



# Wyevale Central Public School

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## November 2011

### Message from Administration

This year, the Progress Reports **will be coming home on November 11th**. These reports are to focus on your child's development to date, and to allow for goal setting for the remainder of the term. A goal setting sheet will come home with the conference confirmation form, which we ask you to complete with your child prior to the Student Led Conference. The Progress Report will have 3 categories: *Progressing With Difficulty* (your child has not yet achieved the Provincial Standard and is experiencing difficulty meeting expectations), *Progressing Well* (your child is showing progress toward meeting the Provincial Standard of expectations, but may not yet be at the standard) and *Progressing Very Well* (your child has demonstrated achievement of the Provincial Standard and is meeting expectations). Your child's teacher will be discussing your child's progress to date in the conference meeting, focusing on their growth in the Learning Skills and Work Habits (Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative and Self-Regulation). Comments will be made regarding progress in Language Arts, Mathematics and any other curricular areas where a student is experiencing difficulty.

Wyevale is excited to welcome three Lakehead Faculty of Education teacher candidates who will be working with Mr. Price, Mrs. Brinovec, and Mr. McCormack from Nov. 7th to Dec. 9th. Welcome also to Mrs. Dalrymple, our new Educational Assistant in our Learning Centre. We bid a sad farewell to Mrs. Millar and Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. McCormack's grade 6 class will be hosting this year's Remembrance Day service scheduled for Friday, November 11th, beginning at 10:40. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

J. McMurdo

### **Cold Weather Reminders:**



Families are reminded to listen to the radio or check the SCDSB website ([www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca)) when inclement weather begins to occur later this month. There are weather zones for bus cancellations. This will allow for partial bus cancellations when the weather is only bad in a certain part of Simcoe County. For Wyevale School, listen to hear if **"North Weather Zone" school buses are cancelled.** Please remember that generally schools remain open even if buses are cancelled, except in very extreme circumstances. Parents are to use their own judgment in determining whether it is safe for their child to travel to school.

At Wyevale CPS we again will have our strict **"NO SNOWBALL"** policy to ensure student safety. Consequences for throwing snowballs will follow a progressive discipline process—we expect students to play cooperatively and safely in the snow.

### SAFETY REMINDERS

Parents are reminded that they should not be posting pictures or videos from our assemblies on the Internet (ie., Facebook, Youtube) without permission, as it contravenes the right to privacy of staff and students. Please respect our Code of Conduct expectations.

Please send a note to the office if your child is going to be picked up early to avoid tying up the office phone lines toward the end of the day. Also, if you are giving your child a note to go off property during the second Nutrition Break, please be very specific about where they are going. We could ask that parents not allow students to go the park adjacent to the school, as they are playing activities there that put them at risk and it is a supervision/safety concern. We have had students skateboarding and biking without helmets, which could easily result in a serious injury with no adults present.

### **School Council Information**

Thank you to all the families who supported our Norcard Fundraiser event. Our tally so far shows us as having raised around \$5,000.00 to support technology initiatives, school performances and field trips! A huge thanks goes to Allison Walker for her hours and hours of work coordinating this event. Please join us for our next School Council meeting where we will be discussing the following items: School Improvement Plan, Fundraising allocations, Literacy Brigade Team, Sub Sales and the Holiday Dinner and Treasure Sale! If you require babysitting to attend the meeting, please let the office know in advance so we can book our student babysit-

***Do you love to sew?*** We are looking for a parent who would be willing to create us a new banner or banners for the Elmvale Fall Fair Parade next year. If this is an area where you would be willing to support the school, please contact Mrs. McMurdo in the main office.

### *The Library Corner*



Our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the Library on **November 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>**. The Book Fair will be open after school on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m., during school hours and until 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, during school hours and until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and until noon on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. These times coincide with our Progress Report Conferences. All classes will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair on Wednesday and Thursday. Once again, thank you for your support of this fundraiser which allows us to purchase new books for the Library! Thank you to Allison Walker, Sharon Foster, our Kindergarten teacher, Pat Smith and Dave Hobson of the O.P.P., for being the guest readers at our second annual Snuggle Up and Read event! Thanks also to all the families who came out to enjoy an evening of great stories, snacks, and prizes.

