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**In November, we
remember**

Our Lost and Found Table is filling up quickly. Students have been reminded to check for their belongings. You are also welcome to come in to check out items on this table. By Friday, November 4th any unclaimed items will be donated.

Colour House Events for this Month:

Thursday, November 16: Wear your
Colour House Colour

Thursday, November 30: Sport Jersey
Day

Important Dates for This Month:

Wednesday, Nov. 8	Parents' Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library, new members welcome!
Nov. 9, 16, and 23	Grade 3 Swim To Survive
Friday, Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, Nov. 13	Progress Reports go home, Legion contest entries due
Wed., Nov. 15	Fresh from the Farm fundraiser order pick up from 3-7 p.m. in the gym
Thurs., Nov. 16	Progress Report card interviews from 4 to 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 17	PA Day, no school for students, Progress Report card interviews from 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Friday, Nov. 24	Tribal Vision at Old Town Hall for participating classes

Our Remembrance Day Assembly:

Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year. Students are invited to attend the ceremony at the cenotaph with their families at 10:30 a.m. on November 11th. The school will also be holding an assembly for staff and students on Friday, November 10th in the gym. Sincere thanks to the Legion Colour Guard for joining us. Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Beavers and Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms to our Remembrance Day assembly. It is suggested that these students bring a change of clothes for the rest of the school day. Poppies will be provided on Friday, November 10th, prior to the assembly. Donations for poppies would be appreciated.

Inclement Weather and School Closure:

As the colder weather approaches, please be aware that if transportation/buses are cancelled in a zone, schools are closed to students and staff. **Waterford P.S. is in Zone 1.** If the weather/roads are unsafe (foggy, slippery conditions, snowy etc.), the local radio station will inform you if buses are cancelled, delayed or if there will be an early school closure. You can also check about school and bus cancellations on the Grand Erie District School Board's web site at www.granderie.ca. Click on the Transportation button on the main page for bus information. If buses are cancelled, please do not send students to school, as there will be no one to supervise them. Please ensure your emergency contact information is up to date and returned promptly to the school, should we need to contact you in the event of an early dismissal due to poor weather conditions.

If you have not yet returned the page sent home earlier from the school about your plans for your child(ren) for early school closure due to the weather, please return this completed page as soon as possible.



Safety and Behaviour Expectations for Ice and Snow:



Winter is such a wonderful season and we want our students to enjoy it to the fullest. As the snow arrives, we review the following expectations with our students, post them in each classroom, and share them with supply teachers. A copy is also posted on the door we use to go in and out for recess for people to refer to.

- Please come dressed for the weather. If you want to play in the snow it's best to wear snow pants, a coat, hat, mitts and boots. This will help you to stay warm and dry. Thanks to our kindhearted and generous community members, we can help with this. Just let us know!
- Once the temperature falls below zero the ground will freeze. It is hard, like cement. The playground equipment, including the swings, will be closed.
- Enjoy the snow but remember it must stay on the ground. No throwing snow, kicking snow or putting snow on others (i.e. in their faces, down their clothes). This includes throwing snow at the school building or even up in the air, as it can sometimes come down and hurt someone.
- Students will miss school activities as a consequence. If you cannot be trusted to keep everyone safe on school property, you will not be allowed to participate in our special activities. If you hurt someone with snow or ice you can be suspended.
- Be respectful of the things other people make out of snow. Don't break or destroy what someone else has created. This creates bad feelings amongst students. Teachers do not have time to "police" this. Find your own spot and get busy with your friends!
- Sometimes students make huge snowballs. This is permitted as long as students are not standing on them, sitting on them or jumping off them.
- If there is ice on the yard, hills or blacktop, students are not allowed to slide on it. If you fall you can be seriously injured.
- Once recess is over, if you are coated in snow, take a moment to brush off, stamp your feet and try to leave the snow outside. It's really important that when the hallway is wet from melted snow that you have your indoor shoes on. Also if we need to have a drill or need to leave the building quickly, you won't have the time to stop and put something on your feet.

