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WCPS News – December 2011

Message from Administration

Staff, students and parents have just completed the conferences after the Progress Reports, and students have set goals for the remainder of Term 1. The first summative report card will come home at the end of the term on February 17th.

As the holiday season approaches, we are again hoping to instill the spirit of giving in our student population. Our annual 'Bringo' game will be starting soon! Check out the details in the Student Leadership section of the newsletter.

Wyevale School is so fortunate to have a School Council who coordinates a Holiday Dinner for all of our staff and students. This is booked for December 15th (12:00) and the annual Treasure Sale will be held on Dec. 16th.

There is a new bus coordinating system through the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC). All bus information and cancellation updates will now be available at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Individual school weather zones (we are the **North Zone**) will be easily identifiable, however bus delays will not be listed on the site but will be available through the local media (radio stations, television). If the buses are cancelled on a scheduled Pizza Friday, the pizza day will also be cancelled. If you choose to send your child to school on a bus cancellation day, please remember to send them with a lunch. We will try to reschedule the pizza day for the following week, and parents will be informed of the re-scheduled pizza day.

We would like to welcome Andrea Marchand to Wyevale. She is a Developmental Support Worker student who will be doing a placement in our Learning Centre from January to April on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Janice McMurdo Principal

Sub Lunches are Coming!



Watch for an order form coming home soon to order your healthy sub lunch! Sub Days will be every Wednesday starting in January. Choices will include veggie, roast beef, turkey and ham, all on a whole grain bun. You will be able to choose your own toppings. All of the subs comply with the Healthy Food and Beverage Act guidelines. Subs are offered at \$3.75 per sub. It's one less lunch to make for your kids and a great way to support our school! Funds raised will support subsidy of school performances, add technology items and support our Holiday Dinner. Thanks to Mrs. Morozuk for coordinating this new opportunity!

Ongoing Fundraisers

Parents are reminded of our ongoing fundraisers that support WCPS:

- * Boston Pizza/Kelsey's— just write our school name on your bill and a portion of your total comes back to the school!
- * Cell phones and batteries—drop off your old cell phones, used batteries or printer ink at the office.
- * Foodland Grocery Store Tapes (Elmvale location only).
- * Campbell Soup Labels—we get points that convert into products for the school!

School Council Information

Melissa Peterson and Nadine Morozuik will be conducting **Head Lice checks** at the school on **December 7th and 8th**. Please call the school if you have any concerns.

Allison Walker has booked ELM catering for our annual Holiday Dinner on December 15th and has organized her team of volunteers to assist. Thanks to Sharon Foster who is coordinating our Treasure Sale this year, being held on Dec. 16th in the gym. Invites and notices came home last week.

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

Spirit Wear Clothing Sales have ended for the fall season. If you missed out, we'll run the Spirit Wear sales event again in the spring. Thanks also for supporting our Poinsettia sales!

Winter Safety at WCPS:

Wyevale will again have a strict 'no snowball policy' at Wyevale School. Please remind your child(ren) of the dangers involved in throwing snowballs. Also, students will be permitted to slide on the hills if they are wearing proper snow gear. For safety, they must slide on their bottoms or knees only.

If the temperature outside reaches -28 with a wind chill, we will keep students off the yards, in accordance with SCDSB policy. We monitor the weather carefully and will bring students sooner in if necessary.

Parents and caregivers are also asked to check outerwear for loose drawstrings—these present a potential strangling hazard. Check if the drawstrings are longer than 8 cm. and make sure they are free of knots, loops or toggles which can get caught on objects. All of our playground equipment is closed for safety once the ground freezes.

All students are expected to wear indoor shoes in class and in the gym during physical education instruction. Bare feet or socks are not a safe alternative. Also, if we are forced to evacuate the school for an emergency (such as a fire) students need footwear to avoid frostbite on their feet. Thanks for supporting us in keeping our students safe!



