



2026

January



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 <i>Happy holidays</i>	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 No School  2026	2 No School	3
4	5 <i>Welcome Back!</i> NOVEL STUDY  READ pages 121 - 134	6 K-Day	7 SCC Meeting 6 pm	8 K-Day	9 K-Day	10
11	12  FORMS DUE NOVEL STUDY  READ pages 135 - 147	13 K-Day	14 <i>Wapiti Ski Forms Due</i>	15  K-Day	16	17
18	19 NOVEL STUDY  READ pages 148 - 165	20 K-Day	21	22 <i>SCC Christmas Hot Meal</i> K-Day	23 K-Day	24
25	26  FORMS DUE NOVEL STUDY  READ pages 166 - 183	27 K-Day	28	29  Report Cards K-Day	30 No School <i>PLC No Classes</i>	31  Feb 6 Grade 5-8 Ski Trip @ Wapiti

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NEWSLETTER

Kevin Tait, Principal

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is ready to begin the 2026 school year—after two weeks off, it's always a little surprising to see students remember what day of the week it is! We had a fantastic December at West Central. The Matilda Jr. play was outstanding, and our student performers did an amazing job. Family Fun Night was also a hit, featuring a wonderful concert and fun activities for everyone. Judging by the high number of student absences afterward due to sickness, it seems many of us truly shared the full concert experience!

A big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Mourot for selling tickets, Rivers North Ranch for the sleigh rides, and the Ethier family for keeping the fire going. It was impressive to see so many families out on a very cold evening—proof that nothing, not even freezing temperatures, can compete with bingo, sleigh rides, and school spirit.

The School Community Council had to postpone the turkey hot meal in December because so many students and families were sick. We'll be rescheduling it soon and look forward to sharing a great meal with everyone.

We're excited to see more volunteers in the school. Volunteers provide valuable one-on-one reading practice, and any relative or person with a connection to the school is welcome to come in and read with students. The more students practice reading, the better prepared they are for their grade level. If you can spare some time, please contact the school.

Basketball season is underway. Mr. Byrne is coaching the girls' team, and Mr. Mauvieux is coaching the boys' team. Schedules are out, but P4A often makes last-minute changes. We're trying to inform parents as soon as possible and appreciate your patience with rides and planning. Thank you to our coaches and parents for supporting our students.

We have already experienced some cold weather, and more is on the way. Bus runs will be cancelled when temperatures reach or fall below -40°C , or when temperatures are -35°C with a wind chill of -45°C or colder (AP 710 – Bus Cancellations: Cold or Extreme Weather Conditions). On no-bus days, the school will remain open with instruction provided for attending students. Please remind your children to dress warmly with coats, hats, mitts, and boots to stay safe and comfortable.

Have a great January—and may your kids' snowy adventures be full of laughs, warm mitts, and rosy cheeks!

Kevin Tait
Principal

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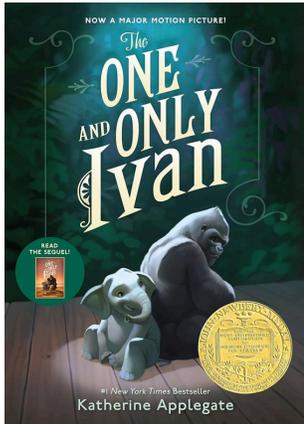
**West Central School
306-922-8339**

NEWSLETTER

Mr. Tait, Principal

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL NOVEL STUDY CONTINUES

*of The One and Only
Ivan !*



Each week there will be a special activity for our students to take part in.

READING SCHEDULE:

Jan 5-9 - pgs. 121-134
Jan 12-16 - pgs. 135-147
Jan 19-23 - pgs. 148-165
Jan 26-30 - pgs. 166-183
Feb 2-6 - pgs. 184-199
Feb 9-13 - pgs. 200-213

Good luck, everyone on the challenges
— and happy reading!

Each week you can find the challenge on
Edsby & Facebook!

Happy New Year & WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays! We hope your break was full of warmth, celebration, and well-deserved downtime. We are excited to see the great things we'll accomplish together this year. Let's make the rest of the year our best yet!

WELCOME MR. JONES!

We would like to welcome Mr. Jarin Jones to the Grade 5/6 classroom. Welcome to our school!

INCLEMENT WEATHER - BUSING NEWS

As we move further into winter, we want to remind families about the division's procedures for extreme conditions.

- Buses will not run if the temperature is at or below -40 degrees Celcius.
- Buses will also not run if the temperature is at or below -35 degrees Celcius and the wind chill is at or below -45 degrees Celcius (as per Administrative Procedure 710).

