## WYMARK School Newsletter

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## MARCH 1st-

## Ski Trip/Winter Activities:

Grade 4-8 students will travel to Alberta to ski, snowboard, snowshoe and toboggan on March 1st. If your child is travelling by bus, please have them dropped off at Wymark School in between 6:30am6:40am. We will be loading the bus at 6:45am sharp and departing from the school at 7:00am sharp. We will not be able to wait for late arrivals.
If students are travelling with parents/guardians, they do not have to meet at the school, we will meet you at Hidden Valley Ski Resort at 9:00am Alberta time.

## Students not attending either the ski

 trip or winter activities will stay home and be marked absent.
## March 11th-

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Due-Date:

If you chose option $B$, (to sell your case(s) and turn in the money by a specified date), Please return any chocolates not sold and the money from the chocolates sold by March 11th. We do have some extra cases of almonds, peanut free chocolates and caramel whirls if you are interested.
Thank you to all the families who participated in this fundraiser.

## March 15th-

## McDonald's Food Sale:

Students are excited to have a McDonald's food sale once again. Forms were emailed home on February 29th. Forms and payment are due on March 5th by 3pm.


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## MARCH 19TH-22ND-

## SaskMilk Information Week:

Each day from March 19th-22nd a milk fact will be on the announcements.
On Friday, March 22nd, there will be a draw for prizes donated by SaskMilk.

## Saskmilk

## CAUTION <br> 

IF RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING, DON'T TRY PASSING!


Stop for the school bus from both directions!


## March Spirit Days

March 7th - Western Day
March 15th - Wear Green for
St. Patrick's Day
March 27th - First Letter of First Name Dress Up Day
(Dress up like something that starts with the first letter of your name. ie) Michelle - Mario)

## Brought to you by the

Grade 3 Class

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## March 21st-

## Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day:

World Down Syndrome Day each year is on March 21st. The 21st day of the 3rd month signifies the triplication of the 21st
chromosome which causes Down Syndrome.

## Wear your LOUDEST, CRAZIEST and most FUN pair of mismatched socks on March 21st as a symbolic show of support for those living with Down Syndrome in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day.

## March 28th-

Hamburger Sale: Students will walk over to the Wymark Rink and enjoy their lunch there. We do need parent assistance in order for these sales to occur. $\mathbf{G r} \mathbf{K - 2}$ parents if you are available to volunteer for the November hamburger sale please contact Mrs. Peters or Mrs. Rumpel. Volunteer times are from 10:00am-1:30pm.
(Gr 7-8 parents will be asked to volunteer for future sales)

Hamburger sale forms will be emailed out on March 20th and will be due on March 26th. Family \& community members are welcome to attend and will be served after students. Family \& community members please fill out the google form to ensure there is enough food prepared.
Walk-in orders will be served after the students, family \& community members (that filled out a google form) are served. Pick up


Please specify your pick up time on the google form.

Single Burger \& Fries (Full Meal): \$7.00
Half a Burger \& Fries (1/2 Meal): $\$ 6.00$
Extra Patty \& Fries Meal: $\$ 8.00$
Burger Only Meal: \$5.00
Fries Only Meal: \$5.00
Small Ice Cream Sandwich By Sunny Sweets: \$TBD
Cookie by Sunny Sweets: $\$ 1.00$
*all meals come with a drink and optional cheese on burger \& gravy on fries.
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## BADMINTON:

A sign up sheet is posted for Grade 6-8 students interested in playing Badminton. More information will follow once details are finalized.

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## Sharing the Road with School Buses

School bus drivers have a difficult job. There are plenty of distractions inside the bus. Knowing this, you should make extra allowances, and be aware of the possibility that the bus driver may not see you or your signals. Rear-end collisions are the most frequent type of crash involving school buses and are usually caused by another driver failing to stop while the bus is loading or unloading passengers.

SGI states the following rules:
1.If you are approaching a school bus (from either direction), once the red flashing lights are activated you must stop and may not pass. The single greatest threat to the safety of children who ride school buses is motorists who pass the bus when children are loading or unloading.
2. When approaching a bus that has its stop arm out and its flashing lights activated, as a driver: -You must stop no closer than 5 m ( 15 ft .) from the front or back of the bus.
-You must not advance your vehicle until the bus driver turns off the flashing red stop lamps and deactivates the stop arm.
-Before moving, check to see that all children have safely crossed the roadway.
3. Passing a school bus with flashing lights is a serious offence and can result in a significant fine. The fine for driving through a stop arm is $\$ 360$ and you will receive demerit points on your license!

When a driver fails to stop for a school bus with flashing red lights, the potential for a catastrophic incident is significant and it is dangerous, illegal, and can have deadly consequences.

Parents/guardians: please remind children to be extra careful when getting on or off the school bus. Teach them to always listen to the driver's directions, and to keep their head up to watch carefully for traffic approaching the bus from either direction before crossing the road.


## Constable Curti's Tip of the Week

Recently I was asked to speak at a meeting with our local school bus drivers. The main topic of concern was people driving through the stop arm while the bus is stopped, and the stop lights are flashing. It's an obvious display and almost impossible to miss. It's designed that way, so people are aware of the inherent danger that exists and to caution everyone nearby that children are either getting on or off the bus.

I asked the simple question - Who has seen someone go through a stop arm while kids are getting on or off your bus?

Everybody in the room of 47 drivers put their hands up. Absolutely shocking and unacceptable. One driver said someone drove through 3 buses that all hand their stop arms out. The fine for this offence is $\$ 360$ (punishable to a max of $\$ 1000$ ). In this case the person would have received 3 fines of $\$ 360$ each. Why does this happen... could it really be that they just didn't know? It's hard to believe that! Stop signs have been around since 1915 and on school buses since the late 1940's.

So, in the purpose of education, I submit for your pleasure the law in relation to stop signs on school buses.

If you know you know!

- Cst Tony Curti