Cold Weather Reminder:

We ask for your help to ensure your child is dressed for the weather. Please label your child's clothing, as our lost and found table fills up quickly. Often students have the same hat, gloves, mittens, boots etc. as others in the school, so labelling your child's belongings makes it much easier to return these items to him/her, if they end up on our school's Lost and Found table. Thanks for your help!



Congratulations to the wildcat's cross country team who competed at the 2017 NPSAA Cross Country Meet:

The junior girls ran 1.65 km and placed 3rd overall. Team members were Lana Nykamp, Madelyn Acland, Kelsey Giles, Aurora Martin, Katelyn Bos, Danielle Beech, Lexi Cloet, Sadie Lavigne, Ella Garrison, Fiona Nykamp, and Brilee Ethies.

The junior boys team placed 2nd overall. Team members Owen Hewitt, James Ratcliffe, Wilson Dawdy, Hadley Brown, Ethan Woods, Jeremy Crockett, Max Welsh, Ethan Marr, Jaxon Kazakevicius, Wes Sims, Owen Steward, Kaden Stronks, Porter Anderson, Owen Lefler, Owen Jablonski, Vinny Didomizio.

The intermediate girls placed 2nd overall. Team members consisted of Kiera Samson, Avalon Martin, Kennason Boudreault, Grace Giles, Sydney Welsh, Dana Ralf, Kianna Goff, and Kayla C.

The intermediate boys team members included Jonas Kazakevicius, Zach Marr, Blake Butler, Wes Boatright, Lorenzo Catipay, Jerrod Anderson, and Arnie Lalone.

The senior boys placed 1st overall. The team consisted of Logan Pfaff, Aiden Cloet, Jeff Arsenault, Parker Flint, Evan Dawdy and Ethan Baverstock.

The Senior girls team consisted of Kaitlyn Anderson, Paige Borse, Victoria Litschgy, and Michelle Schneider.

Our relay teams placed very well – Jr. Girls 3rd, Jr. Boys 2nd, Intermediate girls 2nd, and our Senior co-ed relay 3rd.

WPS will be sending a number of runners to CAGE – Logan Pfaff who finished 1st, Victoria Schimpky 7th, Jeff Arsenault 9th, Evan Dawdy 10th, Paige Killick 5th, Kennason Boudreault 3rd, Owen Steward 6th. Good luck!

Thanks to Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Hewitt for coaching our runners. Tryouts for our school volleyball teams are currently underway.



Mark this date on your calendar now, so you don't miss our upcoming Christmas Open House and Stop and Shop in the gym.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Your family is invited to join us to participate in a variety of Christmas activities, led by staff members in their classrooms. Tables are available for a hosting fee of \$20.00 each for vendors to sell items at our Stop and Shop in the gym. You'll want to check out all the items that will be perfect for people on your Christmas list!

If you are interested in hosting a table, please print and fill in the section below. Cut it out and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, _____. Mrs. Butler will contact you with further details.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ I wish to sell: _____

I understand that I will need to pay \$20.00 to rent a table and that tables are available on a first come, first served basis. I will be able to arrive any time after 4 p.m., to set up the items for sale.

I would be willing to donate a door prize for this event: Yes _____ No _____



Over 75 Grades 3 -6 students have signed up to be part of the school's Kindness Crew. Here are just some of the things this group, who will meet during recess and nutrition breaks, will do to promote an kind and caring school community:

- Teach younger students to tie their shoes
- Welcome new students and include them in games and activities
- Make thank you notes for individuals and groups who support our school



The Salvation Army will be at Waterford United Church on Nov 15th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and will be taking applications from community members within the area for a Christmas hamper. Those who wish to fill out an application must bring ID for themselves and everyone in the household, along with proof of all income and a rent receipt. Families who apply from Waterford and area, get sponsored within the community. The sponsor will get in touch with them to discuss pick up times, location, etc. Things included in the hamper would depend on who is sponsoring that family. Hampers usually include food for Christmas Day, along with gifts for children. When the Salvation Army take the applications, they ask for children's clothing and shoe sizes, along with gift ideas for those children.

