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Q: Why can't you iron a
four leaf clover?

A: Because you shouldn't
press your luck!

Important Dates for the Month:

Mon., Mar. 1st	Intermediate Girls' Basketball Tournament
Mon., Mar. 5th	Intermediate Boys' Basketball Tournament, Internet safety presentations or Grades 5 - 8, Bhava Tree Family Yoga Night
Thurs., Mar. 8th	Bhava Tree Family Yoga Night
Mon., Mar. 12 to Fri., Mar. 16 th	MARCH BREAK
Tues., Mar. 21st	Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library, Booster Club
Mar. 26, 27 and 28	~ Bunny Basketball Shoot at morning and afternoon recesses
Wed., Mar 28th	Mrs. Pragnell's class goes to Backus Mill, Booster Club
Thurs., Mar. 29th	Mrs. Wouters' and Mrs. Vidmontas' Gr. 4's go to Backus Mill
Fri., March 30th	Good Friday ~ No school for staff or students

Principal's Message:

The days are just zipping by and there are lots of activities to look forward to this month.

For families with students in Grades 3 or 6, please mark the following dates on your calendar as the EQAO provincial assessment dates for our school:

GRADE 3 ~ May 23, 24 and 25 GRADE 6 ~ May 29, 30 and 31

Your co-operation to not plan any family holidays or appointments for this period is appreciated, as all grade 3 and 6 students in the province are included in this assessment.

March will most likely bring lots of water and mud around the school and school yard. Please ensure your children continue to come dressed for the weather, with outdoor shoes or boots. Even though it's March, the weather can still be chilly, so students need to continue to dress warmly and to keep their coats on at recess time.

Have a wonderful March Break holiday!

Mrs. Opersko

Way to Go, Wildcats!

Hoop Stars:

Many students participated in a free throw shoot at the school, to have an opportunity to represent the school at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition.

A big shout out goes to the following students who represented our school at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition, held earlier this month at Holy Trinity Catholic High School: Logan Pfaff, Paige Killick, Blake Butler, Quinton O'Brien and Kaden Stronks. Logan, Kaden and Blake won the competition for their age division and moved on to compete at the next level at Langton Public School, where all three won their division as well. Good luck to Logan, Blake and Kaden at the upcoming competition in London!

Speeches:

Congratulations to all of our students who wrote and presented a speech this year at school!

School Competiton					
Primary		Junior		Intermediate	
First	Edith Senko	First	Kennason Boudreault	First	Alexis Schnitzer
Second	Jace Schimpky	Second	Grace Herron	Second	Seth Woods
Legion Competition					
First	Edith Senko	Second	Kennason Boudreault	First	Alexis Schnitzer
		Third	Grace Herron	Third	Seth Woods

Skate-a-Thon ~ Saturday, Feb. 24th at the Waterford Arena:

Thanks to all the families who raised money and came out to support our wildcats at the Skate-a-thon. Our school won the trophy for the most money raised, bringing in over \$3,600.00! Now that's what we call teamwork. Several of our students were the top fundraisers for their age group.

Thanks to Mrs. Pragnell, Mrs. Truman and the school's Me to We club for their enthusiastic leadership for this special event. Thanks also to Mrs. Stronks for arranging a service dog presentation at the school so we could see what some of the money raised would be used for.



What's New?:



Each adult and child has been challenged this month to perform small acts of kindness throughout the school day. People have been asked to sign their name on a chart in each room for doing such things as:

- Saying hi to someone they have never spoken to before
- Inviting a new buddy to play at recess
- Cleaning up the classroom without being asked
- Helping someone before they ask
- Writing a positive note to a classmate

Student Leadership Committee Initiative: "Be careful with the words you use because words can hurt."

Pink Shirt Day was on February 28, 2018. That was this Wednesday!

Many people across Canada will be wearing pink shirts on this day to bring awareness to bullying in our society. The main reason we wear pink is to take a stand against bullying and come together to protect each person's right to live in peace and feel happy about who they are.

The Student Leadership Committee would like to initiate a challenge to all students in this school. The theme of the challenge is:

"Be careful with the words you use because words can hurt!"

To meet this challenge, a student or a group of students can create any piece of art, whether it is in the form of dance, drama, digital media, poetry, music or visual art representing this theme.

Entries will be accepted by the Student Leadership Committee until a March 31, 2018 deadline in preparation for presentation and recognition during the International Day of Pink April 11, 2018.

Colour House Challenges for the Month:

March 8 - Go Canada Go Paralympic Spirit

March 20 - Welcome Spring Gardeners/Farmers

Upcoming Hot Lunches:

Friday March 9: Kerry's Wraps

Friday March 23: Quiznos Day

Thursday March 29: Pizza Day (Good Friday is Friday March 30)



Picking Up and Dropping Off Students at School:

For parents/guardians who pick up or drop off their children at school, we ask that you be mindful to not block neighbourhood driveways and to not park close to where the crossing guard crosses students across the street in front of the school. We understand that the school has limited parking and we appreciate your help to be respectful of home owner property and to ensure our students are safe.

How is a best friend like a 4-leaf clover?
Because they are hard to find and lucky
to have.

Why can't you borrow money from a
leprechaun?
Because they're always a little short.

WPS Parent Council - ProGrant Funding



Wed. Feb 28:
Family Yoga Making Healthy Food
for Everyone

Mon. Mar 5:
Family Yoga and Managing Stress for all Ages

Thurs. Mar. 8:
Family Yoga and Finding Happiness with
Mindfulness

ALL SESSIONS HELD @ WPS 6:30pm -
8:00pm

In partnership with: Sheryl Puckering



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Kindergarten Registration:

Now is the time to enroll your children at our school for September 2018. This includes students for Junior Kindergarten or new students for Senior Kindergarten. It is important that you register now so the school board will know our enrolment numbers for Kindergarten classes in September. Knowing the number of students we will have as soon as possible will let us know how many teachers and Early Childhood Educators we will be allotted. We appreciate your assistance to pass on this information to friends and family in our school community. Do not wait until September, please register NOW!

Bunny Basketball Shoot:



The Student Leadership Committee and the school's Kindness Crew will be hosting a Basketball Bunny Shoot at morning and afternoon recess on March 26, 27 and 28, 2018. Students can sign up by telling their classroom teacher they would like to participate. Each participant is asked to bring one, non-perishable food item and a signed permission form to participate. These food items will be given to the Waterford Food Bank. Each child will take 10 free throw shots and a student volunteer will count how many go in and will record the number on a clipboard. In the event of a tie, there will be a tie breaker. The winning boy and girl for each grade, Kindergarten to Grade 8, will win a small chocolate Easter bunny. Thanks is extended to Parent Council for providing the prizes for this event. *If you have a Little Tykes basketball net the school can borrow for this event, please call Mrs. Opersko at 519-443-8942. Thank you!

MILK BAG COLLECTION UPDATE:

Please continue saving your milk bags!

Thanks to the YOUR efforts, we have collected over 2400 milk bags since September. But we need more!

2400 milk bags = 6 children's mats

So please keep saving your milk bags over the March Break. The more we collect, the more we can help those who have so little!

