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Feb. 7th

Spirit Day-Tall Socks
Tuesday

Feb. 8th

Speech finals –everyone is
welcome to attend
Primary and Junior
11:15am
Intermediate 2pm

Feb. 13th

Spaghetti Supper at
Waterford United Church

Feb. 14th

Spirit Day-wear pink/red
accessories

Feb. 16th

Grades 1-8 Report Cards
sent home. Please sign and
return bottom portion of pg
3 and 4

Feb. 17th

Family Day Colour House
Bingo

Feb. 19th

Legion Speech finals

Feb. 20th

Family Day- No School

Feb. 25th

Waterford Lion's
Skate-a-thon (School fund
raiser)
1pm-3pm

Happening now at Waterford Public School...

School Cash Online, an online fee payment system that will allow parents to use online banking for student hot lunches, drinks, class trips etc. continues to be implemented. Thank you to the early adopters- **22% of our families have already signed up!** **March hot lunch and drink orders will be available online from February 1st-8th.** 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. **Please enroll by registering online at <https://granderie.schoolcashonline.com/>**

Registered parents will receive notification when trips, hot lunches etc. become available for you to order and pay.

Waterford Public School continues to be filled with great learning opportunities for students in the classroom and around the school. From some classes learning to play the ukele, and some students learning new skills at chess club and knitting club, from basketball practices to listening to future orators present their speeches, from using soap to create art projects to a guest author visit, from Chinese New Year learning to making mazes, the variety of learning styles and opportunities is certainly abundant!

Waterford Public School is also a place where many volunteers make significant contributions. The countless hours it takes to organize and run our Nutrition Program is so very much appreciated. From creating schedules, to price watching and buying, to chopping and slicing, to delivering the snacks and then tidying up, this team should be commended for their ongoing dedication to our students. Our third year of Strong Start, a primary reading program, is another area where the contributions of our volunteers and the hard work of our selected students is making remarkable gains for our younger learners. The first group of students are just finishing up, and then a new group of recruits will begin shortly! Many thanks to our Parent Council for making a donation to Strong Start to support our program. There is more about Strong Start on the following page.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated people in our lives. Thank you to all of our volunteers! What an impressive collective group you are!

Full Day Kindergarten Registration

Waterford Public School is holding registration for the 2017-2018 school year.

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 until February 3rd.

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

Safe Arrival and Dismissal of students

Thanking for sharing the message to all family members who pick and drop off children, that the OPP received some complaints regarding the unsafe parking of vehicles. Thank you for adhering to the posted “No Stopping/Parking” area in front of the school leading up to stop the sign, and for using the cross walk with our crossing guard.

Milk Bag Collection Update

Please continue saving your milk bags!

Thanks to the efforts of our students and their families, we have collected a total of 1450 milk bags as of January 1st. That equals 4 children’s mats --- a wonderful accomplishment for our school over the past four 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!

Lion’s Skate-a-thon

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

Hopefully many of our students can participate. Students are welcome to invite siblings, friends and parents to collect pledges and enjoy 2 hours of skating. The event will end with a hot dog and pop or water, plus a chance to win prizes.

35% of the money raised by Waterford students is donated to our school by the Lion’s Club.

Permission forms were sent home last week. This is one of our school’s important fund raisers so we hope that you can all lace up your skates and support the work of our Lion’s Club and our school!

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

Skaters should reach a minimum of \$20.00 in pledges to participate. Let’s try to get that trophy back by being the top school!

Lock Down Practice:

Thursday, February 9th

Our last of 2 lock down practices has been scheduled for Thursday, February 9th at 9:30am. When students are instructed, they will remain silent as they move away from the windows and door of the classroom, library or other space in the school where they happen to be. The teacher locks the door, closes the curtains, and shuts off the lights to give the appearance of a vacant space.

Parent Council Serving Up Spaghetti Supper for a Cause

Waterford Public School is hosting its Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Waterford United Church on **Monday, February 13th** to support the Grade 7 /8 school trip next year. The event, in its fifth year, offers delicious spaghetti with salads and desserts, raffle prizes and children’s games. The family-focussed event draws a sell-out crowd every year. Please get your tickets at Kerry’s Eatery or at the school by February 10th.

Strong Start Program

Letter, Sounds and Words

We are very lucky at WPS to have a small group of dedicated volunteers who help to implement the Strong Start Program with our young learners in Kindergarten to grade 2. This program gives students who need extra practice with learning letters, sounds and words some one-on-one time with a trained volunteer to work on improving their skills and knowledge.

I am looking for more volunteers that can give one hour a week to work with primary students with this program. Volunteers must attend two half days of training and be committed to volunteering at least one hour each week for a ten week period. Volunteers must also have a recent police check on file at the office. We have training sessions coming up in February at West Lynn Public School (Feb.22 and Mar.1). If you are interested in becoming a trained Strong Start volunteer please check out the website (www.strongstart.ca) and register for the training. Please then let me know via email if you register so we can organize the days and times you are able to volunteer. We will be running our spring round of Strong Start right after March Break until the end of May. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

Barbie Loder



**Elementary
Program**

Math Moments



Ontario's Math Curriculum at a Glance

Our world is rapidly changing. Technology is evolving at lightning speed. And, more than ever before, strong math skills are critical to future success. Ontario's math curriculum is designed to prepare your child for success in today's world.

The Five Strands

The math curriculum for each elementary school grade is organized in five strands, or areas of learning. In each strand, students develop their ability to think mathematically, investigate concepts and relationships, apply their knowledge and skills to solve problems, and communicate their thinking.

Number Sense and Numeration - In this strand, your child is learning about numbers and operations and how to use numbers to describe and understand the world around them. Your child is developing strategies to solve problems involving number calculations efficiently and accurately. The knowledge and skills learned in this strand are used in all other strands.

Measurement - Your child is learning to estimate and measure lengths and distances, area, mass, volume, capacity, time, and temperature. In higher grades, your child will learn and apply measurement formulas, such as $\text{area of a circle} = \pi r^2$.

Geometry and Spatial Sense - Your child is learning to classify, compare, and construct angles, lines, and shapes, and to visualize and describe positions and motion in space. Your child will apply the properties of two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional figures when solving geometry problems.

Patterning and Algebra - Your child is learning to build models to represent real-life situations. Your child is developing the ability to identify patterns and generalize and make predictions based on patterns. Your child is learning to use symbols and equations to describe mathematical relationships.

Data Management and Probability - Your child is collecting, organizing, displaying, and drawing conclusions from data, and learning to use math to describe the likelihood that something will happen.

Your child is learning to apply the knowledge and skills acquired in these five strands to solve real-life problems in contexts that are appropriate for your child's grade level.

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Accessing Before- and After-Care at Waterford Public School

We want to know if you're interested in accessing Before- and After-School care at our school.

Here's your chance to tell us if a program would meet the needs of your family.

If enough parents show interest to run a viable program, a third-party provider will coordinate the service at a fee for the 2017-18 school year.

Submit your interest by completing this survey by February 17, 2017.

<http://bit.ly/BeforeAfterCare>

Results for schools will be available after March 31, 2017.