Parents are reminded that you can access online books for your child to read at home by going to [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com). Choose tumblebooks for early readers and [tumblereadables](http://tumblereadables) for longer books and chapter books. Passwords and logins are needed for both of these sites but students should have them written in their agendas. If not, ask them to see Mrs. Archer in the Library.

Featured Author of the Month is Gordon Korman, a Canadian author who wrote his first book when he was 12 years old. Since then, he has written over seventy-five books, including many series such as *Swindle*, *Titanic*, *On the Run*, *Dive*, *Everest*, and *Island*, as well as individual titles such as *Pop* and *Schooled*. Students are encouraged to 'check out' his books that will be on display in the Library during the month of November.

**Student Leadership Team:**

The Leadership Team has been hard at working planning the Hallowe'en Dance celebration for students from gr. 5—8. Admission to the dance will require a donation of a non-perishable food item for our local food bank, to support social awareness. Thank you to the McKee family for the donation of decorations for the Hallowe'en Dance and to the organizing team for doing such a great job!

Mario Schulz suggested that our students have a fundraiser to support charities, just like the staff does with our Friday Dress Down Days. Each term, we will hold a Pajama Day where students can pay a loonie to wear pajama pants to school. This term's event is scheduled for Thursday, November 24th, and the Leadership Team will be choosing an appropriate charity to donate the funds to following the event.

**Character Education Corner**



Congratulations to the many students who have received a Character Coupon so far this term. Student names will be published in the December newsletter. On October 26th, students from K to gr. 6 saw the "Stop, That's Bullying" production from Kid-safe Productions. This show highlighted the issues that are labeled as bullying, the need to self-advocate and not be a bystander when bullying occurs.

**Green Team News:**



Thank you to the parent community of Wyevale again for supporting our E-Waste and metal collection fundraiser. Even though the collection began slowly, we ended up on Saturday filling the trailer until it was overflowing at the top! We are again using the funds raised to support our outdoor classroom and school ground greening initiatives. Wyevale staff and students are also busy within the school cleaning out old textbooks. These will be donated to the CSBE, Canadian Schools Book Exchange, where they may be used by other schools in need of them within remote areas of Canada or shipped to Third World schools in need of books.

***Sports Update:***

**Cross Country Running:**

A special thank you to all members of the Cross Country team for their efforts and commitment to the past season. Special congratulations go to the ten runners who represented us at Counties: Emily Wickett, Danyelle Zaba, Grace Lafreniere, Ben Deitrich, Lizzie Pratt, Gage Lafreniere, Sarah Powell, Emily Oldfield, Will Donaldson and Oliver Williams. It should be noted that each race had 140 plus runners in it and the Wildcats had 3 runners finish in the top 30 - Emily Wickett (30), Lizzie Pratt (24), and Will Donaldson (21)! Hopefully this inspires more runners to join the team next season! Keep on running wild, Wildcats!

**Boy's Basketball:**

Boy's Basketball - starting next term!

***The R.A.C.E.***

On Thursday, October 20th, Mrs. Brinovec's grade 5 class went to the R.A.C.E. (Respect, Action, Courage and Excellence) at the Midland Rec. Centre. For two hours we rotated in the gym through 11 centres. At the centres we learned about ways to say no to drugs, how they affect our bodies, the dangers of drugs on our bodies, and how to make wise decisions about gambling.

I think the R.A.C.E. was a wonderful program for kids to learn a lot about drugs and how they hurt you.  
Jenna B.



**School Improvement Planning Information**

On our October P.A. Day, staff collaboratively worked together to plan our first Teaching and Learning Critical Pathway to support students in mathematics. Staff in each division will be using the 3 part math lesson (Minds On, Action and Consolidation) to deliver a variety of lessons that use open ended, multi-step questions related to problem solving in various math strands.

**Upcoming Fundraisers:**

Wyevale Wildcats Spirit Wear is coming soon! Watch for the order form to get your spirit wear (t-shirts, hats, shorts, sweatshirts, nylon and soft shell jackets). Our grade 8 class will be doing Poinsettia sales this year—watch for this order form coming home with your child.



**Protect You and Your Family From the Flu**

Influenza is a potentially serious illness, which is different from the common cold or the stomach flu. The virus spreads easily from person to person – especially children. People who get influenza usually feel quite unwell, and may have a fever, chills, cough, runny eyes, stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, extreme weakness and fatigue. Children can also have earaches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. The best way to prevent the flu and protect you and your family is by getting your annual flu shot. New this year, the Health Unit’s community flu clinics will be by appointment. For more information about this year’s flu shot and to book your appointment, visit the health unit’s website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) and click on

“Book Your Flu Shot Online” hot button.

