



### **Principal's Message**

This school year, NWCS is focusing on one area of Literacy each month. January is Family Literacy month. To celebrate and encourage literacy, I have borrowed some information from <https://foundationslearning.com/family-literacy-day/> . It provides ideas and examples of how families can work together to improve literacy:

#### **Family Literacy Day in Saskatchewan**

Hello and welcome! It's great to have you here.

Family Literacy Day, held nationally on January 27, is a long-standing Canadian initiative led by ABC Life Literacy Canada. Family Literacy Day highlights the importance of families learning together.

In Saskatchewan, Family Literacy Week is observed from January 25–31, 2026, with Family Literacy Day recognized on January 27.

At NWCS, we will celebrate Family Literacy Week with the Literacy Bingo Challenge, inviting guest readers into our elementary classrooms and inviting parents to come into their child's classroom(s) to read with them.

Attached is the Family Bingo Challenge. Students and parents will complete a regular bingo (a horizontal line, a vertical line or a diagonal line) at home. The students will bring their completed form to the library to get a prize! As your family completes the challenges, please take pictures and email them to Jodi (jodi.seibold@sunwestsd.ca) so we can put them on display!

### **Wildcat Wows!**

**WILDCAT WOW** – To Lisa Zimmer her donations to our PAA lab.

**WILDCAT WOW** – To Lindy MacLeod who is picking up apples and snacks from the store while Alicia Harris is away.

**WILDCAT WOW** – To our parents for planning in advance to send snowboards and skis in vehicles to Table Mountain on February 4. (**They can't be taken on the bus**)

**WILDCAT WOW** – Congratulations to Mrs. Thomson on being a Grandma. Welcome to the world Camryn Louise Thomson!

# Family Bingo

Complete three or more boxes to be entered to win a prize. Visit and have fun!

Measure ingredients	Help pack lunch 	Eat something red	Try something squishy	Draw your favourite food
Help unpack groceries 	Eat a bumpy veggie	Try a new food	Wash your hands 	Name a crunchy snack
Find a food that starts with the letter B	Read a book about food	Free Space 	Drink 3 cups of water	Make a rainbow with fruits and veggies
Help clean up 	Sort foods by colour and shape	Line up fruits from smallest to largest	Build a sandwich and count the ingredients	Guess a food by smell 
Count seeds in a fruit	Count your bites	Sing a song about food 	Talk about where food comes from	Practice setting the table

Family Literacy Day 2026: Make mealtime family learning time



### **NWCS SCC – Food Program**

This month's Apple Program Sponsor is **Towering Ridge Farms (Braden & Alex Olson and Cameron & Sara Olson)**. 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;

*Judy Olson, Janelle Olson, Chantelle Letourneau and Deb Delfrari.* 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)

### **NWCS January 2026 Final Exam Schedule**

<b>Grade/Date</b>	<b>January 26 (Day 5)</b>	<b>January 27 (Day 6)</b>	<b>January 28 (Day 5)</b>	<b>January 29 (Day 6)</b>
<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 will be no changes to the exam schedule.** All exams must be written at the day and time on this schedule.

### **Up Coming Events**

January 16	Panago Pizza Sale
January 23	Rijama Café Pizza Sale
February 4	Table Mountain – Grades 4-12
February 13	Panago Pizza Sale
February 16-20	No School
February 27	Rijama Café Pizza Sale
March 4	Table Mountain – Grades 4-9
March 6	Panago Pizza Sale
March 13	PD Day – No School
March 16	No School – In Lieu of Student Parent Teacher Conferences
March 27	Rijama Café Pizza Sale

### **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](mailto: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!

### **RIJAMA CAFE PIZZA LINK**

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

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### **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.

# Wing Night

Good Company  
Fresh Wings  
Cold Drinks



*Friday, January 16th*

*7:00pm*

*Handel Community Hall*

**\*\*\*Cash Only\*\*\***