5H has been busy writing stories, reading, working on measuring volume, area and perimeter. We are continuing to have google meets where lessons are shared along with games and science experiment demonstrations.

Mrs. Hebert



### Grade 6 June News

Welcome to June! We hope everyone is well and staying safe! We want to thank the students for all the fantastic work they have been doing. You have been great in completing assignments and showing us you want to continue to learn. Please contact us if you are having any difficulties or concerns about the assignments. We have google meets with the students every Tuesday at 11:00 am. Our meets usually have a theme to them - we have had pet show and tell, a scavenger hunt, your favorite thing, and

crazy hair day so far. The last day of school is June 19th. We are missing all of you - school just isn't the same!

#### **Curriculum Outline**

Language Arts - Gr 6's have been working on writing a variety of stories, learning poetry and practicing comprehension. We have also been doing some IXL assignments too.

Math - With the school year coming to an end, we will focus on essential topics so students will be prepared for Grade 7 math. Students should practice adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals, and representing and describing fractions, percents and decimals over the summer break - IXL and Khan Academy are excellent resources to use over summer.

Social - In social we have had a few assignments on Ancient Greece and watched some videos on democracy.

Science - In science students will be introduced to Flight and Air.

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### JUNIOR HIGH UPDATE

The grade 7s and 8s are continuing to push hard towards the end of this school year. Online learning has not prevented us from delving into novel studies in Language Arts for both grades with the 7s reading "Holes" by Louis Sachar, and the 8s reading "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton. Students read, think critically, write, and even have discussions as we learn about characters and their



perspectives, motivations, and conflicts. In Social Studies, the 7s are learning about Confederation and the conflicts and developments that followed. The grade 8's have just recently begun their final unit, where we will study Spain's conquest of the Aztecs. Mrs. Maskoske and Mrs. Friesen are working closely together and have been holding a combined Google Meet each week with each grade. It's been fun to interact with all of the 8s together, and all of the 7's together. Please encourage your child to tune in to these Meets just to touch base, discuss concerns, play some games, and ask questions about the material they are working on. Google Meet times are posted in the Classroom at the beginning of each week, but typically the grade 8's meet at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, and the 7's meet at 1:00 pm on Wednesday. Thank you for all of your support at home as well! Please feel free to contact with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.

Mrs. Friesen



## CANDID PHOTOS



She is thankful for the delivery people working out in the pandemic















# Hooray for Hat Day!

































# Yearbooks

We have decided it's best to postpone our yearbook orders until we are able to celebrate our Grade 8 Farewell Celebration (tentatively *this fall)* Doing so, will allow pictures of our grads to be included in the books; something we feel is important.

We will be notifying students and parents when yearbooks have arrived. At that time, online/on site purchasing will be available.

In the meantime please feel free to email any pictures of your children, you would like to see in the yearbook to <u>cv@wrps11.ca</u>. At this point in time, there is no set deadline. Pictures will also be accepted throughout the summer months.

We thank you for your anticipated patience and participation with this moving forward. Please see the survey results below:



Thank you all very much for your feedback on the various surveys that were sent out. Please see the results listed below.

### **RECOGNITION/AWARDS** SURVEY RESULTS

Should we have an awards ceremony for students in Grades 4-7 in the fall of 2020 with the hope it is deemed safe to host assemblies with larger groups of people? 89 responses



Should we host a virtual awards ceremony at the end of June for our Grade 4-7 students? 90 responses



### **GR 8 FAREWELL SURVEY RESULTS**

We should hold a Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony in the fall when we are allowed to gather in person at Clear Vista School. 35 responses



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24 responses



We should hold a Virtual Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony in June. 24 responses



We should hold a Virtual Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony in June. 35 responses



We value Parents/Guardians opinions on this matter. After receiving your feedback, we have decided to move forward with the tentative Grad Ceremony in the fall; With a farewell to follow. There will be **no** virtual ceremony taking place in June.

### CELEBRATION OF LEARNING & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS SURVEY RESULTS

Should we continue with the Celebration of Learning in 2020-2021? 20 responses



- Same format (Four nights as Celebrations of Learning)
- Alternating format (Two nights as Celebrations of Learning, Two nights of Interviews)
- Interviews only format (Four nights of traditional parent teacher interviews)

How should we share student learning with parents? 91 responses



- Same format at this year 4 Celebrations of Learning families can drop in and student's lead the family members through their learning.
- Alternating format 2 nights of Celebrations of Learning and Two nights of scheduled interviews)
- Traditional Interviews only 4 nights of traditional scheduled interviews.

During the 20/21 school year, we will be hosting two Celebration of Learning evenings, and two evenings of scheduled interviews.



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