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Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>  
School Council Meeting  
6:30pm

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>  
Dental Screening through  
the Health Unit

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
PD Day

January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Kickoff Assembly to the  
Skate-a-thon

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Kindergarten Registration

Save the Date:  
Waterford Lion's Skate-a-  
thon (School fund raiser)  
Saturday, February

### **Coat Drive**

The coat, hat, warm  
clothes drive has started  
at the Baptist Church. Go  
take a peek!

Hours are: Wed & Fri

## **Coming soon to Waterford Public School...**

### **Cashless Schools- What is this?**

We are very excited to announce the launch of **School Cash Online**, an online fee payment system that will allow parents to use online banking for student hot lunches, milk, class trips etc. For teachers, staff and our volunteers, it will mean considerable time saved when planning, processing and handling cash payments. For parents, it will save time looking for proper change, going to an ATM, and most importantly, you can be assured that the money you have sent with your child has reached the proper destination. Errors can be made with so many people handling and processing the money. School Cash Online eliminates many steps. The money goes directly from the giver to the receiver.

**Please enroll by registering online at**  
**<https://granderie.schoolcashonline.com/>**

Registered parents will receive notification when trips, hot lunches etc. become available for your children. We anticipate a startup this spring. This will help reduce the amount of overdue and forgotten payments.

A paper order will still be sent home this year as we transition to the online version for most school expenses.

Mrs. Pitre, our school secretary has used the online fee payment system at her previous school, so feel free to call her if you need help getting set up, or if you have specific questions about its use. Mrs. Pitre will be off work for a while, so please call in February. Mrs. Tchegus will be in the office until her return. You are welcome to come to the school to use a computer or tablet if your phone or home computer gives you grief! The Public Library has computers available for community use as well.

### **Full Day Kindergarten Registration**

Waterford Public School is holding registration for the 2017-2018 school year. 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 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 are with them every step of the way!

If your child will be turning 4 by Dec. 31st, 2017 you are welcome to register your child. Please call the school to make an appointment for the week of January 30<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Parents and guardians need to provide a valid birth certificate and proof of address to register.

## MILK BAG COLLECTION UPDATE

Thanks to the efforts of the students and their families, we have collected a total of 1050 milk bags as of November 26th. That equals 3 children's mats --- a wonderful accomplishment for our school over the past three months! So please keep saving your milk bags and sending them in with your child. The more we collect, the more we can help those who have so little.

~ Thank you ~

The **Waterford Lions Skate-a-thon** is planned for Sat. February 25, 2017 at the Waterford Tricenturena.

Registration: noon - 1 p.m. - Skate: 1 - 3 p.m. Prize presentations: 3 - 4 p.m.

Elementary schools will receive 35% of the money they raise.

Skaters should reach a **minimum of \$20.00** in pledges to participate.

# Students are welcome to invite older siblings, friends or parents to collect pledges and enjoy the afternoon!

### Inclement Weather Reminder

As we continue through the season of winter, we want to remind everyone that there are a number of sources through which transportation delays and cancellations are communicated.

Please check these sources out before sending your children to the bus stop or to the school.

**Online:** [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca), [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)

**Telephone:** 519-751-7532 x7 / 866-226-6353 x7

**Television:** CHCH TV

### **Radio:**

CKPC Jewel 92.1    1150 CKOC    820 CHAM  
102.9 K-Lite FM    900 CHML    107.9 (Y108)  
92.9 "Moose FM" Easy 101.3    Country 107.3  
CD 98.9

Waterford Public School is in Zone 1.

## Wildcat Sports Results

On Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the **Intermediate Boys' Volleyball** team traveled to SCS. They boys fell to Elgin in their first match 25-13, 25-22. They lost the next match vs. Lakewood 25-12, 27-25, and fell to Houghton 25-21, 25-18. They boys played solid three-hit volleyball throughout the day. Congratulations, boys and thank you to Mr. Brady for coaching them throughout the season.

