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**Principal**  
Mrs. D. Opersko

**Office Co-ordinator**  
Mrs. S. Hofland

Did you know that Today's Family provides a before and after school program offered here at Waterford Public School?

Before and After School Programs are offered from the earliest days of being a student right up to age 12. The programs run Monday to Friday from 7:00am until the start of school and from the end of school until 6:00pm, as well as from 7:00am until 6:00pm on Professional Activity Days. With all the comfort of home and the company of familiar faces, our Before and After School Programs offer students a safe space to socialize, expand their creativity or focus on their studies with the help of professional, friendly staff.

Subsidized spaces may be available.

If you're interested in learning more, please contact  
[childcare@todaysfamily.ca](mailto:childcare@todaysfamily.ca) or call us at  
844 574 9344 ext. 112.



### **Important Dates for the Month:**

Mon., January 8th	Welcome back to school!
Mon., January 15th	Dental Screening for JK and SK students
Tues., January 16th	Dental Screening for Grades 2,4,6,8 and selected students in other grades
Wednesday, Jan. 17th	Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library
Mon., January 22nd	PA Day, no school for students
Friday, Jan. 26th	Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Clayton's last day Thank you for all you have done for your students!

### **A Message from the Principal:**

Happy New Year 2018 to all our Waterford Public School families! Welcome back to all our students and staff. I hope everyone had a restful Christmas and a happy holiday season. I hope 2018 brings your family good health and happiness.

Mrs. Opersko



Welcome to Mrs. Hofland, who is our new office co-ordinator! We are delighted you have come to join us at W.P.S. and we look forward to working with you.



### **Kindergarten Registration in January:**

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 full day, every day 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 and early childhood educators are with them every step of the way!

You can register your Junior Kindergarten or Senior Kindergarten child at Waterford P.S. throughout the month of January 2018. If your child will be 4 or 5 by December 2018, he or she is eligible to register for school for September 2018.

Note: if your child is currently attending Junior Kindergarten at Waterford P.S., registration is not necessary. Contact our office administrator, Mrs. Hofland, at 519-443-8942 to arrange a time to come into the school to register. Information needed for registration includes:

- Your child's birth certificate or Canadian citizenship document.
- Proof of your address including: 911 civic address (fire number), lot, concession, county and postal code. Your driver's license or a piece of mail with your name on it are samples of what you could bring to verify your address.
- Telephone numbers (home, work, cell, doctor, emergency contacts)
- Custody papers (if applicable)
- Medical information (if applicable) \*A "Request for School Assistance in Health Care" form must be filled out if medication needs to be administered by school personnel.\*

Please mention this registration to family and friends who may have a child eligible to attend and feel free to contact the school with any questions you may have.

### **Thank you!**

A sincere thank you is extended to the parents, grandparents and members of our Parents' Council for all their efforts to provide a delicious turkey dinner prior to the Christmas holidays. Thanks also to all families who attended our Christmas Open House and Stop and Shop and to the staff for organizing all of the fun activities. Your support for the school is what helps to make Waterford P.S. the wonderful school that it is.

Appreciation is also extended to our Student Leadership Committee for organizing the food drive. Thanks to the generosity of our school families, we were able to donate many non-perishable food items to people in our community.



### **Inclement Weather Reminder:**

The decision to cancel or alter transportation services will be made by 6:30am and will be broadcast on the local radio stations.

Due to the size of the Grand Erie District School Board, the board has been divided into zones for transportation cancellation purposes. Waterford Public School is in Zone 1. When all transportation in Zone 1 is cancelled, Waterford P.S. is closed. If it is necessary to dismiss early, we have a plan which has been created with the information you have given us. The decision to close early is made prior to noon. Check out the following website which contains information on bus cancellations and delays:

<http://www.stsbhn.ca/registered/cancellations.html>



### **Mark these Important Dates on Your Calendar:**

PA Day on Monday, January 22nd ~ There will be no school for students on this date.

Family Day ~ Family Day is Monday, February 19th. There will be no school on this date for staff or students.

Saturday February 24, 2018 ~ 2018 Waterford Lions Skate a thon

March Break: March 12th – 16th, 2018

### **Term One Report Cards:**

Term One report cards and individualized education plans for Kindergarten - Grade 8 will be sent home on Thursday, February 15, 2018. There is no scheduled report card interview day for these reports. Please send a note in the agenda or communication book to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) if you would like to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss your child(ren)'s report card progress.

### **Girl Talk:**

We will be starting the Girl Talk Program at W.P.S. on Tuesday January 23rd at 6:30pm. Girl Talk ([www.mygirltalk.org](http://www.mygirltalk.org)) is an international non-profit peer-to-peer mentoring program with a very simple premise: high school girls mentor middle school girls to help them deal with the issues they face during their formative early teenage years. Our mission is to help young teenaged girls build self-esteem, develop leadership skills and recognize the value of community service. Since 2002, our organization has served more than 40,000 girls in 43 states and 7 countries. Through weekly chapter meetings facilitated by high school Girl Talk Leaders, Girl Talk helps middle schools learn from their peer mentors and better understand and address the issues they face. In doing so, the girls develop confidence, leadership skills and compassion. Girl Talk provides the curriculum of life lessons used to facilitate the discussions **at no charge**. Girl Talk's program is twofold: high school Leaders have the opportunity to share their experiences as positive role models. And middle school girls have the chance to learn that they are not alone in the issue they face and that understanding, kindness and compassion can be the foundation for better relationships with others. Research consistently reveals that grades 5-8 are the most formative years of a young person's life. We believe that the lessons learned in Girl Talk contribute to girls becoming more confident, service-minded women with better relationships. Girl Talk also helps women become stronger leaders in the work place and more effective as parents.