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December 2016

Christmas Concert

On Thursday, December 15, the students of WNES will be performing their Christmas Concert in the afternoon and evening. You are invited to attend either the 1:30 or 6:30 show. Consider coming to the first show as it is likely to be less crowded. The doors for the evening performance will open at 6:00PM. Admission is free but any donations to our Food and Toy Drive would be greatly appreciated. The Intermediate students will be selling cookies and hot chocolate. All proceeds will go to the fundraising for their yearend Ottawa trip. We will also be selling 50/50 tickets and Candy Grams at both performances.

Food and Toy Drive

Unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items will be collected starting on Monday, December 5th and ending on Thursday, December 15th. These gifts and food items will be donated to the Jarvis Caring Cupboard. The classroom that is able to gather the most items will be awarded with a pizza party in early January. Please be mindful of the expiry dates when donating non-perishable food items.

Additional Volunteers Needed

If you or a family member (grandparents are welcome too!) has some time that you would like to become more involved with our school, we are in need of volunteers for our Nutrition and Strong Start programs. As well, if you would be interested in working with small groups of students to read or practice math facts, we could definitely use your help. If this could work for you, please call the school for more information.

Holiday Break Dates

Our last day of school before the break is Friday, December 23rd. Students will be off school from Monday, December 26th, 2016 until Friday, January 6th, 2017. Our first day back is January 9th, 2017.

Lost and Found Items

Lost and found items that are not claimed by December 15th will be donated to a local charity.

Cashless Reminder

Go Cashless! Pay for all of your hot lunches, etc. online. The KEV Cashless online payment system is available to all families. Please call the school for more information.

Playground Equipment

Our latest playground inspection shows that the playground structure has shifted significantly and would need extensive work to meet safety standards. Parent council has looked at the cost involved in fixing it and the fact that it is an aging structure and decided to look into removal of the structure. The Board is currently seeking quotes for removal.

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Student Voice

Candy Grams! Sold every day at lunch. Beginning December 12th until December 22nd. 25 cents each. All proceeds go back to Student Voice to be used for student activities.

Pajama Day!

Friday, December 16th is Pajama Day.

Red and Green Day!

Friday, December 23rd is Red and Green Day. Wear your Santa or elf hat, reindeer antlers, ugly sweater, or anything red or green.

Parent Council

There will not be a Parent Council in December. The next Parent Council meeting will be Monday, January 16th at 6:00PM in our library. Plans have begun for family events in the New Year. Mark your calendar for Friday, February 17th for our annual Family Fun Dance!

December Monthly Assembly

This month's assembly takes place on Friday, December 2nd at 2:15. Walpole Star, academic and character attribute winners will be included in the January newsletter.

Character Attribute: COMPASSION

During the month of December, students will learn about and practice compassion. **Compassion** is the response to the suffering of others that motivates a desire to help. Students can show compassion for one another at the school by helping someone who is hurt, playing with someone who is lonely, or offering to help out with a giving project for the community. December is a wonderful time to show compassion.



Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on twitter @WalpoleNorth Like our page on Facebook- Walpole North Elementary School. (or @Walpole North) For all the latest news and upcoming events.

Whisker Wednesday

Thanks for your generous donations. We raised over \$150 and had fun wearing our "stashes"! This money will go towards the Movember campaign.

Walpole North Star Assembly

<u>Cooperation Stars</u>- Autumn, Olivia, Shane, Shane, Maggie, Abigail, Noah, Xzavier, Jackson, Ethan & Jessica <u>Academic Stars</u>- Kane, Sevannah, Danielle, Avery, Charlie, Rachel, Skarlett, Evan, Haley, Lindsay & Shyanne French Junior- Logan

French Intermediate-Jessica

<u>Walpole North Stars</u>- Braylon, Charlotte, Ayden, Bryce, Jax, Jayden, Amelia & Justin Lunchable Movie Pass Winner- Jace

Intermediate Ottawa Trip Fundraising

May of our intermediate students are selling Laura Secord Chocolates in an effort to raise funds for their yearend trip to Ottawa. Each bar costs \$3 and comes with a \$3 coupon off a \$10 purchase at a Laura Secord store. Flavours include: Milk Chocolate Bar, Rice Crisp Bar, French Mint Bar, Sea Salt & Caramel Bites, and Maple Bites.

Shop at the Samko Miko Toy Warehouse from **December 1** to **December 4** at the Heritage Warplane Museum and Samko Miko will donate 10% of your puchase to the Walpole North Elementary School Intermediate Trip Fund! Tell the cashier that you are part of the fundraiser for Walpole North. They will stamp your receipt. Feel free to share with your family and friends.

Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellations

Remember Walpole North is listed as a Zone 2 school. Check the Grand Erie website at 6:30am for details or listen to local radio stations. If the buses are cancelled, the school will be closed.

