# WYMARK School Newsletter <br> WYMARK SCHOOL PH: 778-9295 FAX: 778-9103 <br> "THE MARK OF EXCELLENCE" 

## February 6Th-

Movie/Book Character Spirit Day:
Dress up as your favorite movie or book character.

## February 7th-9th-

## Gr 7/8 Outdoor Ed Trip:

Grade 7/8 students will travel to Camp Kadesh in Christopher Lake for their winter outdoor education trip. Students will participate in a variety of outdoor activities such as tubing, snow shoeing, winter cooking, fire building, quinzee making as well as indoor team building activities and crafts.

## February 12th-

World's Finest Chocolates Fundraiser:
Wymark School is looking forward to having our first World's Finest Chocolates Fundraiser. A google form was emailed out and a paper form was sent home for families in January to fill out as to how many cases they would like to sell. This form is due on February 1st. This will give us a more accurate number of cases we need to order. Selling will begin on February 12th. This fundraiser is optional. All funds raised will go towards our Gr 7/8 Winter Outdoor Ed Trip to Camp Kadesh, and other school programming. More information regarding the fundraiser will go home the week of Feb 5th.


## FEBRUARY 14TH-

## Red/Pink Dress Up Day

## February 15th-

## SCC Taco In A Bag Sale:

Forms will go home on February 8th and will be due on February 13th.

## February 16th-

## Random Acts of Kindness Day:

Every class will be challenged to complete one random act of kindness today.

## February 19th-23Rd-

## Family Day \& February Break

## February 26th-

## PJ Day

## February 27th-

## SCC Family Movie Night:

Bring your family and join our SCC \& staff in watching "Stuart Little" at 6:30pm. Popcorn \& drinks will be provided. Thank you to our SCC
 for providing a book copy of Stuart Little to each school family and staff.

## February Spirit Days

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## Brought to you by the

Grade 6 Class

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BE PART OF THE TRANSITION PROCESS
Addressing Grade 9 programming and course selection for the 2024/2025 school year.

# The Events Will Be Held On: 

MONDAY
Fairview and Central Schools
$\underset{\text { February } 27}{\text { TUES }}$


Mrs. Melanie Arntsen

Grade 9 Vice Principal

THURSDAY
February 29 Ecole Centennial School EVENT START TIME
6:30 pm - LECTURE THEATRE


Parents who can not make the assigned day, are welcome to attend on another evening.
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## Get to Know Your Chinook Trustee!

Chinook Board members answered a series of questions so Chinook families and communities can get to know their local trustees better! To read about all ten trustees, visit the Chinook website.


## KATELYN TONEY

## 1. What do you feel you bring to the Board table as a trustee?

 As a School Board Trustee, I bring a unique blend of experience and expertise to the board table. With my degree in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan, I have a strong foundation in academic and practical knowledge. Additionally, my life as a farmer and rancher alongside my husband has given me a deep understanding of rural life and its values. My experience as an author further enriches my perspective, allowing me to bridge the gap between education and rural communities through literature. My commitment to empathy, connection, and community values is a driving force in my work.2. What do you feel is one of the most important issues facing rural education today? One of the most crucial issues facing rural education today is ensuring that rural communities feel connected to and valued by the education system. It's not just about providing quality education; it's about building strong bonds between schools, families, and communities. This connection ensures that students receive an education that respects their beliefs, values, and culture, leading to a well-rounded and enriched educational experience.
3. Which of Chinook School Division's VALUES is most important to you and why? (Care, Commitment, Integrity, Respect, Trust, Empathy, Excellence, Loyalty, Honesty) The value that resonates with me most profoundly within the Chinook School Division is "Empathy." I've experienced the close-knit, supportive bonds that exist in rural communities, where understanding and empathy are at the core of relationships. This background fuels my commitment to this value. In "To Kill A Mockingbird," Atticus Finch imparts a timeless lesson, saying, "If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." This wisdom holds great significance in education, where we encounter a rich tapestry of mindsets, personalities, viewpoints, and backgrounds. Empathy is the bridge that connects us, helping us understand one another better, fostering leadership, and strengthening relationships. It is the cornerstone of a student's success and a thriving educational community. I believe that empathy is not just a value to uphold; it is a philosophy that should guide every aspect of our educational system. In my role as a School Board Trustee, I'm dedicated to infusing this philosophy into our education policies and practices to create a learning environment where empathy is nurtured, leading to a brighter future for our students in southwest Saskatchewan.

## 4. What do you think needs to happen in the Education sector to ensure a bright future for students in southwest Saskatchewan?

To ensure a bright future for students in southwest Saskatchewan, the education sector needs to focus on three key pillars: adaptation, investment, and community engagement. Education should be ready to adapt alongside the rapidly evolving world, ensuring students are prepared for the future. Investment from the government is essential to provide the necessary resources and opportunities for our students. Moreover, fostering community engagement and a strong connection between schools, families, and communities is the key to a robust and vibrant educational system.

## 5. What is your most memorable school event or activity you have been a part of?

The Christmas concerts at Hutterian Colony Schools hold a special place in my heart. These concerts not only showcase the hard work and talents of the children but also create a unique sense of community and harmony. Spectators singing hymns while waiting for the children's performance is a magical experience. It's a memory I cherish, as it exemplifies the power of community connection in education.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  |  |  |  | Deadline for World's Finest Chocolates Fundraiser Pre-Orders | $2 \quad \text { Day } 4$ | 3 |
| 4 | 5 KIN Day 5 | Day 6 <br> Movie/Book Character Dress Up Day <br> BAND | $7 \text { KIN Day I }$ <br> Gr 7/8 Outdoor Ed Trip to Camp KADESH $\qquad$ | $8$ <br> Day 2 <br> SCC Taco in a Bag forms emailed out | $9 \text { KIN } \quad \text { Day } 3$ | 10 |
| 11 | Day 4 <br> World's Finest Chocolates Fundraiser Starts | I3 KIN Day 5 <br> SCC Taco in a Bag Sale forms and payment due <br> BAND | Happy Valentinc's Day <br> Red/Pink <br> Dress Up Day | I5 KIN Day I <br> SCC TACo in A Bag Sale | 16 <br> Day 2 <br> RANDOM Acts of Kindness DAY | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Tamily | $20$ | $21$ <br> BRUARY | $22$ | $23$ $\mathrm{K} \longrightarrow$ | 24 |
| 25 | $26 \text { KIN } \begin{array}{cc} \text { Day } 3 \\ \text { PJ } & \\ \text { DAY } \end{array}$ | SCC <br> Family Movie Night <br> BAND | $28 \text { KIN }$ $\text { Day } 5$ <br> Pink <br> SHIRT <br> DAY | $29 \quad \text { Day } 6$ |  |  |

March 1st - Gr 4-8 Ski Trip to Elkwater
Upcoming Dates March 4th-8th - Kindergarten 2024 Registration March 18th - No School - Teacher PD Day March 29th-April 5th - Easter Break

