



West Nissouri P.S. Newsletter

February 2026

Principal: Ms. I. Hollander
Vice Principal: Mrs. N. Pol
Secretary: Mrs. Smith & Ms. N. Day
Superintendent: Mr. B. Nielsen

Important Dates Coming Up:

PIZZA every Tuesday

**Wednesday February
25th: Pink Shirt Day**

**Thursday February 26th:
Carnaval**

**Monday March 2nd:
Home and School
Meeting at 6:00 pm
School Council Meeting
7:00 pm**

**Tuesday March 3rd:
Graduation Photo
Retake Day**

**March 16th - 20th: March
Break!**

**Thursday March 26th:
Family Engagement
Night at 6:00 pm**

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Principal's Message

Dear West Nissouri Families,

February has been a wonderfully busy month of learning at West Nissouri. One highlight was our annual Effective Speaking competition, where students from Grades 4–8 impressed us with their confidence, preparation, and poise. We are incredibly proud of every participant and look forward to cheering on our finalists as they represent our school at the Lion's regional event.

Our boys' and girls' volleyball teams also wrapped up an exciting season. Both teams represented West Nissouri with outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to our dedicated coaches for guiding our athletes and creating such a positive and successful experience.

We're now looking ahead to celebrating Carnaval on February 26th. This is always a favourite event for students, filled with fun activities, school spirit, and of course a special visit from Bonhomme. We can't wait to enjoy this festive tradition together.

We also encourage families to complete the Google interest form that was sent through School Messenger yesterday to let us know if you'll be joining us for our Family Engagement Night on March 26th. Your response helps us plan a meaningful and well-organized event. We're looking forward to welcoming all of our families for this wonderful learning experience!

Sincerely,



Ms. I. Hollander



Mrs. N. Pol

Investing in Children Presents
Family Literacy and Math Event
for JK to Grade 3 students and their families



West Nissouri P. S.
Thursday, March 26, 2026
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Join us for activity stations, healthy snacks and door prizes!



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Toonie Tuesday is back!

Toonie Tuesday is Thames Valley Education Foundation's annual fundraiser, where students and teachers come together to support the Caring Fund. As we celebrate **TVEF's 25th anniversary**, we are excited to see fundraising activities thoughtfully inspired by 25 years of giving. The Caring Fund is an emergency fund, which is a lifeline for students facing urgent financial needs or issues related to poverty. By providing support for essentials such as food, clothing, and emergency expenses, the Caring Fund helps alleviate the stress and distraction that financial instability can cause.

This school-led initiative in support of the Caring Fund will run throughout the month of February (February 3-28). With your gifts and generosity, we hope to raise **\$50,000** to support students.

From Spare Change to Real Change! Let's make a difference together!

Please consider donating to Toonie Tuesday! Thank you for your support!



Updates from Special Education:

Term 2 IEPs were updated and completed February 13 and posted to the parent portal to reflect learning goals for term 2. If your child is supported by an IEP, please visit the Parent Portal to review and acknowledge receipt of your child's IEP. Once you have reviewed the document, kindly check off the confirmation to acknowledge receipt. Your prompt attention to this is appreciated. If you would prefer a paper copy, please reach out to Ms. Peetsma.



News from the Library

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates from the library!

Thanks to the incredible support from our recent Book Fair, we were able to purchase several new books for our collection. Because of you, our shelves are now filled with fresh adventures, inspiring stories, fascinating nonfiction, and highly requested titles that students have been eager to read.

Your participation in the Book Fair directly helped us grow our library and we couldn't have done it without you. Every purchase made a difference!

A Gentle Reminder About Book Care and How You Can Help

As excited as we are about our new books, we've recently noticed an increase in books being returned with damage. Our library books are shared by many readers throughout the year. Taking care of them ensures that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the same stories and resources.

Please remind your child to keep library books in a safe place, such as a backpack pocket or a designated reading spot at home. It's also important to store books safely away from pets and younger siblings and to return them on time and in the same condition they were borrowed. Thank you for your support!

Volleyball News

What a fantastic season for our Grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball Team! From the first serve to the final point, the growth in skill, confidence, and game play was incredible. Passing became sharper, serves stronger, and teamwork more seamless with every match.

What truly stood out was their perseverance and commitment to one another. They communicated, supported each other, and showed resilience in every challenge. Their overall talent, work ethic, and sportsmanship made this team something special.

We are so proud of all they've accomplished and wish them the very best as they continue to grow in their love for the sport of volleyball.

Way to go team!

Mrs. Elston & Ms. Welch



The Grade 7/8 Girls Volleyball Team had an outstanding season filled with growth, determination, and incredible teamwork. Throughout the season, the girls demonstrated resilience and a strong commitment to improving their skills, proudly holding second place in our division for much of the season.

This season, the girls participated in several tournaments, consistently representing West Nissouri Public School with pride, positivity, and excellent sportsmanship both on and off the court.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our amazing players for their dedication, to families for the constant encouragement and support, and to our entire school community for cheering them on.

Together, you helped make this season such a special and memorable one!

Ms. Tanner & Mr. McNamara





Effective Speaking Competition

Congratulations to our finalists!

Junior Finalists:

- Penn C.
- Ryan P.
- Brinsley B.

Intermediate Finalists"

- Ila G.
- Damian P.
- Madi Mc.

And remember...

Be KIND, Be SAFE and always
TRY YOUR BEST.