On no-bus days, the school will remain open, and staff will provide a range of activities, including revisiting outcomes, enrichment, and/or new instruction.

Attendance on these days is at the parent's discretion.

- Notifications will be placed on our website www.srsd119.ca. Scroll down on the home page to Transportation and you will find a "Daily Bus Report" link. Click on the bus report to check for a list of bus cancellations.
- Transportation also uses 'Remind' to inform parents and guardians about any transportation changes - cancellations/delays. You can find information on how to sign up for 'Remind' on our website www.srsd119.ca. Scroll down on the home page to Transportation and you will find 'Bus Notification Sign Up' link.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

The weather is getting colder so please make sure that your child(ren) are dressed warmly including headwear and mitts. They must be dressed adequately for a 1 kilometer walk in case of emergency. Our bus drivers have the authority to warn/educate a student on a first offense, and refuse transportation on the second. For this policy please review it on our website at www.srsd119.ca.

WEST CENTRAL STAFF

Principal **Mr. Tait**
Kindergarten/
Dreamcatcher Coach **Mr. Byrne**
Grade 1/2 **Mrs. Ethier**
Grade 3/4 **Mr. Mauvieux**
Grade 5/6 **Mr. Jones**
Grade 7/8 **Mr. Milligan**
Inclusive Education Coach/
Classroom Support Coach **Miss. Scragg**
Educational Associate **Mrs. Prytula**
Educational Associate **Miss. Wilkinson**
Caretaker **Mrs. Robertson**
Secretary/Librarian **Mrs. King**
Bus: #99 - **Amy Watt**, #208 - **Michelle Mouro**,
#40 - **Dave Neubuhr**

ABSENCES

Please enter the absence on the Edsby app or call the school at **306-922-8339** if your children will be absent.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

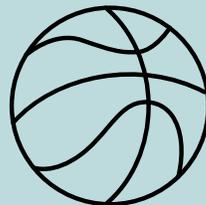
Student Supervision starts at 8:35 am

AM Classes	8:50 - 10:13 a.m.
AM Recess	10:13 - 10:28 a.m.
AM Classes	10:28 - 11:46 am
Lunch	11:46 am - 12:06 p.m.
Noon Recess	12:06 - 12:36 p.m.
PM Classes	12:36 - 1:54 p.m.
PM Recess	1:54 - 2:09 p.m.
PM Classes	2:09 - 3:25 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

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NEWSLETTER

WOLVERINE NEWS!



Wolverine Basketball has been so much fun so far. The extravaganza will be the week of January 28th - February 5th.

For the Girls' Basketball team

- The Girls' team will have games on Wednesdays or Thursdays.
- After school practices will be on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00.
- Noon Hour practices will be on Wednesdays/Thursdays.

For the Boys' Basketball team

- The Boys' team will have games on Thursdays.
- After school practices will be on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:45.
- Noon Hour practices will be on Thursdays.

For both girls and boys please make sure to be at the games at 3:30 pm to warm up as the game will start at 3:55 pm.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The next SCC Meeting is January 7 at 6 pm at the school.

SCC HOT MEAL

This month our Hot Meal is on Thursday, Jan 22. The meal will be our missed Christmas meal. It is free for all students. Please make sure to send a plate, cup and utensils to each Hot Meal.



