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#### June 7<sup>th</sup>

Norfolk County Track and  
Field Meet, Lakewood

#### June 8<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer Tea 2:15pm  
Spirit Day-Hat and  
Sunglasses

#### June 9<sup>th</sup>

PD Day

#### June 12<sup>th</sup>

Junior 3 Pitch Tournament,  
Win Del Park

#### June 15<sup>th</sup>

Intermediate 3 Pitch  
Tournament, Simcoe

#### June 16<sup>th</sup>

Spirit Day- Dress as a movie  
character

#### June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Gr. 8 trip to Eco Adventures  
K-3 Play Day  
CAGE Track and Field Meet  
at Kiwanis Field, Brantford  
4:30pm

#### June 26<sup>th</sup>

K-2 Year end trip to  
Clovermead Farms  
Report cards sent home  
Grade 8 Graduation  
7pm Waterford District High  
School

#### June 27<sup>th</sup>

Canada 150 breakfast for our  
school- thank you Nutrition  
Program  
Grade 3 and 3 / 4 year end  
trip

#### June 28<sup>th</sup>

Grade 4-7 Year end trip to  
Toronto  
Kindergarten classes  
celebration in the gym

#### June 29<sup>th</sup>

Last day of school for  
students!!

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who participated in our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** which raises funds for our library. We have already ordered \$1000 worth of books. As always your generosity is much appreciated!

We are fortunate to have so many volunteers in our community that support the events and programs that we provide at Waterford PS. To thank them all individually would be an enormous job, but we sincerely say "THANK YOU" to all of our parent and community supporters and volunteers.

We would like to first thank our School Council Members for organizing events and making decisions on behalf of the parent community. Another "thank you" is to the parents who assist with after school activities, fund raising and chaperoning. Our snack program volunteers are here each week to prepare the food for our nutritious snacks, and there are others who do the scheduling, organizing and the shopping. A big thank you to our Strong Start Volunteers who have helped out this school year! Thank you for your weekly time assisting primary students with their letters, sounds, words and word building. The teachers are always amazed at student success with the program and we couldn't do it without volunteers. Thank you to School Council for helping to fund this wonderful program!

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in becoming a Strong Start volunteer please check out the website; [www.strongstart.ca](http://www.strongstart.ca). Volunteers attend two half day training sessions to learn the program (letters, sounds, words, building words). Sessions are available throughout the school year and in different locations (Norfolk, Brant). Check out upcoming training dates on the website. Once trained you work 1:1 with primary students in a game-based program with step-by-step manuals. You only have to commit to one half hour session a week (one student in one strand) for 10 weeks. Any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Loder at school or by email, [barbara.loder@granderie.ca](mailto:barbara.loder@granderie.ca). Our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are treated to a breakfast during EQAO which is made possible through the work of the nutrition program and Kerry's restaurant, and through our parent volunteers Mrs. Graham, Mr. Hannam, Mrs. Hines, Mr. Hogg and Mrs. Welsh. We also have a few community groups who make donations to the school to enable more students to participate in hot lunches. The saying "it takes a village to raise a child" is certainly evident here! **A volunteer tea has been planned for Wednesday, June 8th at 2:15pm.**

### Hot Lunches

We have completed another year of successful fundraising through hot lunch sales. This is an important part of our "extra" money at school and the staff of Waterford PS appreciates the support received through weekly orders. It takes a lot of work each month to run a hot lunch program. We rely on volunteers. A very big thank you goes to Marlene McCulligh who tallies about 250 order forms each month. That is a lot of little boxes to check off! We really appreciate her work, as well as the work of our volunteers Mrs. McSherry and Diane Landry. Their workload will certainly decrease thanks to the number of parents using online orders. Thank you, as well, to the students and teaching staff who have helped sort the order forms and money and who have counted money. Also, every week, a band of dedicated delivery people from many classes sort and deliver drinks and hot lunches. Fridays would not run smoothly without these dedicated students. Coordinating all of these above components, and keeping the entire lunch program running so well is Ms. Schipper. Thank you very much!! Hot lunches and drinks will begin again at the end of September.

## **Staffing Updates**

June 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last day that I am Principal at Waterford Public School. In September I will begin a 3 year secondment at EQAO in Toronto as Education Officer, Primary Language. It has been an absolute pleasure for me here at WPS for the past 3 ½ years. This community cares deeply for the staff and students and the work that we strive to accomplish. I wish you all the best that our amazing staff here have to offer as your children continue their education under the leadership of Mrs. Deb Opersko. I know she will be a great fit for WPS!

