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Principal
Mrs. D. Opersko

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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, 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 or call us at
844 574 9344 ext. 112.



Important Dates for the Month:

Mon., January 7th	Welcome back to school!
Tues., Jan. 15th	Immunizations for some of our Intermediate students, Talent Show at WDHS at 10:30 a.m.
Wed., Jan. 16th	Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library
Mon., Jan. 21st	PA Day – no school for students
Mon., Jan. 28th	CCAT testing for Mrs. Smart's and Ms. Sukkel's Grade 3's
Tues., Jan. 29th	CCAT testing for Mrs. Wouter's Grade 3's

A Message from the Principal:

Happy New Year 2019 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 2019 brings your family good health and happiness.

Mrs. Opersko

Welcome to Mrs. Gates, who is our new half time Kindergarten teacher, who will be sharing teaching duties with Mrs. DePauw. We are delighted you have come to join us at W.P.S. and we look forward to working with you. Welcome also to Ms. Horvath, who will be filling in for Mrs. Dal Bello for the remainder of the school year.



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 2019. If your child will be 4 or 5 by December 2019, he or she is eligible to register for school for September 2019.

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 and toiletry items to people in our community.

The WPS Me to We Club would like to thank everyone who supported their Rafiki and Minga Campaign in December. In all, 125 bracelets were sold which means we were able to donate \$1250.00 to the Me to We organization (helping communities overseas) and \$225.00 to True North Aid (helping Indigenous communities in Northern Canada). We are so proud of our contribution and grateful to our school community for their help.

Thanks to Waterford United Church for the donation of hats, mitts, scarves and socks for our students. These will be well used by our wildcats.

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 21st ~ There will be no school for students on this date.

Family Day ~ Family Day is Monday, February 18th. There will be no school on this date for staff or students.

Saturday February 23, 2019 ~ 2019 Waterford Lions Skate a thon

March Break: March 11th – 15th, 2019

Term One Report Cards:

Term One report cards and individualized education plans for Kindergarten - Grade 8 students will be sent home on Thursday, February 14, 2019. 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.

Help Needed:

We need several volunteers to help students, one on one, to write the Grade 3 and 6 mandatory provincial EQAO assessment. Volunteers must have a valid police check with vulnerable sector screening and be able to attend a training session with Mrs. Opsko. Volunteers must also be available to help for three days:

Grade 6 Assessment: May 22, 23, and 24 from 8:30 – 12 noon

Grade 3 Assessment: May 28, 29, and 30 from 8:30 – 3 p.m.

If you can help please call Mrs. Opsko at 519-443-8942, and press 3 to leave a message. Thank you!

