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WCPS News—January 2012

Message from Administration



We will return from our winter break on Monday, January 9th and we hope that all families will have enjoyed their time together. The new year is a time to start fresh and focus on our goals! WCPS would like to welcome Mrs. A. Rutherford, who joined us as the new educational assistant in Mrs. Astin's Learning Centre in December. Welcome also to Andrea Marchand, a DSW student from Georgian who will also be in our Learning Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays from January 09 to April 17.

Staff will continue to focus on using the 3 part math lesson to help students develop problem solving strategies and respond to higher order questioning. The structure of the lesson includes a 'minds on' activity to get students thinking about the learning ahead, an 'action' which involves open ended, multi-step problems, and a 'consolidation', where students have a chance to share their learning with each other.

Parents/guardians are reminded to regularly check the weather during the winter season to listen for bus cancellations on the radio or check the bussing link on the board website. Wyevale is in the 'North School Zone'. At Wyevale we encourage safe and fun play in the snow—no snowball throwing is allowed at WCPS! Students will be again challenged to make creative and fun structures and sculptures in the snow throughout the winter season and a second set of broomball sticks has been ordered.

A huge thank you again to all the parents who helped out with our Holiday Dinner (organized by Mrs. Walker) and our Treasure Sale (coordinated by Mrs. Foster). A special thank you goes to the Moon family of Wye Nursery Ltd. for their donation of the beautiful garlands as thank you gifts for our volunteers. Ms. Caston created and tied all the lovely bows!!

J. McMurdo

More Expressions of Our Appreciation!!

- Thank you to all of the Kindergarten, gr. 2/3 and gr. 3 parents who contributed to the Primary Bake Sale!
- Thank you to TD Canada Trust for their donation of the book "Gifts" by Barbara Reid. Every student in our K/1 and gr. 1/2 class received a copy.
- Thank you to Mrs. Decosemo and Mrs. Pagliaro who helped out with the creation of the primary bead manipulatives
- Thank you to Mr. Powell, who will be helping with the Cross Country Ski team in the new year!
- Thank you to the staff and students from Midland Secondary School who treated us with a performance of "The Wizard of Clauz" and fabulous holiday music on December 19th!
- Thank you to the Begleys and Elmvale Home Building Centre for the great deal and assistance in cutting the white boards for the primary classes

Midland Secondary School would like to invite all grade 8 students and their parents to visit M.S.S. on Wednesday January 11th at 6 pm for our Grade 8 Open House.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn about courses and programs at MSS. The evening will begin in the cafeteria with a presentation to answer questions about the secondary system and the grade 9 year. Tours of the school will be available as well as department chairs, teachers and guidance, special education and student success staff to answer questions.

Hope to see you there!

School Council Information

Thanks to everyone who assisted with our Holiday Dinner and Treasure Sale! A special thanks goes to our organizers, Allison Walker and Sharon Foster. Thank you again to the gr. 7 and 8 students from Mr. Boettger and Mr. Price's classes for their help setting up, taking down and serving all the students and guests. Students were again so excited to purchase items for family members at our Treasure Sale—this year we earned \$1201.32! This will be used to offset the cost of the Holiday Dinner, and also sponsored a family for Christmas through the Salvation Army.

Next School Council Meeting: January 9th - Library—6:30

Nominations Open for Outstanding Educators

There are many examples of excellence in Ontario's schools, boards and licensed child care settings, and just as many reasons to nominate someone for a Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence.

These awards celebrate educators and support staff who make remarkable contributions to Ontario's education system. Many staff employed in Ontario's publicly funded schools and boards can be nominated.

There are eight award categories:

- Teacher of the Year
- New Teacher of the Year
- Early Childhood Educator of the Year (NEW!)
- Excellent Support Staff
- Excellence in Leadership
- Lifetime Achievement
- Team of the Year
- Full-Day Kindergarten Team of the Year (NEW!)

Nominations are open until February 6, 2012. Award recipients will be announced in the spring and recognized at a special awards ceremony during Education Week in May.

To learn more about the awards and how to nominate, visit www.ontario.ca/teachingawards.

The Library Corner

Forest of Reading

In January, students in the Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes will once again have the opportunity to get involved in the **Forest of Reading Program**. Blue Spruce, Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch and Red Maple reading group participants will begin reading the Canadian fiction and non-fiction books that have been chosen by the Ontario Library Association. The books that have been chosen this year are listed on my Library blog when you click on the Forest of Reading page.

Author of the Month

Featured Author of the Month is Kenneth Opper, a Canadian author who has written many books for both older and younger students, including the *Silverwing* and *Airborn* series. His book *Half Brother* is a Red Maple selection this year and winner of the Canadian Library Association Book of the Year for Children, as well as their Young Adult Book Award. Students are encouraged to 'check out' his books that will be on display in the Library during the month of January.



Sports Update

Rocks and Rings Program— we're booking this curling inservice 1 day program sometime in the new year!

Girls' Volleyball: Practices have begun and games are being booked for January—go Wildcats! Thanks to the staff who are helping out! Ms. McMurdo, Mrs. Burns, Miss Scott, and Mr. McCormack

Boys' Basketball: The Boys' Basketball team has been practicing with Mr. Boettger and Mr. Price—scheduled games are in the calendar section of the newsletter.