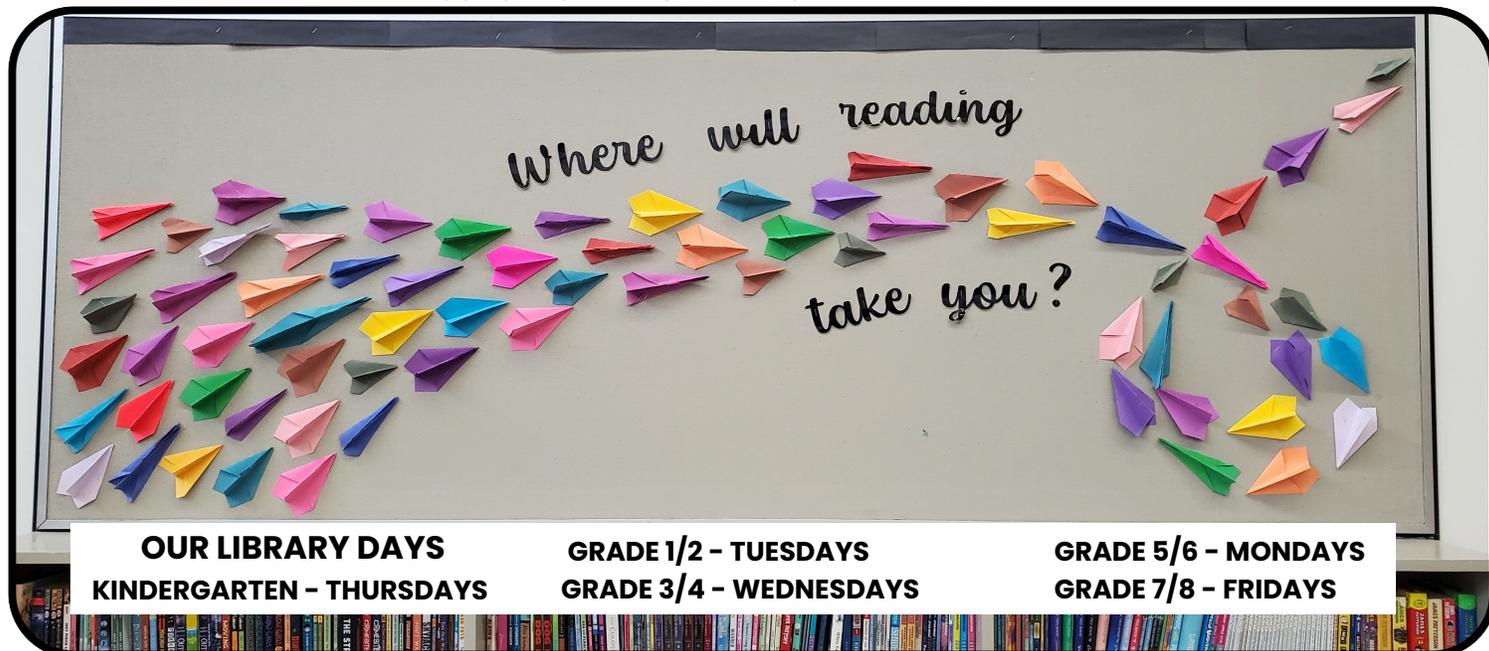
LIBRARY NEWS

Library time continues to be a highlight of Mrs. King's day. Your kiddos are incredibly polite and a joy to be around. A friendly reminder to return your kiddo's books by their library day once they are done with them (see schedule below). Thanks! **We have some exciting news - our 50 new books from the Book Fair are ready to be checked out!**

ONE-ON-ONE READING INVITE

We're inviting all adults who would like to visit and read with our students. Please spread the word. The more one-on-one reading our students get, the stronger their skills grow—because every page counts! **If you have some time between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., please let us know.** We truly appreciate our community's support—after all, helping kids read is pretty unbe-leaf-able!

OUR JANUARY BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LIBRARY



JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Jan 5th - Classes Resume
- Jan 7th - SCC Meeting
- Jan 14th - Ski Trip Forms Due
- Jan 15th - BP Lunch
- Jan 22nd - SCC Christmas Hot Lunch
- Jan 29th - Report Cards Go Home
- Jan 29th - BP Lunch
- Jan 30th - PLC Day - No Classes
- Jan 28 - Feb 5 - Basketball Extravaganza
- Feb 6 - Wapiti Ski Trip - Grades 5-8

JAN 5 - WELCOME BACK!

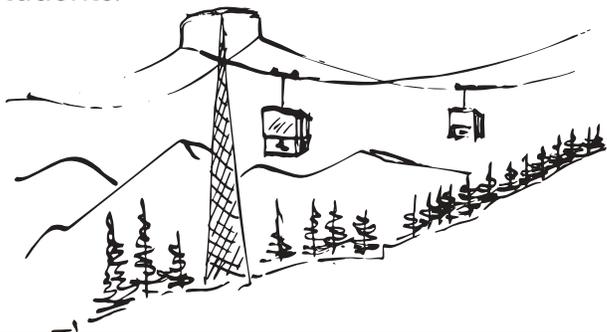
Classes resume January 5th. Happy New Year and welcome back, everyone! We hope your winter break was amazing. We hope you had a relaxing and joyful winter break filled with rest, laughter, and time with the people who matter most.

JAN 7 - SCC MEETING

The next SCC meeting will be on Jan 7th at the school at 6 pm. The more the merrier - Please join us!

JAN 14 - SKI TRIP FORMS DUE

Our Grade 5-8 Ski trip to Wapiti will be on February 6th. **Order forms went home on Monday, Jan 5th and need to be returned by Jan 14th.** It is going to be a fun event for the students.



JAN 15 - BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

Boston Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, January 15th. **Order forms will go home on Tuesday, January 6th and will need to be returned by Monday, January 12th.** Please make sure to send in the order form even if your child(ren) have ordered online.

