

Principal's Report
Waverly Park Parent Council
September 28, 2026

Enrollment: 441 (September 2025 Enrollment: 465)

Staffing Updates:

- Welcome to: Kelsey Simpson (music), Tara Kozak (grade 4), Leanna Baker (grade 5), Graham Wright (grade 7), Kristen Bayduza (grade 7/8) and the following EA's: Winston Chudy, Laurisa Falloon, Comfort Johnston, Molly MacPherson-Blair, Arpitaben Patel, Jackie Dumesnil, and Aisha Ogunleye.

Safe Schools Committee:

- Members: Brooke Williams (School leader), Stephanie Innes (Vice Principal), Stephanie Meadows (staff rep), Brooke Nicol (parent rep)
- What is this? - These committees will provide valuable insights, represent community needs, and support awareness and understanding of safety measures within our school environments.
- Will meet prior to the Parent Council meetings in October, January, March and May. Any community members are welcome.

Information:

- Two recesses and different lunch times for EY and MY. Going so well! Big thank you for all the lunch supervisors.

Requests for Financial Support:

- Grade 4 – Patsack
- Phys. Ed – Heise
- Patrols – Jordan
- Grade 2 – Cameron

Calendar:

- September 29th – Orange Shirt Day
- September 29th - Grade 7/8 Golf Practice Round @ Northern Pines
- September 30th – No School
- October 1st & 2nd – Grade 8 Band Retreat
- October 5th – No School
- October 7th – Grade 7/8 Golf Jamboree @ Wheat City
- October 8th – Grade 7 Band Kickstart Day
- October 12th – No School
- October 14th – Grade 6 & 8 Immunizations
- October 15th – Meet the Teacher BBQ! 3:30 – 5:30
- October 21st – Munch a Lunch
- October 23rd – No School
- October 30th – Halloween Parade in they Gym – 12:45PM

Dear Waverly Park Parent Council,

We are wondering if Parent Council would be willing to support our Grade 4 classes this fall with two exciting, hands-on learning opportunities connected to our science unit of study "Habitats and Communities".

1. Owl Pellet Dissection

As part of our study of habitats and food chains, students will be learning about how animals interact within their environments and how they depend on one another. Dissecting owl pellets provides a wonderful opportunity to bring these concepts to life.

Students will be able to explore what an owl has eaten, identify the remains they find, and make connections between the owl, its prey, and the habitat in which they live. The activity encourages exploration, questioning, problem-solving, and meaningful discussion, while providing a hands-on experience that all students can actively participate in.

A package of 15 owl pellets from a Canadian company costs approximately **\$105.00, plus tax and shipping.**

2. Field Trip to Westman Reptile Gardens

We would also like to inquire about the possibility of Parent Council financially supporting a Grade 4 field trip to Westman Reptile Gardens this fall.

This trip would connect directly to our science learning by giving students the opportunity to observe and learn about a variety of reptiles and other animals in person. Experiencing these animals firsthand would help students make connections to our classroom learning about habitats, adaptations, and how living things interact with their environments.

The cost of admission is **\$6.00 per student**, in addition to **transportation** using a Brandon School Division bus. We are hoping Parent Council might consider helping to cover these costs so that all students have the opportunity to participate.

Both of these experiences would provide our students with meaningful opportunities. Hands-on experiences like these often lead to curiosity, deeper understanding, and some of the best classroom conversations. We would greatly appreciate Parent Council's consideration of supporting these unique learning opportunities.

Thank you for considering supporting our classes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patsack & Mrs. Meadows

Dear Parent Council Members,

I am writing this letter to ask you as our parent group to help the Phys. Ed. department provide a more diverse learning experience for our students and purchase a new iPad for use in the gym. With the changing landscape of learning needs in the school, the use of visuals and visual schedules is encouraged, but also quite valuable. Two years ago, Parent Council purchased us a new iPad that is used everyday for assessment and demonstration purposes for all our students. For this, we are very grateful. As there are two full-time teachers in the gym, there is two full time sets of assessment needs. Adding another iPad to the gym would benefit the teaching and learning experience for all of those involved. The primary reason of a secondary iPad would be the assessment benefits, particularly through visual feedback for the students.

The school division has pricing available to use where an iPad with gym appropriate case can be purchased for approximately \$500.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either myself, Shawn Heise or Fernee Niones.

We would both like to thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Shawn Heise & Fernee Niones

Waverly Park Phys. Ed. Department

Dear Parent Council,

I am requesting financial support for our Grade 6 Patrol Program again this year. In the past, your generous donations have helped us provide special thank-you pizza parties for our patrols in December, March, and June.

These celebrations are a wonderful way to recognize our students for their commitment, responsibility, and dedication to helping keep our school community safe.

We are so appreciative of Parent Council's continued support and would be very grateful for any contribution you are able to provide.

Thank you so much!

Jennifer Jordan