



Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - September 11, 2023

6:00 p.m. In Person - Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

Principal's Report - R. Reyes

Welcome to a New School Year!

Wayoata students and staff have had a terrific start to the year! Staff returned Sept 5 and engaged in meetings, URIS training, and prepared for the return of students. We really enjoyed having our Meet the Teacher Open House on the evening of the 5th, so that we could see our students and families, students could meet their teachers and see their classrooms, and families could visit many important learning spaces around the school! This was also a great way to help alleviate some of the anxiety that is natural on the first day! Students then returned Sept 6th already knowing who their teachers are, where their classrooms are located, and we had a smooth and positive start to the year! On Sept 6th, we also had 2 short school-wide assemblies - one to welcome new students, introduce new staff, and review/practice recess expectations, and the second to review lunch expectations and introduce our lunch supervisors.

Some Information about Wayoata School and the 2023-2024 School Year:

- 1. Current Enrollment** - 287 students
- 2. Current Staff** - 19 teachers (includes 0.5 staff), 4 Educational Assistants, 0.5 library technician, 1.5 secretarial staff members, 2 custodians & 1 custodial aide
- 3. Staff new to the building**

Student Services - Ms. Brooks

Classrooms - Ms. Romaniw (K), Ms. Brooks (K), Ms. Samy (1), Ms. Marcyniuk (2/3)

Library - Ms. Kauk (0.5 Library Technician)

Principal - Mrs. Rachel Reyes

- 4. Life Threatening Allergies** - We aim to be a nut/fish free school; notes are in process of being created for the safety of students with life-threatening allergies and will be sent home shortly. Stop signs on classroom doors will help identify life-threatening allergens specific to classrooms.
- 5. E-memo** - Weekly e-memos will go out to families at the end of every week with reminders about *school-wide* events, important dates coming up, etc. Classroom teachers will communicate *classroom-specific* events/information.
- 8. School Website** - Our Wayoata School calendar on our website also has school-wide events & important dates listed. The school website also includes link/information about divisional programming and events.
- 9. Emergency Preparedness** - Teachers will be teaching/reviewing expectations for fire drills, lockdowns, and hold & secure drills with their classes over the coming weeks. We have 10 fire drills, 2 lockdown, and 2 hold & secure practices per school year. Fire drills will begin later in September; Lockdown and Hold & Secure drills will occur later in the fall and after the winter break.
- 11. School Plan Goals:** Wayoata's School Priorities for 2023-2024 focus on Literacy, Numeracy, and Education for Sustainable Development. School Priorities align with RETSD's divisional priorities. RETSD's divisional priorities can be found on the RETSD website.
- 12. School-Based Fundraisers** - Information to come.
- 13. Fundraising Report to the Board of Trustees** - Mrs. Reyes will be submitting a list of potential fundraising ideas that our WSCC, and school are considering. This is due on September 30/22 to the Board Office.
- 14. Extracurricular Activities** - There will be a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities being offered for students to enjoy this year!

Thank you, WSCC, for your time and investment in supporting the students and staff of Wayoata School!

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, October 2nd