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**In November, we
remember**

Our Lost and Found box 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 30th any unclaimed items will be donated.

**Colour House Events for this
Month:**

Thursday, November 15: Wear your
Colour House Colour

Friday, November 23: Canadian Pride

Important Dates for This Month:

Mon., Nov. 5th	Ms. Sukkel's class to Backus Mill
Tues., Nov. 6th	Ms. Guthrie's class to Backus Mill
Nov. 5, 6, and 7	Pottery Making for Grades 3 and 6 students
Fri., Nov. 9th	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:15
Wed., Nov. 14th	Progress Reports go home, Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library
Thurs., Nov. 15th	Progress Report Interviews from 4 to 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 16th	PA Day, Progress Report Interviews from 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Mon., Nov. 19 th	Grade 7 Immunizations
Tues., Nov. 20th	Dental screening for Kindergarten, Grade 2 and rechecks from last year
Wed., Nov. 21st	Dental screening for Kindergarten, Grade 2 and rechecks from last year
Fri., Nov. 30th	Cardboard boat races for some Grade 7 and 8 students at Annaleise Carr Aquatic Centre in Simcoe
Nov. 15, 22 and 29	Swim to Survive for Grade 3 students

Our Remembrance Day Assembly:

Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday 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 9th 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 9th, 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 (yellow) 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 box 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 box. Thanks for your help!



Congratulations to the wildcat's cross country team who competed at the 2018 NPSAA Cross Country Meet:

On Friday, October 11th the cross country team will be travelled to Memorial Park in Simcoe to take part in the N.P.S.A.A cross country meet. The Wildcats had an extremely successful day at the meet. We started the day off with the Junior Girls racers which had a total of 79 runners. Aurora Martin 3rd, Ella MacTavish 13th, Brilee Ethier 14th, Meledie Antikew 23rd, Madolyn Slaght 25th, Aubrey Howe 31, and Halle Stephens 34.

The Junior Boys competed against 97 runners. Caleb Wiedrick 4th, Owen Hewitt 7th, James Ratcliffe 9th, Austin Westbrook 19th, Owen Sibbick 36th, Justin Lomas 49th, Jack Smart 54th, Cameron Slaman 62th, Hadley Brown 63rd, Nolan Schimus 73rd, Hunter Douglas 76th, Tyler Bowers 80th, Payton Grandpre 93rd. This team placed 2nd overall and 2nd in the relay.

The Intermediate Girls competed against 67 runners. Kennanson Boudreault finished 1st, Ella Garrison 16th, Lexi Cloet 17th, Kiera Samson 19th, Avalon Martin 22nd, Shaylen Campbell 23rd, Katie Bos 37, Danielle Beech 49, Maddie Dawdy 50th, Brooke Calhoun 52nd, Jayden Poss 54th, and Emily Woods 66. The girls had a great race and placed second overall and 3rd in the relay race.

The Intermediate Boys ran against 59 runners. Owen Steward finished 5th, Ethan Woods 9th, Wes Sims 10th, Caleb Labelle 29th, Jeremy Crockett 32nd, Max Welsh 34th, Owen Jablonski 35th, Braydon Whitehorn 48th, Haiden Kotanko 49th, Vinny DiDomizio 51, Owen Lefler 55. The Intermediate Boys placed 2nd overall as a team and placed 3rd in the relay race.

The Senior runners are congratulated for their strong finish. Sydney Welsh 8th, Paige Killick 10th, Grace Giles 13th, Jessica Lepp 16th, Arnie Lalone 20th, Dylan Poss 21st, Blake Butler 25th, Lorenzo Catipy 26, Wes Boatright 27th.

WPS will also have the following runners represent us at the CAGE tournament – Aurora Martin, Caleb Wiedrick, Owen Hewitt, James Ratcliffe, Kennason Bourdreault, Owen Steward, Ethan Woods, Wes Sims, Sydney Welsh and Paige Killick.

Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Smart is very proud of all the runners who took part. Everyone demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, dedication and team work. Thank you to all the parents who helped out and cheered on the runners. Lastly, thanks to Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Hewitt for coaching our runners.

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 14th. 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 15th and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 16th. Friday, November 16th 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 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. Junior and Senior Kindergarten parents will be asked to attend an interview at the same time as the Grades 1 - 8 students. If you share custody and would like two copies of the Progress Report and interview request form sent home, please inform your child's teacher.

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



This year our school will be sponsoring families at Haldimand and Norfolk Women's Services. Your donations will ensure that families receive gifts for their children, a holiday meal as well as the pleasure of knowing that someone in the community cares about them. You can choose how you would like to provide sponsorship by choosing from the following list:

- 1) A full family sponsorship – You choose the size of the family you wish to help. Haldimand and Norfolk Women's Services match you with a family and provide you with their wish list.
- 2) A partial sponsorship – You donate what you can, whether it be a new toy or gift card and Haldimand and Norfolk Women's Services will ensure it goes to a family in need in our community
- 3) A cash donation to Haldimand and Norfolk Women's Services – the money will be used to purchase food and gifts for families in need

Items can be brought into the school for donation. Call 519-426-8048 for more information.

In addition, the Student Leadership Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Waterford Caring Cupboard.

SINCERE THANKS

Thanks to the generosity of our families and community members. our students raised 2296.000 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation from our annual Terry Fox Run. Way to go, Wildcats!

Fundraiser Pick Up Information:

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Parent Council **DFS Catalogue** and **Recipe in a Jar** fundraisers. The ordered items will be available for pick up in November. Once the delivery has been confirmed, we will communicate your dates and times for pick up at the school. Thank you for all of your support – we hope you enjoy your goodies!

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.

Christmas Open House



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

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

Stop and Shop from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Christmas Activities in Classrooms from 6- 7 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, November 16th 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 _____