We have one retirement this year. After over 30 years of teaching, Ms Barber is retiring. “It has been such an honour and a pleasure to teach in Waterford! When I arrived to teach in the fall of 1987, the school was called Ada B. Massecar School and was much smaller. I taught 32 Grade 2 students in the afternoon and in the morning, I taught Special Ed. students in what is now one of our change rooms! The principal's office and the library were in the areas that are now the Kindergarten cubby rooms. The next year, as the youngest teacher on staff, I had the only computer in the school...a Commodore 64! Fast forward to today...Lots of changes! I've now taught classes of Grades 1-4, computer, library and special ed, and I've even taught some of the children of my earliest students. Our school has gotten much, much larger and become Waterford Public. What hasn't changed are the wonderful teachers I've worked with, the supportive administrative staff, and especially the lovely, inquisitive, energetic children that have bubbled into my life every day for the past 30 years! I will miss their smiles, their successes, even their hijinks! Waterford is such a supportive, caring community. I've been blessed to have taught here and while I look forward to my next chapter, I will take a multitude of warm and amazing memories with me. Thank you everyone!”

Our newest staff members will be Grade 3/4 teacher Mrs. Amanda Vidmontis and we welcome back Mme. Laura Truman teaching French and prep.

## **Updates to our school facility:**

Over the summer months, facility services will be at WPS providing the following upgrade:

Outdoor lighting on the playground. We are receiving these upgrades through the Grand Erie District School Board Pride of Place application.

Installation of a drop down screen and projector in the gym! We are receiving these upgrades through the Grand Erie District School Board Community Partnership Incentive Program, whereby the Board will pay for 50% of the upgrade, and Parent Council will pay the other 50%.

Starting on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Facility Services will be removing the panels across the top of the outside of the gym walls! The brand new panels will certainly give the gym end of the school a very nice face lift!

## **As we prepare for September...**

Before your child leaves for school, please ensure that your child knows who is picking them up after school or how they are getting home. This will alleviate the stress on our students of not knowing who is coming to get them or how they are getting home. Writing a note in their agenda/communication book is the most efficient and safest way to ensure that your children go where they are supposed to go. In the business of a school office, calling the school during the day to get a message to a student about where they are to go after school can lead to a message getting missed and will also avoid interruptions to the classes during instructional time. We understand that emergencies arise and a call to the school is necessary. We appreciate your support in making arrangements before school and not calling the school to make these changes on a regular basis.

## **Allergies and medication:**

Asthma and allergies: If your child self administers a puffer for asthma, or if you require school personnel to administer medication at any time, it is board policy that a medical form be filled out. Please pick up a form at the office, which gets signed by your family doctor. This allows classroom teachers to know who has a puffer so that we can monitor its use during the school day. In the case of Epi-pens, although some students may keep one in their backpack, a second Epi-pen is required to be kept at the office, so in the event of an emergency, all staff know to quickly access the office for the Epi-pen.

## Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

Volunteer and Community Partner Training- New for September 2017

All volunteers and community partners working in our school are required to complete an online Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act training module. If you've already completed this training, please bring a copy of proof of completion to the office. If you haven't completed training please contact the school office for more information on how to access training on the Grand Erie website, Community Tab, scroll down to Volunteers. Please print off the declaration page.

Follow the link to view the Accessibility Video (this is a series of several 1-4 minute video clips that take approximately 40 minutes to complete). This is the training module.

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - HUGE, HUGE SUCCESS

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Jump Rope for Heart was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> this year. We had an AMAZING fundraising effort by all! Our students this year **raised a grand total of over \$2300.00!** THANK YOU Waterford for such great support!!! We had a total of 344 skippers enjoying the weather and music while getting a lot of heart healthy exercise!

Our top fundraisers this year were: Kalista Buchwald who raised \$225, Sloane O'Brien who raised \$130 and Harrison Rossi who raised \$125. Special thank you to our parent volunteers who helped to supervise skippers and serve refreshments to our jumpers: Mr. Lalone, and Mrs. Bos.

## Track and Field

Our school held a very successful track and field day for the Junior and Intermediate students on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. With mother nature on our side providing a sunny sky, our student participation and enthusiasm was excellent. We would like to thank all of the parent volunteers and teachers for their hard work in making this a successful event.

The track and field individual winners will be announced at a Gr 4-8 assembly on Friday.

Track and Field Day snack shack sales were a hit with the students and their families! A sincere thank you to the following people who assisted and problem solved throughout the day:

Sherry Graham, Terry Hannam , Kim Hines, Steve Lalone, Jeff Mayo, Sherry Mendez, Jill Anderson, Jenn Brown and Marie Crockett.

