

# Walsh Public School

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*School starts @ 8:50am*

*School ends @ 3:20pm*

## Principal

Heather Robinson

## Vice-Principal

Cheryl Bannister

## School Secretaries

Cindy Ruppert

Judy Weller

CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE  
OF THE MONTH

## GOAL-SETTING

*– wanting to do or get  
something and the steps you  
take for it to come true*

Please take a few moments to  
talk with your student about  
goal-setting this month.



## SEPTEMBER 2017



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Both Mrs. Bannister and I are very excited to be joining the staff of Walsh Public School this year as the new administrative team. We also look forward to getting to know all of the students and meeting family members at the Meet the Staff Night. The custodians have worked incredibly hard this summer getting the school ready to go and we thank them for that.

I have been with the school board for 20 years and have taught classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Most of my teaching experience was in Grade 7 and 8 at West Lynn Public School. Most recently I was the principal at Oakland-Scotland School. I was able to be a part of a strong staff in a wonderful school community. I am very much looking forward to the same here at Walsh P.S.

Mrs. Bannister will be the new vice principal. She has been with the board for the past 15 years and with the Simcoe County School Board before that. She has also taught classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12 with most of her teaching experience in Grade 7 and 8 at Banbury Heights and Grandview in Brantford. For the last 5 years she was a teacher consultant in Student Success in our school board with her focus on literacy, numeracy and transitions for students in grades 7-12. Mrs. Bannister is excited to join the team at Walsh and brings with her great experiences and resources.

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and that your students are excited about the return to school.

Kind regards,  
*Ms. Heather Robinson, Principal*

### UPCOMING DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

THURS. SEPT. 14	Current information, Student Accident insurance, Use of Computer forms due
FRI. SEPT 15	Professional Activity Day – No school for students. Staff will be participating in Health and Safety training, as well as professional learning regarding achievement
TUES. SEPT 19 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Meet the Staff Night <i>Please come to meet both new and returning staff members.</i>
FRI. SEPT 22	Terry Fox Run <i>A \$2 donation to the Canadian Cancer Society is appreciated.</i>
SUN. SEPT 24 1:30 p.m.	Local school Tug-of-War competition at the Donnybrook Fair <i>Cheer on the Walsh Whirlwinds!</i>
TUES. SEPT 26 6:00 p.m.	School Council Elections & Meeting <i>Open to all parents/guardians.</i>

**Please note:**

**NEW: Small Appliance in Classrooms (e.g MICROWAVES)**

An Administrative Memo (AM-36) from June, 2017 indicates the following about small appliances:

“1. Small Appliances 1.1. Microwave ovens, toasters, kettles, coffee makers, toaster ovens, heaters and other heat producing appliances are not permitted in classrooms unless specifically required by curriculum, (i.e. family studies, life skills program) or a program offered by and supervised by an adult (i.e. nutrition programs, breakfast clubs) in conjunction with the Principal or Board.”

“These appliances can pose several hazards to our employees and our students. They also create additional load on electrical resources. Most work areas were not built to accommodate kitchen appliances. Electrical outlets can easily be overloaded creating a fire hazard, and fire safety resources are not equipped to accommodate the use of appliances. Appliances have a potential fire and personal injury hazard associated with them. The use of appliances can cause fires and electrical problems as well as create unsafe conditions around students.”

This means that students will no longer be permitted to use microwaves. We realize this may cause some inconvenience for the first week of school, as many of you may have shopped for the week. There will be a grace period for the first week of school. Students who bring food that must be heated can see Ms Robinson (Principal) to have food microwaved. If you can please make efforts to send food that does not need to be heated that would be very much appreciated as the use of one microwave during a 20 minute time span is quite limited. If you have questions or concerns about this please contact Ms. Robinson.

**School Volunteers - Police Check Requirements:** Please be aware that there is a board policy with regards to volunteers. This pertains to anyone who comes into contact with our students. Everyone is required to have a police check, including the vulnerable sector portion. A letter from the school will be provided for you to take to the closest O.P.P. station to request such a check. The school will require to see the original copy and will keep a photocopy at the office. The police check is valid for 2 years. We appreciate all that volunteers do for our school, and your efforts to have the police check requirements.

**Student Agendas:** Walsh students will be given a Student Planner on the first day of school. We will be using the planner as part of our daily routines to enhance communication between school and home. Agendas teach students organizational skills for life, including planning for effective study/work habits. The cost of each planner is \$5.00. We would greatly appreciate your help with off-setting this expense.

**IMPORTANT FORMS TO RETURN :** The Current Information, Student Accident Insurance, and Use of Computer forms will be sent home this week for you to return to the school. Even if you choose to **not** purchase insurance you **must** return the form indicating so. Students are not permitted to go on field trips or participate in extra-curricular activities unless the form is returned.

**Walsh Public School is Peanut/Nut Aware :** Products containing peanuts and /or nuts are not permitted at Walsh. Wow Butter sandwiches are also not allowed. During special occasions where food may be shared in the classroom, NO home baking is permitted. Products need to be clearly peanut/nut free (veggie trays, fruit trays) or labeled as such. This is for the safety of our students with life-threatening allergies.