

Wyevale Central Public School



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WCPS News—February 2012

Message from Administration

The Term One Report Cards will be coming home on Friday, February 17th. If you would like to request a conference or phone call to further discuss the assessment, please let your child's teacher know. In some cases where students are having challenges, your child's teacher may be requesting a meeting with you to discuss further ways to support their learning.

The Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence is again recognizing outstanding educators and support staff. The awards are a great way to say thank you to the people who have made a difference in your children's lives. Nominations are open until February 6, 2012. Find out more at www.ontario.ca/teachingawards.

Students from grade 4—8 are working on their speeches to present at the Public Speaking competition in our gym on Wednesday, February 8th. This is a great way for students to develop research and writing skills, as well as gain in oral speaking ability and confidence.

Thanks to Ms. Walker and Mrs. Pagliaro, who have been assisting Ms. McMurdo with planning and implementing our new 'Literacy Brigade' volunteer reading program. We hope to have this great program ready by the end of the month. The goal is to provide 1:1 extra reading opportunities for some students from gr. 1-3, using specific strategies and books at their reading level. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ms. McMurdo at the school. Many thanks to those parents who have already indicated an interest and are on our volunteer list. We are also sending home some literacy support materials to parents of students in the primary grades.

We would like to welcome Mrs. C. Forigo, who will be returning from a leave on Feb. 22nd and is joining the WCPS team as an E.A. in Mrs. Rawson's gr. K/1 class! We bid a fond 'adieu' to Mrs. Goderre—she will be greatly missed!

J. McMurdo

Kindergarten Registration: Welcome to a Wonderful Journey of Learning!



Is your child starting school in 2012? We invite you to register your child now for Kindergarten which begins this fall. Upon registration, you will receive our "Welcome to Kindergarten" package. To be eligible, your child must be four years of age by December 31, 2012. **Parents can call Ms. Caston (322-2734) for further information to begin registering, and we will be also be hosting a 1/2 day registration session on Monday, February 13th in the afternoon.** For Kindergarten registration, we will require proof of your child's birth date (original Canadian birth certificate, Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, Canadian Passport, Permanent Resident Card/Record of Landing, or Statement of Live Birth (long version) and proof of your child's address. We will also need his/her record of immunization.

Families of Kindergarten students new to Canada or Ontario are invited to contact our "Newcomer Welcome Centre" at 705-725-8360, ext. 310. Wyevale is not on the list of schools receiving daily kindergarten next year.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Wyevale School!

School Council Information

Please come out and join us for our next School Council meeting in March—new parents are always welcome! We'll be discussing how to use the Parents Reaching Out Grant monies as well as looking ahead to our spring Barbeque.

Next School Council Meeting: March 5th - Library—6:30

Rocks and Rings Curling Workshop

This is a wonderful program that introduces students to the great winter sport of curling! A team will host workshops in our gym throughout the day on Friday, February 24th, for students from grades 1 to 8. Students will have a chance to learn the basics of the game of curling and see what fun this sport can be! This program is being paid for through our fundraising efforts, so there will be no cost to students.



Sports Update

Cross Country Skiing has begun and the Boys' Basketball and Girls' Volleyball teams are in season. Check the games schedule on the calendar page and come on out and cheer for our outstanding athletes. Thanks to Mr. McCormack for his guest coaching sessions for girls' volleyball! All of the coaches (Mrs. Marley, Mrs. Godry-Kramp, Mr. Boettger, Mr. Price, Ms. McMurdo and Mme. Burns) are most impressed with our students' commitment and great character during our winter sports season!



The Library Corner



The **Forest of Reading** program is in full swing in the Library. All students in Grades JK to 2 are participating during their library times throughout the week. They are enjoying the great books that have been nominated this year in the Blue Spruce reading program. Participation by the older grades is voluntary and open to all students who would like to join. Reading is done during some lunch hours in the Library and also at home. Readers in Grades 3 and 4 are reading the fiction and non-fiction titles in the Silver Birch Express program. Students in Grade 5 and 6 are reading the Silver Birch titles and students in Grade 7 and 8 are reading books in the Red Maple program. Students must read a minimum of five of the ten books in their program in order to be able to vote for their favourite book in April!

Author Visit—WCPS was fortunate to have author/illustrator Don Gain come in and share his book *The Circle* with our Gr. 3 to 8 classes. The students enjoyed his message with its connections to aboriginal culture and the environment. They also learned about the significance and inspiration for his wonderful drawings.

Author of the Month—Featured Author of the Month is Valerie Sherrard, a Canadian award winning author who makes her home in Miramichi, New Brunswick. Over the years she has fostered approximately 70 adolescents for various lengths of time and also worked as the Executive Director of a group home for teens for eleven years. It was these experiences that prompted her to write for children and teens. We have many of her books in the Library, including books such as *There's a Cow Under My Bed*, jr. novels such as *Glory Wind* (a Silver Birch 2012 selection), and teen novels such as *Speechless*. Her books will be on display in the Library during the month of February.



Student Leadership Team

The Leadership Team created skits on issues related to bullying to share at our January assembly. The skits shared strategies and focused on ways to support each other as peers.

Students are also planning our 'Winter Wonderland' outdoor activities for **Thursday, February 2nd**. Students from gr. 1—8 will participate in a variety of fun winter events from 1:20—3:00 and enjoy a warm hot chocolate! Let's hope for lots of snow!

