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Message from the Principal

December is a wonderful time of year to practice and recognize compassion. COMPASSION is the character attribute for December. Compassion means showing empathy and caring for the suffering and misfortunes of others. Through the giving projects and classroom activities this month, students are working on recognizing others' needs and learning how to respond compassionately. At Walpole, we greatly appreciate the support from our parents and community. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events this month.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 20th. You are invited to attend either the 1:30 or 6:30 show. Consider coming to the first show as it is likely to be less crowded. The doors for the evening performance will open at 6:00PM sharp. Admission is free but any donations to our Food and Toy Drive would be greatly appreciated. The Intermediate students will be selling cookies and hot chocolate. All proceeds will go to the fundraising for their year-end trip. We will also be selling 50/50 tickets and Candy Grams at both performances. All proceeds from the 50/50 draw will go to the Playground Fund.

Food and Toy Drive

Unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items will be collected starting on Monday, December 4th and ending on Wednesday, December 20th. These gifts and food items will be donated to the Jarvis Caring Cupboard. Please be mindful of the expiry dates when donating non-perishable food items.

Lost and Found Items

Lost and found items that are not claimed by December 20th will be donated to a local charity.

Playground Fundraiser

Our Playground Fundraising Campaign is off to a fantastic start. We have an awesome group of parent volunteers heading up the project. We have raised over \$8000 since June! This includes profits from Cruise Night, Drive 4 Your Playground, Sign Paint Nite, the sale of the old equipment, and generous donations from the Townsend Lion's Club and parents and grandparents of Walpole North. Thank you to everyone who is supporting this fundraiser. You will have received a flyer this week from the school requesting that you send in any recommendations for businesses or community groups for us to contact for donations. Please send in the contact information so we can approach these companies for support. We have set a fundraising goal of \$60000 for our playground. Together we can build a beautiful playground!

Student Voice

Candy Grams! Sold every day at lunch. Beginning December 11th until December 20th. 25 cents each. All proceeds go back to Student Voice to be used for student activities.

Red and Green Day!

Monday, December 18th is Red and Green Day. Wear your Santa or elf hat, reindeer antlers, ugly sweater, or anything red or green.

12 Days of Christmas Friday, December 22nd is the 12 Days of Christmas Day! Come dressed like anything in the song. A swan-a-swimming? A lady dancing? Or a Partridge in a Pear Tree.

Parent Council

There will not be a Parent Council meeting in December. The next Parent Council meeting will be Monday, January 15th at 6:00PM in our library. Plans have begun for family events in the New Year. Mark your calendar for Friday, February 16th for our annual Family Fun Dance!

December Monthly Assembly

This month's assembly takes place on Friday, December 1st at 2:15. Walpole Star, academic and character attribute winners will be included in the January newsletter.

Character Attribute: COMPASSION

We are working on open-ended questions in mathematics. There may not be one specific correct answer but a variety of solutions. The goal in working on these questions is to "think" about the math. Here are some examples to try at home:

Make up an addition question where there is a 2, a 3, and a 4 somewhere in the question or the answer.

*** Super awesome question*

Four 4's: Can you find every number between 1 and 20 using only four 4's and any operation?

Check out these websites:

www.mathies.ca

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on twitter @WalpoleNorth
Like our page on Facebook- Walpole Wildcats, for all the latest news and upcoming events. Visit our Website for news, pictures, newsletters and School Council Minutes.
<http://www.granderie.ca/schools/walpolenorth>

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Once again Walpole is running a Laura Secord Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. This is a school fundraiser where all the funds raised go directly to purchases that benefit the students. Money raised from this year's fundraiser will be combined with last year's profit towards a new audio-visual system for the gym. We are looking at a big screen, projector, and sound system for our assemblies, concerts, dances, etc. Also, funds will be donated to the playground fund. Watch for the permission form coming home. Sales will go through the Christmas break.

Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellations

Remember Walpole North is listed as a Zone 2 school. Check the Grand Erie website at 6:30am for details or listen to local radio stations. If the buses are cancelled, the school will be closed.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 1st- Awards Assembly
Dec. 4th- Food Drive begins
Dec. 5th- Sign Paint Nite
Dec. 6th – Chocolate Bar Kick-Off
Dec. 8th- Intermediate Girls Volleyball
Dec. 8th- Chocolate Bars sent home
Dec 11th- Candy-grams sale begins
Dec. 15th – Junior Volleyball
Dec. 18th- Red and Green Day
Dec. 20th – Christmas Concert at 1:30 and 6:30
Dec. 22nd- 12 Days of Christmas and Caroling
Dec. 23-Jan. 7th Christmas Break
Jan. 8th- 1st day back to school
Jan. 15th – School Council Meeting



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