Character Education Corner



In January, the Leadership Team will be helping to raise awareness about strategies to discourage bullying, and inform students about the Restorative Practice Process. The focus is to have students recognize the harm they have done, take responsibility and make amends to the victim.

Legion Remembrance Day Contest Awards

Our school once again did a fantastic job in the Remembrance Day Poster, Poem and Essay Contest. Of the five schools that are in our area, Wyevale is the smallest and we won 35% of the total awards! Thank you to all of our students that entered their work in the competition and special congratulations to the following students:

Primary (Grades 1, 2, 3)

- Sydney Marion 1st prize colour poster
- Emma Flewelling 3rd prize colour poster
- Zachary Reid 3rd prize black & white poster
- Tara Holden 3rd prize black & white poster

Junior (Grades 4, 5, 6)

- Carina Schulz 2nd prize colour poster
- Naomi Pratt 1st prize poem/ 1st prize essay
- Jenna Burrows 2nd prize poem/ 2nd prize essay
- Noah Walker 3rd prize essay/ 3rd prize poem

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9)

- Kristin Burrows 1st prize poem/ 1st prize essay

The entries for 1st place winners in each category have been forwarded to the "Zone" competition which is comprised of 15 Legion Branches. All 1st place winners in Zone then compete in District competition. All 1st place winners in District competition carry on to Provincial, then 1st place to Dominion.

Wyevale Eco Team



Idling gets you nowhere, and it can be costly! We have noticed a large number of parents who let their engines run while waiting to pick up their children. Excessive idling wastes a significant amount of fuel and money and generates needless greenhouse gas emissions. If you idle more than 10 seconds, you are using more fuel than is required to restart the engine. Unnecessary idling wastes money and fuel and produces greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. **Please do not idle in the Wyevale C.P.S. parking lot-be kind to our environment!**

IDLING: AT WHAT COST??

Student Leadership Team

Our Leadership Team at WCPS is truly outstanding. We earned enough money during our Pyjama Spirit day to sponsor a second family for Christmas! The lessons of caring and giving continued into December as students helped to coordinate the donations to the Giving Tree and helped to package and tally all the BRINGO non-perishable food items that were brought into the school. A huge thanks goes to our families who helped us collect 1,349 items to support the Elmvalle Food Bank! What a way to have our students learn about compassion for others!

Healthy Living



A 2006 study showed that kids who ate dinner with their family frequently were much more likely to have high self-esteem, a sense of purpose and a positive sense of the future. (Journal of Adolescent Health, 2006)
Cutting back on salt use is a heart smart strategy. The Heart and Stroke Foundation recommends 2,300 mg per day as a limit (about 1 tsp. of salt). Cooking food from 'scratch' and filling your shopping cart with whole foods will help you reduce your salt intake.
After school snack idea: whole wheat crackers with tuna



**PARENTS AS PARTNERS
PARENTING PROGRAMS— WINTER
2012**

all programs FREE to parents of children in school
Triple P Parenting Seminars—Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre. 4 sessions in February (The Power of Positive Parenting, Confident and Competent Children, Resilient Children and Coping with Stress). Call 325-9279 ex. 231 or 725-8360 ex. 333 to learn more or to register. Future programs in March and April include Parenting your Pre-Teen, Raising Responsible Teenagers, Raising Competent Teenagers and Getting Teenagers Connected. Other courses are also offered at the Barrie Learning Centre—just call for more information!

Winter

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 2012

January 9th



- ◆ MSS Counsellor visit to gr. 8 today
- ◆ Staff Meeting
- ◆ School Council Meeting—6:30—Library

January 11th



- ◆ Sub Day
- ◆ Gr. 7 & 8 immunizations
- ◆ Gr. 4 Extended French Information Night—Mundy's Bay
- ◆ Gr. 8 Information Night—MSS
- ◆ Boys' Basketball vs HCES at Wyevale

January 13th

- ◆ Pizza Day
- ◆ Fall Term School Letter points collection



January 17th



- ◆ Author Visit—Don Gains—gr. 3—8—9:00
- ◆ Boys' Basketball vs HCES—away game

January 18th

- ◆ Sub Day



January 19th

- ◆ Girls' Volleyball mini tournament at Port McNicoll

January 20th



- ◆ Pizza Day

January 23rd

- ◆ Boys' Basketball—vs Waubaushene—away game

January 24th

- ◆ Girls' Volleyball mini tournament at Waubaushene



January 25th



- ◆ Elmvale High School course selections—gr. 8
- ◆ Sub Day
- ◆ Boys' Basketball Tournament at Victoria Harbour E.S.



January 26th

- ◆ Gr. 8 Commencement photos—a.m.
- ◆ February newsletter home today

January 27th



- ◆ Professional Activity Day for staff—no school for students
- ◆ Family Literacy Day—enjoy some books together as a family tonight!
- ◆ (no pizza this week)

January 30th

- ◆ Boys' Basketball—vs Waubaushene at Wyevale

February 3rd

- ◆ Girls' Volleyball—vs Bayview—away game