**Healthy Living**

Schools across Ontario implemented the Ministry of Education’s School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM 150) on September 1, 2011. This policy applies to all food and beverages sold on school property, including cafeterias and vending machines, through all programs, including catered lunches (lunch programs), and at all school-sanctioned events, on school property, including bake sales and sporting events.

SCDSB has worked with community food providers across Simcoe County to create a Vendors of Record list to support schools and School Councils with determining which food(s) and beverages comply with the new Ministry of Education Policy. Vendors on this list meet all food and beverage guidelines, and foods and beverages on this list can be ordered from these Vendors of Record for school lunch programs and other school-related events.

When schools and school councils order products from the Vendors of Record list, they must also take into consideration any possible food allergies that exist within their school communities. In selecting food and beverages from the Vendors of Record list, principals will need to work with school councils to consider specific allergens identified in their school community and order products accordingly. This may involve contacting the Vendor of Record to see if that allergen is an ingredient in the products they wish to offer for sale. **If a potential food allergen is not an ingredient of any particular food or beverage product, it is reasonable to expect that if the product does not contain the allergen in the list of ingredients, it is safe to provide to students.** This process does not include tracing allergens to their point of origin.

**Gr. 7 and 8 Immunizations:** Nurses from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will be in school providing immunizations to gr. 7 students for the Hepatitis B and Meningococcal Conjugate ACWY vaccines, and Human Papillomavirus vaccine for gr. 8 girls. Consent forms for these vaccines were sent home in September. You can also access the consent form and fact sheets about the vaccines on the Immunization page of the Health Unit’s website at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org). If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connections at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

**NOVEMBER – HEALTHY HABITS!**

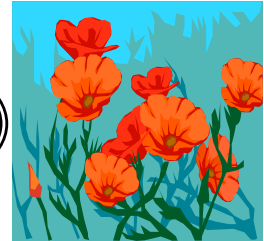
The new Food Guide recommends **limiting:** foods and beverages high in calories, fat, sugar or salt saturated fats from fatty meats, butter, lard, shortening and hard margarines trans fats in such foods as doughnuts, cookies and other baked goods ,salt (sodium) and sugar in such items as soft drinks and desserts. **Check it out: [www.healthycanadians.ca](http://www.healthycanadians.ca)**

**SNACK IDEA** for after school: home made whole grain low fat fruit muffin





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 31st—Day 2

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



November 1st—Day 3

- ◆ Vision Screening—JK/SK
- ◆ Poinsettia sales begin



November 2nd—Day 4

- ◆ Gr. 8 "Picture Yourself at Highschool" event at Elmvale DHS
- ◆ Vision Screening—JK/SK

November 4th—Day 1

- ◆ Pizza Day



November 7th—Day 2

- ◆ Staff Meeting
- ◆ School Council Meeting
- ◆ Student teachers from Lakehead begin
- ◆ Wildcat School Spirit clothing fundraiser begins



November 11th—Day 1



- ◆ Elementary Progress Reports go home today
- ◆ 10:40—Remembrance Day Service—gym—hosted by Mr. McCormack's grade 6 class
- ◆ Pizza Day



November 15th—Day 3



- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair begins—library
- ◆ Picture re-take day
- ◆ Student-Led conferences—3:30—5:30 p.m.



November 16th—Day 4

- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair continues—library
- ◆ Student-Led conferences—3:30—8:00 p.m.

November 17th—Day 5

- ◆ Gr. 4 and gr. 5 trip to see 'Willy Wonka' play in Barrie
- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair continues—library
- ◆ Pizza Day



November 18th



- ◆ Professional Activity Day—no school for students—Student Led conferences in the morning
- ◆ Book Fair ends—12:00

November 21st—Day 1

- ◆ WCPS Wildcat Spirit Clothing drive ends—all orders due

November 24th—Day 4

- ◆ Leadership Team—Pajama dress down day—\$1.00 for charity
- ◆ December newsletter home

November 25th—Day 5

- ◆ Grade 8 Transition Activity Day for Midland Secondary School
- ◆ Pizza Day



November 28th—Day 1

- ◆ Superintendent Simpson visits