Skilled, Dedicated, Supportive, Determined and Positive are just a few of the traits that describe a talented group of athletes that represented the Waterford Wildcats at the **Intermediate Girls' Volleyball** tournament Dec. 8 in Port Dover. Our Wildcats opened the tournament with a close 25-20 loss to the Heat from Lynndale but doused those flames in the second game 25-16. Their second match was a battle of the Wildcats with our Waterford Wildcats dropping two sets to a powerful Port Rowan Wildcats' team 25-7 and 25-17. Continuing in pool play, the Boston Blazers took the next match 25-17 and 25-13. Finally with third place in our pool on the line, our Wildcats battled the Teeterville Tigers to a split decision dropping the first 25-23 but clawing back to take game two 25-18.

Congratulations to all team members who put in a solid effort throughout the season, to Miss Van Kessel for her coaching expertise and special thanks to all our parent volunteer drivers.

### Knitting Club

The knitting club will be returning to WPS at recess for Grades 4-8. Our goal is to learn the basics of knitting. Those that wish to use their own needles, please use a size 4.5mm to 5mm, and for yarn, a worsted weight yarn. Donations are accepted and appreciated. We hope to create a knitted square to donate to make afghans for cancer patients. Permission forms will be sent home for those who express interest. Mrs. Crowhurst.



Elementary  
Program

# Math Moments

## The Role of Parents/Guardians in Supporting Math Learning

Children do better at school when their parents are involved. Your child's teacher will do his/her best to keep you well informed throughout the school year, and will always be glad to hear from you. Ask your child's teacher about your child's strengths, areas in which to improve, and how you can best offer support at home.

### Myths and Facts:

**Myth:** The math my child is learning in school is “new.”

### Facts:

Your child is learning the same math facts and formulas you did—such as  $2 \times 2 = 4$ , and the circumference of a circle is  $2\pi r$ . But the way math is taught has evolved in recent decades. Today's math learning emphasizes the development of understanding of concepts and skills, so that your child is able to apply these confidently in new situations. It also focuses on developing critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills.

Your child is learning some topics and skills that you may not have learned in elementary school. These include data management and probability, and how to use calculators and computers to help model and solve math problems.

What your child is learning in math class, and how your child is learning, are equipping your child for success in today's knowledge-based economy and our global world.

**Myth:** Now that we have calculators, students don't need to know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide, nor do they need to memorize the “math facts” (such as  $7 \times 6 = 42$ ).

**Fact:** Knowing how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide are essential math skills and a major emphasis in the Ontario math curriculum. Automatic recall of math facts is needed in higher-level math. Games where children need to keep track of a score or that require automatic recall of math facts are a fun way to practise. Look for opportunities where your child can develop fluency. It takes time. This is a key area where you can help your child at home, by encouraging lots of practise in a variety of ways.

Taken from: Math Learning Today: produced in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ontario District School Boards 2016

**WPS Christmas Turkey  
Dinner**

Monday December 19th  
Waterford Public School  
hosted their 4th Annual  
Christmas Turkey Dinner. It  
was a huge success and we  
hope your children came  
home with full bellies and  
shared stories of this event.

We are very fortunate to be  
able to provide this meal  
free of charge based on the  
very generous donations  
received. The turkey for the  
meal was prepared by  
Towsend Butchers for a  
nominal fee covered by  
WPS Parent Council.

Thank you to our donors:

Potatoes - S. Fett Farms

Stuffing – Giles, Graham &  
Harbin Families

Corn – Yin-Jong Family

Gravy – Kerry’s St. James  
Street Eatery - Kerry  
Bockenholt

Cucumbers - Embrace Salon  
– Chalyce Woods

Carrots – Boatwright Family

Cranberries and Candy  
Canes – McCulligh Family

Dessert - Waterford United  
Church Ladies

Gluten Free Dessert –  
Sibbick Family

Butter – Hewitt & Green-  
Hawk Families

Dinner Rolls & Milk – Front  
Line Services First Aid &  
CPR - Mayo and Welsh  
Families

Gluten Free Rolls – Witham  
Family

Cutlery and Napkins – Yin-  
Jong Family

Ketchup – Thompson  
Family

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Schneider & Smith Families

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