The Leadership Team is also organizing this year's annual Valentine's Semi-Formal Dance for students in gr. 5—8. Students looked so fantastic last year at this stellar gala! This will be held on Friday, February 17th, and the team asks that students dress up in their finest wear for this great event! We are also having a Red, White and Pink spirit day on February 14th!



Character Education Corner

The Ontario Provincial Police will be starting the DARE program with Mr. McCormack's grade 6 class. It will begin on February 1st and students will have a one hour session each week for 10 weeks. The program focuses on making students aware of healthy choices and drug and alcohol awareness.

February 29th is "Pink Shirt Day". This is a day where everyone will be encouraged to wear a pink shirt or t-shirt to promote anti-bullying!

MILK PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THANK YOU for supporting the Milk Program at Wyevale Central Public School. A BIG Thank You to our parent and student volunteers, who sort and deliver the milk each week. **However, we are in need of two more parent volunteers to assist with sorting the milk.** Please consider helping to keep this valuable and nutritional program active at our school. If you are interested in volunteering with the Milk Program, please contact Ms. Caston, in the school's office. Thank You.

Luanne Wood, Milk Program Coordinator

Healthy Living



FEBRUARY – HEALTHY HABITS!

February is **HEART** month. Heart and Stroke Foundation dietitians have reviewed and approved heart-healthy [recipes](#), which are high in fibre and low in saturated fat, cholesterol and salt. [Try He@lthline](#), a free newsletter, for great heart-smart recipes and healthy living tips delivered to your inbox every month.

Check it out:

www.heartandstroke.ca

SNACK IDEA for after school: Hummus and vegetables in a whole wheat tortilla



Wyevale Eco Team



"Turn down the Heat.

Turn Up Your Sweater!"

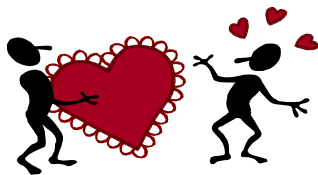
Thursday February 9th, 2012 is National Sweater Day, and we are celebrating at W.C.P.S.! We are turning down the thermostat and encouraging everyone to wear a sweater to school! This simple, single action can help make a difference to the future of our planet! Let's continue our great efforts to show we care about the environment!



100's Day

The Primary Division will be celebrating the 100th day of school on **February 14th** this year. This special day will be marked by curriculum related activities in the gym for the whole division during the middle block of the school day. Hurray for 100 Days of School!

Are you interested in healthy recipes to bake 'treats' for your family? If you visit the website www.nutritionrc.ca, you can download recipes or order the hard copy cookbook "Bake it Up" for free! Just go to NRC resources and follow the instructions!



We continue to strive to provide a reduced risk environment with respect to exposure to peanuts. Thank you for sending peanut butter and peanut free lunches and snacks.



Upcoming Events

January 27th

- ◆ Professional Activity Day— **no school for students**
- ◆ Family Literacy Day—enjoy a great book together!

January 30th—Day 5

- ◆ Boys' Basketball—vs. Waubaushene @WCPS

February 1st—Day 2



- ◆ DARE program begins—Mr. McCormack's gr. 6 class
- ◆ Sub Day
- ◆ Boys' Basketball vs Ste. Antoine—away game

February 2nd - Day 3



- ◆ Groundhog Day
- ◆ Student Leadership Team Winter Wonderland—1:20—3:00 (weather depending)

February 3rd—Day 4



- ◆ MSS registrations due—gr. 8 students
- ◆ Pizza day
- ◆ Superintendent Simpson visits today
- ◆ 3:45—Girls' Volleyball—vs Bayview—away game



February 6th—Day 5

- ◆ Staff Meeting

February 8th—Day 2



- ◆ Sub Day
- ◆ Speech Presentations in gym—1:35
- ◆ Girls: Volleyball—vs. Mundy's Bay -home game

February 9th- Day 3

- ◆ ECO Team "Sweater Day" —wear a warm sweater today!
- ◆ Girls' Volleyball vs Huronia Centennial—away game

February 10th—Day 4

- ◆ Pizza Day



February 13th—Day 5



- ◆ Kindergarten Registration Event—p.m.

February 14h—Day 1

- ◆ Valentine's Day
- ◆ Leadership Team "Read and White" spirit day!
- ◆ Primary 100's Day activities in the gym—middle block
- ◆ Boys' Basketball vs Castex—away game



February 15th—Day 2



- ◆ Sub Day

February 17th—Day 4

- ◆ Assembly—hosted by Mrs. Astin's class
- ◆ **First Term Report Cards go home**
- ◆ Pizza Day
- ◆ Valentine's Semi-Formal Dance—gr. 5—8—1:45—3:00



February 20th

- ◆ Family Day—no school today

February 22nd—Day 1

- ◆ Cycle 2 Teaching Learning Critical Pathway with staff

February 23rd—Day 2



- March newsletter home
- Cross Country Ski Meet at Mountainview (rain date Feb. 24th)

February 24th—Day 3



- ◆ Rocks and Rings Curling workshops—gym—all day—gr. 1—8
- ◆ Pizza Day

February 29th—Day 1

- ◆ Pink Shirt Day—show support for Anti-Bullying!

