



**Principal's Message**

**Twas the Night Before Christmas (For Teachers)**

By Joyce Luke

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the school  
Not a pupil was silent, no matter what rule.  
The children were busy with paper and paste;  
The mess that they made with it couldn't be faced.

The teacher half frantic and almost in tears,  
Had just settled down to work with her dears,  
When out in the hall there arose such a clatter  
up sprang the kids to see what was the matter!

Away to the door they all flew like a flash;  
The one who was leading went down with a crash.  
Then what to their wondering eyes did appear  
But a green Christmas tree! (To decorate I fear!)

When the teacher saw this, she almost grew sick.  
She knew in a moment it must be Old Nick!  
She ran to the door (all her efforts were vain)  
But she shouted, and stamped, and she called them by name;

"Now Tommy! Now Sandy, Now Judy and Harry!  
Stop Billy! Stop Robert! Stop Donny and Sherry!  
Now get to your places get away from the hall  
Now get away! Get away! Get away all!

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly  
The pupils, pell mell, started scurrying by.  
They ran to the blackboard and skipped down the aisle;  
Their faces were shining and each had a smile.

First came a basket of popcorn to string  
Then came the Christmas tree (menacing thing).  
As the tree was brought in there arose a great shout;  
The pupils were merrily romping about.

The state they were in could lead to a riot;  
The teacher was sure, if allowed, they would try it.  
Her nerves how they jangled! Her temples were throbbing!  
The rush of her breath sounded almost like sobbing!

The lines of her face were as fixed as a mask;  
It was plain that she didn't feel up to her task.  
The look in her eye would have tamed a wild steer,  
But the children ignored it; they did every year.

A tear from her eye and a shake of her head  
Soon led me to think that she wished she were dead.  
She spoke not a word but went straight to her work,  
Strung all the popcorn which broke with a jerk.

But at last it was finished and placed on the tree;  
Then came the bell and the children were free.  
Their shrill little voices soon faded away  
And peace was restored at the end of the day.

As she looked at the Christmas tree glistening and tall,  
She smiled as she whispered,

*"Merry Christmas to All"*

#### **Wildcat Wows!**

**WILDCAT WOW** – To Connor, Owen W and Charlie for helping Jodi with parcels.

**WILDCAT WOW** – To our turkey cooks: Connie McMillan, Chelsea Weese, Sherry McDonald, Nora Seime, Patsy Olson and Nicky Chester.

**WILDCAT WOW** – To Dana, Barb and Barb for all their work on planning and organizing the Christmas Turkey Lunch.

**WILDCAT WOW** – To the elementary students and their teachers for the wonderful Christmas Concert.  
Thanks to all who came to the concert and donated to the foodbank!

#### **NWCS SCC – Food Program**

This month's Apple Program Sponsor is the **RM of Winslow**. We appreciate your support!

The Apple Program supplies Apples twice a month as well as other healthy snacks. The students look forward to and enjoy these snacks!

If you would be interested in being a sponsor for this program, please contact any SCC Member.

The SCC would like to thank the following NWCS parents who have volunteered their time this month to bake muffins in support of our SCC Muffin Program;

*Alicia Harris, Pat Toner, Patsy Olson and Shannon Palmier.* We, along with the students, appreciate your time and support!

If any parent or community member would be interested in volunteering to bake for us, please reach out to Janelle Olson.

(306) 774-5280

[janelleolson@outlook.com](mailto:janelleolson@outlook.com)

### Up Coming Events

December 19	Rijama Café Pizza Sale
December 19	Last Day before Christmas Holidays
January 5	Back to school
January 16	Panago Pizza Sale
January 23	Rijama Café Pizza Sale
February 4	Table Mountain – Grades 4-12
February 13	Panago Pizza Sale
February 27	Rijama Café Pizza Sale
March 4	Table Mountain – Grades 4-9

### Important

Deadline for submitting items for the Thursday Note is Wednesday before noon. Items received after that will not make it into the Thursday note.

**We are still needing a lot of pictures!** Last year, we created a "This is NWCS" family bulletin board in our hallway featuring a "family" picture from each of our NWCS families. We loved it! So did the students, and visitors to our school! So, we are doing it again this year.