## **Continuing the move to School Cash online...**

.....the only way in September 2017!

**Over half of our families have now signed up for School Cash Online.** In September, this will be the *only* way to pay for lunches, drinks and school trips.

**Please enroll by registering online at:**

<https://granderie.schoolcashonline.com/>

A reminder that registering now will ensure that your children don't miss out on their September lunches! Mrs. Pitre is available in the office to help with any questions, or you may call the Parent Help Desk at 866-961-1803.

## Badminton Results

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> was the Norfolk Schools Badminton Tournament held at SCS. Sixteen of our Grade 8 students participated. Competition was fierce as there were about 180 of the best badminton players from 11 schools! Our students all played the best badminton of their season and many went deep into the tournament. Our mixed doubles team of Maggie Scott and Owen Arnett were edged out just before the quarter finals as was our girls' doubles team of Abi Boatright and Harlee Carmichael. Ben Baruth went to the semi-finals and was edged out after a very close match against Lakewood. In boys' doubles action, Owen Rainey and Troy Killick came back from an early loss to West Lynn and persevered against 5 other teams to win against Port Rowan in the finals and win the overall boys' doubles title. Congratulations as well to the rest of the team members, to Marsha Killick and Heather Little for driving, and to Ms Barber and Miss MacKinnon for coaching this fine team!

## Lost and Found Clothing

Please come by the school this week to see if any of the clothing items are your child's. There are a wide selection of boys' and girls' hoodies among other items to peruse. All items will be donated to a worthy cause on June 9th.

## Library Books

All **LIBRARY BOOKS** are due back by **JUNE 14TH** please, so the library collection can be prepared for year end. If a book has been lost, there is a replacement fee and a notice will go home.

## **Bus information:**

Waterford Public School is a transfer point. This means that all busses will arrive to Waterford PS at approximately 8:20am. Bus students will go to the playground where they will be supervised by a staff member. At the end of the day, busses will depart at approximately 3:25pm. Bus students will meet and be supervised in the school or outside during this time.

Did you know that the transportation department is around all summer? If you are moving, changing childcare locations or are in need of transportation information, you can contact their staff by calling 519-751-7532 or by emailing [transportation@stsbhn.ca](mailto:transportation@stsbhn.ca).

Transportation information is available via the parent portal as of August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please log in to find the transportation details for the coming school year on or shortly after this date so that any changes in service can be implemented well before the start of the school year!

You will require your login, as well as your child's OEN which can be found on the report card. For JK/SK students who ride the bus, a transportation contract must be filled out yearly in order to ride the bus. If you have not already done so, please complete and return this form as soon as possible. For courtesy bus riders: the forms have already been sent home. If you require another form, please contact the office. Please note, signing this form does not confirm courtesy bussing. Approval is granted as space permits.

## **Nutrition Program Wrap Up**

A very special thank you to the many parent and community volunteers who helped make our Nutrition Program a success this year! We made some changes to the program in order to provide a nutritious snack to our students at the start of class on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from October to June. The changes in the program have been very well received by the students and staff. Our morning snacks included bagels with cream cheese, oatmeal, fresh fruit and vegetables, waffles, cereal and smoothies!

In February, the Nutrition Program Volunteers put on a successful pancake breakfast and on June 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing a Canada 150 breakfast with waffles, strawberries and whip cream!

A special thank you goes out to the many community sponsors whose donations have made our program possible.

Finally, Sharon Kirkland and the ladies of the Waterford United Church provided us with freshly baked muffins every other week throughout the school year! They provided not only the ingredients, but also their time and energy to make 350 muffins for us to enjoy!

The following list includes the volunteers who have helped with snack prep and delivery as well shopping.

Jen Welsh  
Courtney Herron  
Erin Howe  
Diana and Matt Wiedrick  
Shelley and Kevin Boudreault  
Barbie Ernst  
Elaine Hagerman  
Jessilyn Butler  
Kim Hines  
Jessica McCormick  
Brooke Dredge  
Kirsten Thompson  
Sarah Witham  
Ashley McBride  
Jaimie McTavish  
Sarah and DJ Giles  
Linda Mayo  
Erica Riewald  
Christa Shortt  
Chalyce Woods  
Thanks again!  
Sherri Graham

It is only appropriate to also thank Sherry for all that she has coordinated and worked on this year to make the Nutrition Program the success it was. From being open to staff and student feedback, to purchasing dishes to be kinder to Mother Earth, her efforts are truly appreciated leading her team of volunteers.