



# The Wheatlands Wolftracks

## Newsletter

FEBRUARY  
2021

### Announcements:

PTO Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 11

7:00 pm

### Important Dates

February 11 – Noodles Dining Night

February 11 – PTO Meeting @ 7:00 pm

February 12 – 3.5 hour attendance

February 15 – No School

February 16 – Begin Phase 2

February 22 - Culver's Night benefitting the Rodriguez Family

February 26 – No School

### Notes from Dr. Harmon

Thank you so much for your continued support of our school and your child's growth and success as a learner! The second half of the school year has been off to a great start. We look forward to having the students back in-person four mornings beginning on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>! Phase 2 student specific schedules will be shared on Friday, February 5, 2021 in The Wheatlands Weekly.

Happy Black History Month! Thank you so much to the following parents and staff members (Mr. Barr, Mr. Fair, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. King Brown, Mrs. Oczki, and Mrs. Schweers) who contributed to our resources for the students to partake in during independent time this month. The compilation of the resources will be in each Google Classroom very soon. Thanks to Mrs. Wiesbrook for her help with this!

The students will not distribute Valentine's Day cards to their friends in school to minimize exposure. Thank you for understanding.

During the month of February, we celebrate the Character Counts! pillar of Trustworthiness. We remind students to be honest, be reliable, be loyal, do the right thing, and do what you say you'll do. Remind your child(ren) to wear Character Counts! clothing or the color blue on Wednesdays during the month of February to demonstrate the pillar of Trustworthiness.

[Click HERE to learn about The Wheatlands' Positive Recognition Program!](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership in support of your child's learning and growth!

## Staff Shout Outs

Congratulations to the following staff members who were positively recognized during the months of December and January!

Ms. Allan	Mr. Barry	Mrs. Bevilacqua
Mrs. Butkus	Mrs. Goodyear	Mrs. Greifenkamp
Dr. Harmon	Mrs. Leonard	Mrs. Mann
Mrs. McConnell	Mrs. McCullough	Mrs. McNanna
Mrs. Potter	Mrs. Richmond	

## AVID Corner

One strategy that is used in fourth grade, and in many classrooms at The Wheatlands, is the AVID Quickwrite strategy. Quickwrites can be used before, during, or after a lesson in any subject or in conjunction with reading a text. The purpose is to give students an opportunity to reflect on learning through writing, activate prior knowledge, make connections, and/or prepare for a discussion. Student thinking can be quickly assessed through the review of Quickwrites. We can also adapt this lesson for primary classes by having them draw or sketch their learning. The rigor can be increased by asking students to generate their own prompt.

To complete this activity, students are asked to write between two and four minutes. In fourth grade we say, "pencils to your notebook the whole time." They are generating as much as they can about the prompt. After the quickwrite, it can be used to help with discussions, as formative assessment, or as a reflection.

[Model Lesson](#)

## PTO INFO

### Holiday Winners

Thank you to all who participated in our holiday virtual events in December. Congratulations to these individuals and families for winning prizes:

Ella Underwood – Scavenger Hunt raffle

Jennifer & Madi Porter – Best Cookies

William & Eloise Whitted – Best Gingerbread House

Allison Faulkner - Best Cupcakes

### PTO Meeting

Our next PTO meeting will be held Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 pm. We will be joined by several of the school board candidates. Please join us to hear their visions for the district and why they are running for school board. There will be a brief question and answer period as well.

Dr. Harmon and Mr. Fair will also be taking questions regarding Phase 2 of the return to school plan beginning February 16.

We hope you can join us. Please use this link to attend the meeting: [Join with Google Meet](#)

[meet.google.com/ary-pwyn-kdv](https://meet.google.com/ary-pwyn-kdv)

### Daniel Guzman Scholarship

Any OEHS graduating senior who attended The Wheatlands is eligible to apply for this scholarship. Please contact the PTO if you would like an application. April 1 is the deadline to apply.

**DINING NIGHTS...** February 11 is Noodles Night! Please be sure to mention The Wheatlands, and we will receive 25% back from your purchase. Join us on February 22 for Culver's Day. Proceeds from all sales that day will go to the Rodriguez family.

The Wheatlands collects Box Tops. If you have not downloaded the app, please do. It is easy to scan your receipts and get credit for our school. If you have physical Box Tops that expire March 1, please follow this link to submit them to Box Tops. [www.botops4education.com](http://www.botops4education.com) There will not be a school-wide submission this year.

We know this year is so different from normal. If you are new to The Wheatlands and would like to know more about how the PTO supports the school or what fun events we would normally hold, please feel free to email [thewheatlandspto@gmail.com](mailto:thewheatlandspto@gmail.com). We would be happy to share information with you. You can also email us if you are interested in joining our board for next school year.

We miss seeing everyone and wish you the best with Phase 2.

The Wheatlands PTO

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