The Salvation Army also has another event coming up for children on Nov. 25th from 10-1pm. This event is called the "Just for Kids Christmas Store". This event allows children to come in and purchase gift tags for \$1/tag and shop for the adults/loved ones in their life. They will be taking registrations from 10-11:45 a.m. Groups of 8 children will be going into their gym every 15 minutes (10, 10:15, 10:30 etc. up until 11:45) The children go into the gym and shop for their gifts and get them wrapped while in their gym. The parents are not allowed in the gym while the children are shopping, but the families are more than welcome to stay for Christmas crafts and movies before or after their registered times. The gifts they are purchasing will be new or gently used adult items.

With that in mind, they are also accepting donations from the community to help support this event. Donations can be dropped off to The Salvation Army Church in Simcoe, located at 184 Colborne St N. If anyone wishes to register, they may call 519-426-3640 or 226-567-0255 (call or text).

Operation Christmas Child:

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief and development organization. The students at Waterford Public School are able to bless the lives of children living in the developing world by packing gift-filled shoe boxes with a variety of toys, school supplies and hygiene items. If you would like a box to fill, please cut off the permission form below and return it to Mrs. Opersko. A box and information pamphlet will then be sent home. Please remember to include \$10.00 in the box for shipping. The filled boxes must be returned to school by Thursday, November 16th. you.

Operation Christmas Child

Yes, please send home a shoe box for _____ in
(name of teacher)'s class _____.

Parent signature: _____

Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser Pick Up Information:

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Fresh from the Farm and VG fundraisers! Our Fresh from the Farm products will be available for delivery on Wednesday, November 15th in the gym from 3 - 7 p.m. More details will follow about a pick up date and time for your VG Meats fundraiser products. A Poinsettia order form will go home the week of the 8th, with orders due back by November 24th. Poinsettias orders can be picked up on Dec. 6th, all day, in the library. We hope you can join us for our November meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Progress Report Cards:

Students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 will receive a fall Progress Report and two evaluative term report cards, one in February and one in June. The fall Progress Report will be sent home on Wednesday, November 13th. There are no letter grades on the progress report card. It is designed to show the student's development of learning skills, work habits and the student's general progress on the curriculum expectations taught. Time is set aside for report card interviews from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16th and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 17th. **Friday, November 17th is a PA day with no school for students, to accommodate these interviews.** It is important that you have an interview with your child's teacher to discuss your child's report.

How Do I Arrange an Interview with My Child's Teacher(s)?

Prior to your child's Progress Report card being sent home, an interview request form will be coming home later this week with the youngest or only student in your family. Please fill in this form for to request one or more interview times. If you request an interview, look in your child's report card envelope to find a slip of paper with your confirmed interview time on it. If you wish to meet with other teachers in addition to your child's homeroom teacher (i.e. French teacher, prep. class teacher) please add a note regarding this to your interview request form. For the first time Junior and Senior Kindergarten parents will be asked to attend an interview at the same time as the Grades 1 - 8 students, rather than having a visit in the classroom, as was done in previous years. This is a province-wide change to Kindergarten reporting. If you share custody and would like two copies of the Progress Report sent home, please inform your child's teacher.



Gearing Up to Go Skating:



We are most fortunate to have the opportunity to skate for free at the Waterford Arena! Your child's teacher will be sending home a permission form and the dates your child will be skating. If you are able to volunteer on any of the dates your help to tie skates and help supervise would be greatly appreciated. Please remember that you need to have a valid police check to volunteer as a supervisor. If your child needs to borrow skates and a helmet, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

Calling All LEGO Maniacs in Grades 1 – 4!

Permission forms will be sent home this week with students in Grades 1 to 4 who wish to join our LEGO club. If you have any LEGO at home your family is no longer using and you are willing to donate it to the school, we would sincerely appreciate your donation. We hope to offer the club to other grades when we have more LEGO to use.