



# Wyevale Central Public School

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## October 2011 Newsletter

### Message from Administration

Thank you to students, parents and staff for your great flexibility and optimism during our recent reorganization. We are happy to welcome Mr. Tim Boettger to the Wyevale staff in our gr. 7 class!

We would like to remind parents that in November, you will receive the **Elementary Progress Report Card**. The focus of this progress report will be on six learning skills; responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation. These learning skills are essential for success in school and in the world of work. The comments related to subject areas will describe a student’s general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations. **The Elementary Progress Report Card will be followed by a parent/guardian, teacher and student-led conference during the week of November 15th, 2011.** Students will receive two full report cards, in February and June.

Our students had a more challenging time with the Ministry EQAO assessments last spring. Our data was closer to our historical results, and showed improvements from the students’ previous June report card data in the areas of Reading and Writing. We will be having a strong focus on Numeracy in our School Improvement Plan, and the SCDSB is also planning a number of strategies to support teachers with mathematics instruction.

Grade 3:	Reading— 65%	Writing— 70%	Mathematics— 43%
Grade 6:	Reading— 62%	Writing— 65%	Mathematics— 46%

Please check out our survey results from last year’s School Climate Survey in the Character Corner section of the newsletter. This information will help to guide our Student Leadership team initiatives this year. We are continuing to focus on student safety, and everyone has done an excellent job during our fall Fire Drills! Please remember to return package of permission forms to the office by October 5th—thanks!

*J. McMurdo*

### **THE RACE**



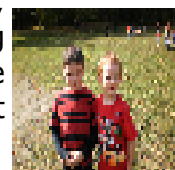
Every year, Gr. 5 students in the North Simcoe Area have the experience of participating in ‘The Race’ program. They spend a 1/2 day at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre learning about how to live a drug free and healthy lifestyle. The sessions are activity based and finish with a simulated ‘Race’ on a Wii system. This event is organized by the OPP, our area Health Unit and a committee. Students will travel to Midland on October 20th in the afternoon. Watch for the permission letter coming home soon.

### **START Program:**

This year, our gr. 7 class will have the chance to participate in 10 sessions of the START program with Mrs. Dougan. Topics will include self esteem, bullying, cooperation and conflict resolution.

### **Terry Fox Update:**

Thanks to everyone who supported this year’s Terry Fox event. A special thank you goes out to Michelle Mink for her great energy and powerful messages shared at the assembly! Students participated with enthusiasm, continuing Terry’s pledge to support cancer



### ***School Council Information***

Thanks to Deanna Woods and Nadine Morozuik, who have agreed to be co-chairs of the School Council this year. Allison Walker will continue in the role of secretary.

The Bylaw Officer for Tiny Township has been monitoring the new restrictions in front of our school that were put in place to support student safety walking and biking to school. Parents are reminded that there is no parking in front of the school on Concession 5, and it is also restricted on the opposite side of the school for 20 metres on either side of the pathway. The new speed limit is now 40 km/hr. Bylaw staff will be giving reminders, but ultimately will be ticketing cars that are not compliant. Signs to indicate where to enter and exit the driveway will also be installed soon.

Our Norcard Fundraiser will begin at the end of September. We will be using funds from this program to support experiential trips, school presentations and extending our technology resources. What a great way to buy early Christmas presents!

At our Open House, parents had the opportunity to learn more about ways to volunteer at WCPS. We truly appreciate the assistance our parents and community members give to our school—we couldn't do it without you!

**Next School Council meeting: Monday, November 7th—6:30—library**

### ***Sports Update:***



#### **Cross Country Running**

The junior and intermediate students have been running and walking during their DPA for the past few weeks. Students interested in being part of the cross country team will be receiving a permission letter during the week of October 3rd.

Runners in grades 4 and 5 will run 1.5 km and students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will run 2 km. The first meet, the Area Meet, will be held at Little Lake Park on **October 12**.

The athletes are encouraged to train at home when they can. Keep on running! Mr. McCormack and Mr. Price would like to thank the athletes for their continued commitment.

### ***The Library Corner***



#### **Author of the Month**

Award-winning Canadian author **Eric Walters** visited our school on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Eric Walters' works are already well known to many of our students. He has been nominated many times in the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading program, and has been the recipient of the Silver Birch, Red Maple, and White Pine Awards. Eric Walters' presentation was funny, entertaining, and informative. He spoke to all of our students from Grades 1 to 8 about his career as a teacher, social worker and author. He talked about some of the more than seventy books he has written and one of his main messages to our students was "write about what you know".

