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Term 1 Report Cards will go home February 16th.

Kindergarten Registration Opens in January

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Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring teachers are with them every step of the way! Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years old by December 31, 2017 to enrol. Contact us at Walpole North Elementary School at (905) 768-5112 or drop by the office to register.

School Council

The next parent council meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on January 16th in our library. The minutes from each Parent Council meeting are posted in the front hall of the school.

Save the Date

Friday, February 17th - Family Dance Night!

Come out as a family to enjoy dancing, food, and good music from 6:30 – 8:30pm. More information will go home shortly.

Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to help out in our Primary classes, listening to students read. No previous experience required. Please contact the office or your child's teacher to volunteer.

Facebook

Like our "page" on Facebook. You do not need to add Walpole as a "friend". Just type "**Walpole Wildcats**" into the search bar and "like" or "follow" our page. We will be posting news, upcoming events, pictures, and the newsletter on this page.

See you on FB. Also, follow us on Twitter @WalpoleNorth.

Student Leadership Recognition

At the December assembly, the following students were recognized for their efforts:

Academic: Thomas M., Aaron M., Carter K., Eva L., Hailey L., Jacob L., Emma S., Valerie B., Cordelia M., Xailiya E.

Courage Character Attribute: Nixen W., Aryona H., Kyra V., Lily G., Molly R., Reese S., Joe A., Kayden B., Sara M.

Walpole North Star student leaders: Marissa F., Shane S., Alyssa M., Jace A., Abby C., Cassidy D., Abraham M., Lorelai J., Eliza M.

Junior French Award: Haley H.

Intermediate French Award: Cordelia M.

Lunch Mate Movie Pass: Cole S.

Teams

Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team

Abbey A., Abby M., Shyanne N., Sara M., Jessie W., Mureea M., Rylee S. & Rachel B.

Tournament Results

The girls played 3 matches at Dunnville Secondary School in December. The girls competed in some very close sets (against River Heights, Seneca Central and Jarvis Public School) that were only a few points away from winning. It was a great season filled with lots of hard work, laughs and memories. Mrs. Cecchin, Miss. Miller and Mrs. Keenan were very proud of all of their hard work!

Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team

Riley B., Luke B., Jacob F., Ryan D., Justin V., Josh S., Alex M. & Lucas L.

Tournament Results

We won all but one of our games in the round robin. We were then relegated to B division where we lost in the finals to Hagersville

Intermediate Fund Raising

The intermediates would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising efforts during the Christmas Concert with our sales of hot chocolate and cookies. The feedback on the cookies was very positive and those compliments were forwarded to Camp Trillium Cookies for Camp program. As well, we would like to thank everyone who supported our Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse sale. With your receipts, we were able to raise over \$150! All of the funds raised will go to help offset the cost of our year end trip. Thanks again!

January's Character Attribute Focus: Integrity

This month we will be focusing on integrity. Integrity means the quality of being honest and fair. You know you are showing integrity when you do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Food Drive Results

A huge THANK YOU to all families who participated in the Food and Toy Drive this Christmas. A total of 1 020 items were collected by classes, not including many more donations that came in at the concert. Top classes were Mrs. Cecchin and Ms. Opdecam's class with 217 items, Mrs. Jarvis' class with 130 items, and Mr. Schmidt's class with 113 items. All classes participated enthusiastically for a fantastic whole-school effort. The Jarvis Caring Cupboard sends their heartfelt appreciation for your generosity. See their thank you letter on the Walpole Wildcats Facebook Page.

Dress Warm!

Don't forget to wear your warm winter gear for these cold winter days. Students go out for recess when it is above -17 degrees.

Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellations

Walpole North is listed as a Zone 2 school. Check the Grand Erie website at 6:30am for details. When the buses are cancelled, the school will be closed.

Student Voice

On Friday, January 27th the Student Voice committee is planning a Storybook Character Spirit Day to help celebrate Family Literacy Day. Students may dress like their favourite storybook character for the day.

Student Voice, our grade 8 leadership group, helped organize the food drive and candygram sales for December. Watch for more events and Spirit Days coming up!

Family Literacy Week

January 24-27th is WNES's Family Literacy Week. There will be activities planned for students each day of the week. Look for more information to be sent home soon. January 27th is Family Literacy Day! Be sure to read together and dress up as your favourite Storybook character.

