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January 2018

Term 1 Report Cards will go home February 15th.

Kindergarten Registration Begins January 8, 2018

Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. Here, they learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Grand Erie's Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Children are challenged and encouraged to do their very best and build relationships with caring teachers who are with them every step of the way. Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be four (4) years old by December 31, 2018 in order to register. Contact Walpole North at 905-768-5112 to arrange a visit or to learn more about what's needed to register. To receive a copy of Grand Erie's Welcome to Kindergarten Guide, please contact Miss Tate at the office.

School Council

The next parent council meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on January 15th in our library. The minutes from each Parent Council meeting are posted in the front hall of the school and on the school website.

Save the Date

Friday, February 16th is Family Dance Night! Come out as a family to enjoy dancing, food, and good music from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Last year we had a terrific turnout and everyone had a wonderful time. More information will go home shortly.

Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to help out with our Nutrition program. If you can spare one hour, once or twice a month, it would be a great help to our students' healthy snack program. Duties include cutting veggies and fruit, packing bags for classrooms and distributing the food to the rooms. It's easy to do and so beneficial to the students. Please call the office to volunteer.

Mark Your Calendar

January 15 - School Council Meeting
January 17 - Grade 4-8 Tubing Trip
January 19 - Lacrosse Education for Grades 4-8
January 22 - PA Day
January 23-26 - Literacy Week. Dress up as a Nursery Rhyme character on Friday
February 2 - Walpole North Star Assembly
February 16 - Family Dance

Student Leadership Recognition

At the December assembly, the following students were recognized for their efforts:

Academic: Noah J., Keegan G., Charlee S., Nathan T., Jace A., J'Den F., Avery H., Meredith B., Hannah M., & Bryson M.

Courage Character Attribute: Jacob C., Savannah R., Michael H., Zoey L., Ivy J., Kyra V., Isaac C., Emersyn H., Jackson D., Keiara H-M. & Madi B.

Walpole North Star student leaders: Kelley P., Jase F., Olivia M., Maddi D., Hallea A-W., Ella K., Hunter M., Brooklyn C., Ethan H. & Lindsay S.

Junior French Award: Douglas B.

Intermediate French Award: Josh S.

Lunch Mate Movie Pass: Keiyan S.

Playground Fundraising Update

A huge THANK YOU to the families and community members of Walpole North. Together we have raised over \$11,000 for our playground since June! Recently, we raised \$2300 at our very successful Paint Nite. Thank you to the organizing committee and 2 Odd Ducks for their support of this event. Over the past 2 weeks, we have received some very generous donations from local businesses. Thanks to these businesses, we have another \$2200 towards our playground! Next, we are planning some Spring events including a car wash with the Jarvis Fire Department and an upcoming raffle.

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Thank you families for your participation in our annual Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. This has been a very successful campaign so far. Totals will be out shortly. The money raised from this campaign will go towards the playground, an audio-visual system for the gym, and other technology and outdoor equipment. Stay tuned for an update in next month's newsletter.

Please return all funds and unsold chocolate bars. If you would like to purchase any specific type of chocolate bar, please call the office.

Volleyball

The intermediate Girl's team played their volleyball tournament in Dunnville on December 8th. The girls had a great day and made it to the C semi finals where they lost in a close match against Rainham.

The Intermediate Boys' team won the A division championship, undefeated in the tournament. They went on to participate in the CAGE tournament.

January's Character Attribute Focus: Integrity

This month we will be focusing on integrity. Integrity means the quality of being honest and fair. You know you are showing integrity when you do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Food Drive Results

Thank you for your generosity. Together the families of Walpole North contributed 1 027 toys and food items to the annual Food and Toy Drive. All items were donated to the Jarvis Caring Cupboard. Congratulations to Mr. Harris' class who brought in the largest number of items at 225. Their class receives an extra gym class!

Facebook

Like our "page" on Facebook. You do not need to add Walpole as a "friend". Just type "**Walpole Wildcats**" into the search bar and "like" or "follow" our page. We will be posting news, upcoming events, pictures, and the newsletter on this page.

See you on FB. Also, follow us on Twitter @WalpoleNorth.

The school website is at

www.granderie.ca/schools/walpolenorth

Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellations

Walpole North is listed as a Zone 2 school. Check the Grand Erie website at 6:30am for details. When the buses are cancelled, the school will be closed.

Family Literacy Week

January 23-26 is WNES's Family Literacy Week. There will be activities planned for students each day of the week. After completing activities, students will receive ballots for a book prize draw. Be sure to read together and dress up as your favourite Nursery Rhyme character on Friday, January 26th.

Every Minute Counts

Please be sure to have your child at school, ready to start by the 8:45AM bell. At the end of the day, if you are picking up your child, please wait until 3:15 for students to exit the front door. Please do not buzz the office as we will open the door for students to exit. If you need to pick up your child early for an appointment, please call the school.