French Language Websites:

Vocabulary with pictures, printable booklets / pages -- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/french.shtml>

French language resources (slowly read books with visuals): <http://ngfl.northumberland.gov.uk/languages/>

French nursery rhymes and poems -- <http://www.petitestetes.com/parents-enfants/comptines/paroles-comptines-francais/index-paroles-comptines-fra.php>

A site that allows a person to hear a native French speaker say useful phrases. Students can then repeat the phrase to practice their pronunciation - <http://www.bonjour.com>

The Library Corner



W.C.P.S. Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair was a great success! Thank you to all parents, students, and staff who visited our Book Fair and purchased books and gifts. As a result of such wonderful support, the Book Fair raised over \$1200.00. This money will be used to purchase new books for our Library. Thank you to the students who assisted in the set up and helped to sell the books and promote the fair! Also, thank you to those staff members who assisted in packing everything back up. All help was greatly appreciated!

Featured Author of the Month for December is Barbara Reid, a Canadian award winning author and illustrator who lives in Toronto. The medium of choice for her illustrations is plasticine. Her book "The Perfect Snow" was a Blue Spruce nominated title last year and it was a favourite book of our primary readers. It combined her amazing plasticine figures with her watercolour images. We have many of her books in our Library, from old favourites such as "Read Me A Book" or "The Subway Mouse" to her brand new book "Picture a Tree". Check out her books on display in the Library.

Student Leadership Team

The 'Giving Tree' will be displayed soon in our front foyer of the school. Families are invited to decorate our tree with clean, gently used or new mittens or hats, which the Leadership Team will donate to the Salvation Army.



The Student Leadership Team will also be helping to run our annual 'BRINGO' game, to support our local food bank. Our Pyjama Day in November raised money to support a family at Christmas.

Don't forget to wear holiday colours and fun holiday head gear at our assembly—December 21st!!

Character Education Corner

Last month, students saw a play called "Stop, That's Bullying", which created some good discussion opportunities about bullying strategies.

Here are the students who received a character Coupon on our Character Wall of Fame from September to November. Thanks for showing such great character!!

Brayson Fay	Avery Riley	Martin White
Jonathan Kanopoulous	Emma Flewelling	Lizzie Pratt
Stefanie Morozuik	Julia Sickinger	Nathan Rice
Tylan Mussnug	Arianna Caston	Sarah Lock
Alaina Van Der Voort	Cameron Redman	Laci Steele
Garett Wakelin	Camille Pratt	Jake Mortley
Kristin Burrows	Greg Wagner	Rory Reader
Will Donaldson	Emily Oldfield	Caden Woods
Emily Van Der Voort (2)	Michael Foote	David Schulz
Ryan Desroches	Grace Cameron	Jake Zaba
Spencer Caston	David Kroukov	Alex Wickett
Aiden Quesnelle Thomas	Ashley Burrows	Martin White

The grade 3 students would like to thanks the Penetanguishene Rotary Club for their generous donation. Each gr. 3 student received their own dictionary to use and keep!

Healthy Living



DECEMBER – HEALTHY HABITS!

Healthy eating begins with learning how to "eat smart"—it's not just *what* you eat, but *how* you eat. To set yourself up for success, think about planning a healthy diet as a number of small, manageable steps rather than one big drastic change. If you approach the changes gradually and with commitment, you will have a healthy diet sooner than you think.

Check it out: www.heartandstroke.ca/healthyweight



SNACK IDEA for after school: Sliced berries with yogurt

Our Primary Bake Sales this year will be focusing on creating tasty but healthy snacks. Parents who are participating are encouraged to check out the recipes in "**Bake It Up**", a cookbook resource from the Ontario Public Health Association. All the recipes comply with the standards in the new Healthy Food and Beverages Act. If you want to try some at home, visit www.eatrightontario.ca/en/Resources.aspx. Recipes include muffins, squares, cookies, loaves, cakes and snacks!



Sports Update

Girls' Volleyball:



Sign up for Girls' Volleyball (gr. 7 and 8) will begin in December...listen for the announcements!

Mrs. Burns, Ms. McMurdo
Mr. McCormack

Boys' Basketball



Boys in grade 7 and 8 are invited to come and try out for the boys' basketball team in early December. Listen to the announcements for times and when to sign up.