JAN 22 - SCC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas Hot Lunch had to be postponed but we are happy to announce it will be on January 22nd. It is free for all students. The SCC has been continuing to notice a large number of students forgetting to bring their own plate, cutlery and cup to hot meal. We are no longer using disposable plates and are cutting out disposable cutlery and cups as well. When students do not bring their own, we allow them to borrow reusable ones from the kitchen. We understand that mornings get busy and sending these items can be easily overlooked. However, this adds a lot of work for the volunteers at the end of hot meal, who then have to wash all of the borrowed plates, cups and cutlery. **We would greatly appreciate your help in sending these items to every hot meal. Thank - you! If you can help at hot meal please contact the school.**

JAN 29 - REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, January 29th.

JAN 29 - BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

Boston Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, January 29th. **Order forms will go home on Tuesday, January 20th and will need to be returned by Monday, January 26th.** Please make sure to send in the order form even if your child(ren) have ordered online.

JAN 30 - PLC DAY - NO SCHOOL

There is no school on Friday, January 30 due to PLC day.

JAN 28 - FEB 5 - BASKETBALL EXTRAVAGANZA

Extravaganza Schedules will be sent home closer to the date. Good luck to our girl and boy teams! Go Wolverines!

FEB 6 - WAPITI SKI TRIP - GR 5-8

The Wapiti Ski Trip for Grades 5-8 is on Friday, February 6th. Please make sure to send in your forms by January 14th.

WEST CENTRAL REMINDERS

CELL PHONE USE AT SCHOOL

Students should not have personal devices in the school or on school grounds. If they bring them to school, the devices must be turned off and secured. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please phone 306-922-8339. If they need to contact you, they may use a school phone, with staff permission. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Student supervision begins at 8:35 each morning, once the buses dismiss their students. If you are dropping your child off, please ensure they are not here before 8:35 for safety reasons.

PICKING UP STUDENTS

If you are picking your children up at the end of the day, please park in the grassy centre area. Please remind your children to look both ways and please make sure to drive slowly away from the school. This will help to keep students safe from any mishaps.

*** Please do not park at or near the entrances/exits.** Thank you for helping keep our children safe. Thanks!

TRANSPORTATION

Our buses are busy again transporting our students to and from school. Our bus drivers do an amazing job of keeping your children safe. **If you need information on bus routes or driver contact info, please check our SRSD119 website and search under Bus Information (near bottom of Homepage) or contact the school.**

ALLERGY AWARENESS

All Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools strive to maintain nut-alert environments for the safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors. We ask that everyone please check food labels to ensure that nut products are not listed as an ingredient when shopping for school food items.

✓Please send nut-free snacks and lunches to school.

✓Cross-contamination is a common cause of anaphylactic reactions. Foods that have come in contact with nut products or contaminated utensils can also trigger allergic reactions.

✓Check packaging labels for peanut/nut ingredients. If a product has "may contain trace amounts of peanuts or nuts" this is NOT safe to bring to school.

As students and staff visit other buildings, for a variety of events, all schools try to keep everyone safe. Our School Division hopes to establish and maintain, but cannot guarantee: schools, school environments and buses free of peanuts and nut products. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important safety matter.

I FORGOT MY LUNCH

It happens! Busy households, rushing for the bus etc. Don't worry about it - **we have a few items at the school, which we can supplement for the odd lunch or snack here and there.**

HATS FOR SCIENCE

Friday Hat Day will continue this year. Everyone who pays \$1 on Fridays will receive a stamp and will get to wear their hat that day. All money raised will support the School Science Fair costs, including sending our students to the Regional Science Fair in April.

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

We accept online payment through the **School Cash app for many things including Boston Pizza lunches, sport events, activity fees, etc.** Please visit

www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions on setting up your account.



CONNECT WITH US!

If you haven't joined Edsby or our Edsby groups yet, please call the school at 306-922-8339 or request an invite and we will approve you shortly. There are specific Homeroom, Sport, buses, and SCC Groups.

Please follow us on **Facebook - West Central Public School.**

The West Central SKATING RINK

is
ready



Contact Mandi @
306.960.3532
for more info
or for a key

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MACDOWALL & DISTRICT
RECREATION FOUNDATION

*Interested in becoming a
member?*

MacDowall and District Recreation Foundation



For the community,
In the community.

Join us!

We are currently looking for two community members who would like to become part of our board. MDRF meets once monthly, and provides opportunities for volunteering in our community.

Contact Devon Neudorf, Jordyne Semenov, or any MDRF member for more information.

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one-on-one
READING

I ♥ READING

The Lily Plain Palette Club

We are excited to be starting an ART club! If you like to paint, craft & visit this is the club for you! The club plans to meet once a month at the Lily Plain Hall.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Friday, January 16

7PM

**DO MORE OF
WHAT YOU**

Love

Contact Erin 306-980-5705