This means we need your help again. Please send a 4x6 or 5x7 size "family" picture (this won't be returned to you) or email a digital copy to trish.mcdonald@sunwestsd.ca. **This can be whatever "family" means to you. And, if you have two families, you can send two pictures!** Thanks for your help with this!

### PANAGO PIZZA LINK

**Deadline to order is Thursday, January 8 at midnight!!!**

**[PANAGO PIZZA LINK](#)**

### RIJAMA CAFE PIZZA LINK

**Deadline to order is Thursday, January 15 at midnight!!!**

**[RIJAMA CAFE PIZZA LINK](#)**

### NWCS BUS DRIVERS

Jolene Heese (Richards) 306-831-0114    Doug Motz 306-658-3338  
Bernie Olson 306-430-4364    Irene Tessmer 306-278-7012  
Ryan Webber 306-460-9477    Bob Smith 306-460-6567 (spare driver)  
Savannah Schoeler 306-426-7977 (spare driver)    Aileen Halter 306-604-9575 (spare driver)  
Ray Althouse 306-948-7807 (spare driver)    Laura Rohs 306-821-3867 (spare driver)

Sun West School Division has a Guest Rider Policy and Forms, we have these on our school website with the rest of the forms parents need to fill out throughout the school year. In order to use this guest rider program 48 hrs advance notice is needed. Forms must be handed in to the office 2 days prior to students riding another bus and all of the criteria is met.

[Click here](#) to be directed to our school forms on our website.

## NWCS January 2026 Final Exam Schedule

Grade/Date	January 26 (Day 5)	January 27 (Day 6)	January 28 (Day 5)	January 29 (Day 6)
<b>8/9</b>	Regular Classes	ELA (Olson)	Math (8-Olson and 9-Davis)	Science (Turk)
<b>10</b>		10 Math (Davis)	ELA 10 (Sawan)	
<b>11/12</b>	ELA A30 (Sawan)	History 20 (Sawan)	Math 11/12 (Thomson)	Physical Science 20 (Bacon)

All exams will be written for a minimum of one hour and in the morning. All exams will be completed by 12:00 that day. **There are no changes to the exam schedule.** All exams must be written at the day and time on this schedule.

LITTLE LEGACY LEARNING  
PRESENTS:

**CASH  
FOR  
Christmas**

CHANCE TO WIN:

10 X \$100  
1 X \$4000  
1 X \$10,000

**Draw Date:**

JANUARY **5th** AT 7:30 PM

LITTLE LEGACY LEARNING CENTER PLENTY SK

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:  
CONTACT A FAMILY ATTENDING L.L.L  
OR CALL SARA OLSON (306)932-7033

**\$100 / ticket**

ONLY 400 TICKETS SOLD

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**2025 PLENTY-DODSLAND COMMUNITY**  
***Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service***

*Please join us at Plenty United Church*

**Dec 24 @ 7:30pm**

*We promise a special evening of Christmas music and story!*

*Offering to be sent to Prairie Sky Recovery Centre.*

10:30 am Plenty United Church

Advent Sunday Services (all in Plenty):

- 1 - Nov 30 - Jeannine Cline
- 2 - Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Susan Bernier
- 3 - Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Jeannine Cline
- 4 - Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - Jan Coffey-Olson



***We are pleased to receive Holiday Spirit Donations***

We invite you to bring items to services at Dodsland United Church or leave them in Plenty United Church so we can deliver them in the new year.

\* For the **GOTCH TREE** we would appreciate needed items for gifting to Emergency Wellness Centre in Saskatoon: *gently used coats, jackets, any and all winterwear, socks, underwear, bras, mittens, scarves, etc.* as well as toiletries and diapers

\* Non-perishables for **FOOD BANK GIVING...**

\* Christmas Eve Donations for Prairie Sky Recovery Centre Leipzig & Landis.

**Important NOTES:**

❖ We welcome any requests for baptisms.

○ *If you're interested, please contact Carmen @ 306-838-3129*

❖ *We do not hold services in January, February, or March – our services resume April 5, 2026 @ Plenty United Church*

❖ *Please join us then!*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!**