Mr. Boettger

BRINGO IS BACK!!

Bringo is a game that supports having our students learn about the joy of giving to others. Students or staff who contribute 5 non-perishable food items to our food drive will receive a **BRINGO** Card, and each day **BRINGO** numbers will be called over the announcements. Participants can mark off the numbers on their own cards. Teachers will record the numbers in class, so that students who may be away can catch up upon their return. When a card is filled, the winner visits the office for a holiday prize!



When a class has 25 items donated, they will receive a classroom card. The first class to complete their card will win a Pizza Party in the New Year! **BRINGO** will begin on Monday, November 28th and donations will be collected until Friday, December 16th.

HOLIDAY DINNER

This year's traditional School Holiday dinner for WCPS students, staff and special guests will be held on **Thursday, December 15th** at 12 noon in our gym. Everyone is asked to contribute **\$7.00** toward the cost of the meal. The balance of the cost of the meal will be covered by our fundraising efforts. Please have **\$7.00** delivered to your child's teacher no later than **Thursday, December 1st**. A huge thanks again goes to Allison Walker and her dedicated volunteers for bringing this special event to our school! Students are asked to bring their own plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon in a labeled, plastic bag by **Monday, December 12th**. This is such a special opportunity to come together as a school community! We are thrilled that our director, Kathi Wallace, will be joining us!

**WYEVALE TREASURE SALE**

At Wyevale's annual "Treasure Sale" students will be able to do their holiday shopping for family members at the school on **Friday, December 16th** in our school gym. They will have an opportunity to purchase gifts for parents, grandparents, family pets, etc. at a minimal cost. A letter with details has already been sent home.

We are asking that parents bring into the school any items they feel are re-saleable from home. Some examples are "like new" books, toys, picture frames, neckties, jewelry, knickknacks or handmade crafts and ornaments. Dollar store items could also be donated. Please do not send in perfumes or creams, and ensure that

the items are not damaged or broken. Pet items are usually the first to be sold out! .



We would appreciate volunteers to help set up for the event and also during the day of the Treasure Sale. Thanks to Sharon Foster and her team of volunteers for coordinating this great event.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you signed up for the electronic newsletter last school year, this is the last hard copy you will be receiving from your child. Remember to check your email for future newsletters. The newsletter will be emailed the last Thursday of each month. If you wish to sign up for electronic mailings from the school, please complete the information below and return to the school. All address are sent 'blind copy' to maintain confidentiality.

Family Name: _____

Email Address: _____



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

November 24th—Day 4

- ◆ December newsletter home

November 28th—Day 1



- ◆ BRINGO begins
- ◆ Giving Tree up
- ◆ Anita Simpson (superintendent) visits—p.m.

December 2nd—Day 5

- ◆ Pizza Day



December 5th—Day 1

- ◆ Staff Meeting

December 7th—Day 3

- ◆ Primary Bake Sale—recesses
- ◆ Head Lice Checks



December 8th—Day 4

- ◆ Head Lice checks continue
- ◆ Primary Bake Sale—any remaining items
- ◆ Lock down Drill with the OPP

December 9th—Day 5

- ◆ Final day for Lakehead student teachers
- ◆ Pizza Day



December 15th—Day 4



- ◆ Holiday Dinner—12:00—gym—hosted by School Council

December 16th—Day 5



- ◆ WCPS Treasure Sale!
- ◆ Last day for BRINGO and the Giving Tree!



December 21st—Day 3



- ◆ 9:00—Assembly—hosted by Mrs. Brinovec's Class
- ◆ Leadership Spirit Day—Holiday Colours—wear red, white, green or gold today and your craziest holiday headwear!

December 22nd—Day 4

- ◆ January newsletter home

December 23rd—Day 5



- ◆ Last day before holidays
- ◆ Pizza Day



December 25th

- ◆ Christmas Day!



January 1st

- ◆ Happy 2012!

January 9th—Day 1

- ◆ School begins again