

Walsh Public School

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School ends @ 3:20pm

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**October's
character attribute
is COMPASSION.**



OCTOBER 2017



On Wed. Sept 27, our students learned about the history of Orange Shirt Day from Indigenous Education Consultant, Sabrina Sawyer.

Young Canada Day: Tuesday, October 3 - Young Canada Day at the Norfolk County Fair – has been designated as a Professional Activity day by the Grand Erie District School Board. Except for scheduled events (like the Road Race), there will be no supervision of elementary students on this day. Students will be admitted free to the Fair on Young Canada Day and do not require a pass to enter the fairgrounds.

Parents of Walsh (POW): The first meeting for the Parents of Walsh committee will be held on Thursday, October 12 at 6 p.m. POW helps organize school fundraisers and events that benefit our students. New members will be welcome. Child-minding is available.

Fire Drills, School/Site Security and Lockdown : The Grand Erie District School Board is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff. School and site security protocols are an essential part of this commitment to safety.

In September we practised our fire evacuation plan on two occasions. All of our students took responsibility for exiting the school safely.

In October and November Walsh Public School will practise protocols for **lockdown** and **hold and secure**.



Principal's Messages

For my message this month, I have included some of the highlights of my Principal's Report to School Council. This representative group of parents allows the community to be involved in the discussion of education issues and helps the school identify and respond to the educational needs of the community. School Councils provide advice on developing and implementing practices related to school matters including achievement, character education and school safety. The next meeting of school council will be held at the school on Wed., Nov. 22 (6 p.m.-7p.m.) New members are welcomed. Child-minding is available.

Regards, Heather Robinson

ACHIEVEMENT		
EQAO 2016-2017 Results	Grade 3 Reading – 65% Level 3 or higher Writing – 61% Level 3 or higher Mathematics- 43% Level 3 or higher	Grade 6 Reading – 63% Level 3 or higher Writing – 54% Level 3 or higher Mathematics- 29% Level 3 or higher
Strong Start	Strong Start to begin in October. Volunteers will be helping Kindergarten and Grade 1 students with letters, numbers and sounds. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED.	
WELL-BEING		
Assemblies	Terry Fox Assembly and Terry Fox Run took place on Fri. Sept. 22 and Orange Shirt Day assemblies took place Wed. Sept. 27	
EQUITY		
Snack Program	School wide snack program began Sept. 19 . Coordinator is Stacey Pitre. New volunteers have come on board. \$3 per month optional donation on School Cash Online. 60 donations were made in September.	
ENVIRONMENT		
Physical Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school kitchen has just been painted • Blinds are ordered for the portable • Baseboard is being replaced or repaired in hallways 	
TECHNOLOGY		
New equipment	School fundraising monies from 2016-2017 have been used to purchase a Brightlink projector and whiteboard for the library. Two document cameras have also been purchased.	
COMMUNITY		
Current Extra-Curricular Events and Clubs	-Junior Soccer (Mr. Meulemeester), Intermediate Soccer (Madame Lapierre) -Cross Country (Mrs. Backus and Mrs. Bilinsky) -Norfolk Country Fair Road Race (Madame Lapierre)	
Local connections	-Donnybrook Fair (Sept. 23-24) – many students entered artwork through school -Tug Of War – Champions!	



Elementary Program

Math Moments

October 2017

Math in Everyday Life

Everyday life is full of opportunities to help your child learn and practise math.

When you highlight math in the things you do each day, you show that math is important. Using words like *longer*, *shorter*, *first*, *last*, *likely*, *unlikely* in conversation, builds your young child's understanding of math concepts. Playing games, reading books, and doing puzzles together builds your child's math skills and shows that math can be a lot of fun.

Suggested Activities

Count everything! Also count forward and backward from different starting places. Sing counting songs and read counting books. Practise skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, 25s, and 100s. Supply building toys like blocks and Lego®.

Play lots of games — board games, card games, and computer games — and do puzzles.

When shopping, have your child compare prices, estimate the total for a number of purchases, or estimate the change you'll receive back.

Have your child measure things and estimate measurements, from times, temperatures, and ingredients when cooking, to areas and lengths when building and distances when travelling.

Develop your child's sense of time through scheduling and calendar activities.

Make music, art, and dance a part of your child's life. These activities are filled with patterns.

Have your child gather and organize information to help him/her make decisions.

Organizing and tidying a room involves sorting, classifying, and putting things in order.

Planning routes and reading road maps develops an understanding of distance and space.

Discuss interesting graphs and charts in books, magazines, and newspapers.