Eric Walter's books will continue to be showcased throughout the month of October in our Library as our first "Author of the Month".

**ELMVALE FALL FAIR!**

*WCPS will again be participating in the parade and activities at the Elmvale Fall Fair. The parade is scheduled for 12:00 on Friday, October 7th, leaving from Huronia Centennial Public School. A number of students will be creating art and other entries for the fair competitions. This is a great annual community event.*

*A letter was sent home on September 27th with detailed information and a permission slip. If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to call Mrs. Smith or Miss Scott at the school. We're looking forward to another great year at the fair!*



We are continuing to strive to communicate with families in environmentally responsible and timely ways. If you would like to be added to our list to have your newsletters and other information emailed to you (rather than a paper copy), please call Ms. Caston in the office. (322-2734). All communication is sent 'blind copy' and all email addresses are kept confidential. Check out our website to view a number of new class blogs and other exciting technology initiatives!

**Ongoing Fundraising:**

Milk order forms—due Oct. 3  
 Pizza orders - coming home soon—program to begin on Fri. Oct. 21

**Character Education Corner:**



Every two years, students complete a School Climate Survey, which gives us feedback on a number of areas that relate to our school. Here is a condensed version of the results. We were most pleased with students' responses related to safety at WCPS, and the Leadership Team will use the data to plan Character Education and Anti-bullying messages. The percentage shows how many students agreed with the topic.

Topic	gr.4-6	gr. 7-8
I enjoy coming to school	79%	76%
I feel I belong	82%	92%
I get along with adults at WCPS	90%	98%
I can go to an adult for help	97%	75%
Adults respect us	93%	94%
Character is valued at WCPS	95%	95%
Student act responsibly	96%	95%
Leadership opportunities	86%	85%
I feel safe at school	96%	95%
Safety is important at WCPS	100%	98%
Behaviour rules are fair	90%	82%
Adults help with conflicts	100%	79%
Students keep promises	69%	52%
Students are inclusive	75%	63%
Students care about each other	93%	79%

Some questions were about bullying strategies. Many (40-50%) reported they had never experienced any bullying. Most of the bullying involved verbal rather than physical issues, and half of the intermediates skipped the questions related to how they would deal with bullying. Many students said they would help the person being bullied, tell an adult or would tell the bully to stop. A large number of the intermediates indicated they would ignore it because "they didn't want to get involved". Most students felt the best strategies to deal with bullying were to apologize, have a detention or talk to the principal. Most of the incidents took place outside at recesses.

**Community Information:**

**One-Stop-Shop**—Friday, October 21, 2011—Wyevale United Church—3:00—9:00 p.m. Come and enjoy products including Tupperware, Epicure, Silpada, Pampered Chef, Stella and Dot, Scentsy and more! **The \$2.00 fee for entry will be donated to Wyevale Central Public School!** Light snacks and drinks available as well as children's activities. If you would like to be a vendor, please call Amanda Gould at 705-322-7721.

**Parents as Partners—Programs—Fall 2011**—“Cool Solutions, Effective Parenting, Triple P Parenting” - call 705-325-9279 (ex. 231) or 705-725-8360 (ext. 333) to register. All programs FREE to parents of children in school.

***Dance, Dance, Dance!!***

In October, Mrs Giffen will begin a dance club for student's grade 2 and 3. Sign up will be posted in the primary hall from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The practices will be held during activity break, on either days 2, 3 or 4. We will be grooving from TVO Kids "Everybody Move" program. We are excited to show off our dance moves!



Bonjour! Je m'appelle Mlle Burns. I am excited to be back at Wyevale this year and look forward to guiding your child through their journey to learn French. I have taught for about 17 years, ten of which have been in French Immersion. Knowing more than one language opens the world more easily and can make travelling to foreign countries more enjoyable. (I am plurilingual; I am able to communicate in English, French and Italian.)

There are a wealth of sites on the internet that can assist students in developing their language skills. I hope to share a number of the French sites with students so that they can try them at home. Who knows, maybe even parents will improve their French skills as well!

