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## October 2016

### Message from the Principal

Now that we have had such a terrific start-up, classes are well into the learning for the year. As part of the Grand Erie Board Improvement Plan, all schools have a focus on Mathematics with the Renewed Math Strategy. Teachers will be participating in training throughout the year and implementing strategies in the classroom. At Walpole, we are working on using questioning to help students look at their work and their math thinking to make improvements. Also, in line with the Board's Multi-Year Plan, we at Walpole are focusing on helping each student to be successful. "Success for Every Walpole Student" is our motto. Do you have a celebration to share? Students who demonstrate success in any area, including their own activities outside of school will be celebrated here and at the board level. This could include community giving projects, sports, culture, or other areas. Let us know about your child's success!

### Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year had a great turnout. Katrina Visser will continue as our Chair, Jill Reichheld will be Secretary, and Cathy Gibson is our new Treasurer. Thanks to these parents for taking on these roles. Watch for the minutes of the meeting to be posted on the school website under Parent Council. Our next meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Nutrition Program

The Nutrition Program is up and running. Students are receiving snacks from two food groups on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Thanks to the parents for volunteering to prepare and deliver the snacks. If you would like to help out once in a while, please contact the school for available dates.

### Harvest Dinner

Our Harvest Dinner will take place on Thursday, Oct. 6th at approximately 12:30pm. Thank you to parent volunteers who have already offered to help out. If you can help out for an hour or two, please contact the office. All students please remember to bring your own utensils and non-breakable plate. Make sure you have returned the Harvest Dinner form, including the \$6.00 to the school.

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## **Safety Patrol Program**

Safety patrols will be trained on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Soon you will see them working on the buses. Thanks to the students for volunteering and for Ms. Cecchin for being the Safety Patrol Champion Teacher.

## **Go Wildcats!**

Congratulations to the Junior and Intermediate soccer teams who represented Walpole so well at the Haldimand tournaments! The intermediate team went undefeated in the tournament and never had a goal scored on them! We beat Jarvis 1-0, Centennial 1-0, Seneca 3-0, Playoffs River Heights 2-0, Final Thompson Creek 1-0. The Junior team won 6-2 over Rainham, 4-0 over Thompson Creek, 3-0 over Fairview, 1-0 over Grandview, and 2-1 over Oneida in the final. Way to go, teams! Juniors- Zack, Wyatt, Zack, Wes, Chase, Cayden, Joe, Zander, Tyler, Josh, Evan, Brooklyn, Lorelai, Hayley, Amelia, Valerie, Meredith, Emma Jay, Lucy, Olivia, Keeley. Intermediates- Lindsay, Abby, Mureea, Leah, Audrey, Rebekah, Jessie, Rachel, Josh, Alex, Ryan, Luke, Ben, Jacob, Riley, Lucas, Indy. CAGE dates- TBA- Week of Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Currently, orienteering and cross-country practices are taking place at recess in order to prepare for the county meets. Thank you, Mr. Schmidt for coaching Orienteering and Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Cecchin for coaching Cross-Country.

## **Lock-Down and Fire Drills**

We have successfully completed 3 fire drills during the month of September. Towards the end of October, we will be learning about and practicing a lock-down drill. Teachers do a great job of teaching the routines so students know what to expect.

## **Lice Checks**

In an effort to keep lice in check, we will conduct a whole-school lice check over the next week or two by school staff. Some classes have already been done. Thanks for your participation by checking regularly at home and by following up with treatments if a problem is found. Together we can keep lice to a minimum.

## **Halloween activities**

Once again Walpole will have their annual school parade on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> for all grades beginning at 12:00PM. Families are welcome to join us for this portion of the day. Second nutrition break and recess will follow the parade. Afterwards kindergartens will enjoy activities in their classrooms, grades 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 will join together to rotate through the different classes to play games and the dance for grades 6, 7, 8 will run from 1:30-3:00.

Students may bring their costumes and dress later as we will have regular classes in the morning. Please check that costumes are appropriate for school, not scary for the younger students, and do not include any weapons.

Please do not send homemade baked goods for treats. Any treats must be packaged and labelled as nut-free. Thanks for checking.

## **Peanut and Nut-Safe School**

We are a nut-aware school. Please check your child's lunch to be sure that any peanut, nut, or "may contain" products are not brought to school. We have students with life-threatening allergies. Thanks for your ongoing support to keep our school safe.



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