Wetaskiwin Co-op Equity Program Awards
Schools $19,713.96

Sam McDowell and Allan Halter, General Manager of Wetaskiwin Coop presented equity program award cheques totaling $19,713.96 which will be allocated back to schools.

The Wetaskiwin Co-op School Equity Program allows schools to earn equity on both educational and personal purchases. Each participating school is assigned a membership number. At the till, customers of all Wetaskiwin Co-op locations have the option to use a school membership number to allocate the equity earned from purchases. 100% of the equity earned is then paid out after January of each year.

Patrons use the school membership numbers at any Wetaskiwin or Falun Co-op location to raise money for their school of choice.

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools has directed that schools use these funds for the school food program to feed students who come to school hungry and without breakfast or lunch.

WRPS School Nutrition Program

WRPS has recently conducted an audit of the food services being offered at Division schools. All schools offer a variety of food services options to students in need. One of the roles of the School Community Health Education Program (SCHEP) is to look at food security needs holistically. The SCHEP Food Security team’s main message is centered on how healthy food is essential to student learning and success. This year one of the main focuses is bringing awareness of the new Canada Food Guide and how to make healthy food choices. The theme for this year’s student leadership conference is “Unlock the Potential of Food”.

The WRPS food program contributes positively to student and staff physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing. Through the nutrition grant, 6 schools receive nutritious breakfasts and lunches that are prepared by our contractor Hope Mission. In return, Hope Mission provides food to the majority of our schools in the Division. The Salvation Army is also another community partner that provides 125 weekend bags each week for families in need.

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