**Sites for this month:**

1) French English Dictionary (other language-English as well) <http://wordreference.com/>

2) Practicing French numbers by playing "Battleship"

<http://www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources/French/frks3wks13.pdf>

3) Weather – Interactive site for students

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/rgshiwyc/school/curric/French/Primary/Weather/Index.htm>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench/pf2/weather/cartoon\\_flash.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench/pf2/weather/cartoon_flash.shtml)

<http://french.nuvvo.com/lesson/5448-french-weather-quel-temps-fait-il>

Au revoir et jusqu'à la prochaine fois!

**Green Team News**

Things are greening up nicely at W.C.P.S. this fall! We have had over 30 new students join our very active green team and have added a new routine to our compost and recycling program! When students hear the music of Michael Mitchell played over the P.A. system, they know it is time to empty their green and blue bins. An eco crew rolls the bins down the centre of the hall and eco monitors from each classroom are waiting to empty the bins. This fun system has inspired more students to become active and involved in the daily recycling and compost programs at the school. Also, we are looking forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual E-Waste and Metal Collection, beginning the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>, which coincides with Waste Reduction Week!!!! Keep saving your e-waste and metal items to support school ground greening at W.C.P.S.

**Snow Suit Opportunity!**

If you are needing a new snow suit for your child this winter, consider Factory Recreation. They are offering snowsuits starting at \$109.99 (plus taxes), which include the jacket and pants.

The store is at 347 Cranston Crescent in Midland. **For every snow suit purchased by a Wyevale parent, \$10.00 will be donated back to the school!** Just make sure you mention WCPS when you shop!

***Healthy Living***

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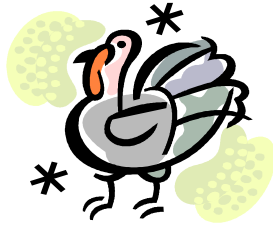
Our focus for our Healthy Initiative Plan for 2011 will continue to be on encouraging good nutritional choices with our students. Our Snack Program (run by Allison Walker) is focusing on providing fruit, cheese and other healthy snacks for students in need. Thanks to Lorelei Wells for her donation of healthy cereal snacks to the program!

**The 4 Cereal Guidelines**

- Avoid cereals that list sugar as the first ingredient
- Seek out cereals that list whole grains first
- Aim for no more than 8g of sugar (2tsp) per serving
- Look for at least 2-3g of fiber per serving
- Be aware of the sodium content – around 10% per serving is a useful guideline

**Check it out: [www.todayparent.com/breakfast](http://www.todayparent.com/breakfast)**

**SNACK tip for after school:** whole grain crackers / low fat cheese



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—October 2011

October 3rd —Day 4



- ◆ Staff Meeting
- ◆ Milk order forms due

October 4th—Day 5

- ◆ START program begins—gr. 7 class

October 5th—Day 1

- ◆ International World Teacher's Day!

October 6th—Day 2

- ◆ Provincial Election Day—WCPS Gym—Polling Station

October 7th—Day 3



- ◆ Elmvale Fall Fair! Parade leaves HCES at 12:00

October 10th

- ◆ Thanksgiving Monday



October 11th—Day 4

- ◆ START program—gr. 7

October 12th—Day 5

- ◆ Area Cross Country Meet—Little Lake Park



October 14th—Day 2

- ◆ Assembly #2—hosted by C. Scott's gr. 4 class—9:00

October 17th—Day 3

- ◆ Waste Reduction Week— E Waste Metal Collection Fundraiser begins—all week



October 18th—Day 4

- ◆ START program—gr. 7

October 19th—Day 5

- ◆ School Photos—KA to gr. 8

October 20th—Day 1



- ◆ School Pictures—KB
- ◆ Grade 5's to "The Race" event at the NSRRC—afternoon

October 21st—Day 2



- ◆ First Pizza Day!

October 22nd

- ◆ E Waste trailer open from 9:00—12:00—last chance to drop off items

October 24th

- ◆ Professional Activity Day—provincial initiatives—no school for students

October 25th —Day 3

- ◆ START program—gr. 7

October 26th—Day 4



- ◆ "Stop, That's Bullying!" drama production—gr. K—6—1:35—2:35

- ◆ "Snuggle Up & Read" (Information coming home soon)

October 27th—Day 5

- ◆ November newsletter home



October 28th—Day 1

- ◆ Pizza Day
- ◆ Orange and Black Spirit Day
- ◆ Jr./Int. Hallowe'en Dance—1:35—3:00



October 31st—Day 2



- ◆ Hallowe'en! - Primary Hallowe'en Activities—11:10—12:45