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Principal's Corner

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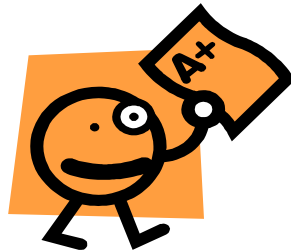
Our main objective at Waubashene is to assist students in reaching their academic potential.

Thank you to all parents who came out and participated in the student—parent conferences. It was great to see so many of you. Remember that reading with your child on a regular basis will help them to improve their reading skills and confidence in their reading abilities.

Student report cards go home on November 23rd.

Many thanks to those of you who supported Mr. O, and the Book Fair. Your purchases support our library and the collection. Again, thank you!

I would like to thank the Waubashene community for their donations and support in making our Harvest Lunch such a success.



Our **RVH WALK** was a huge success. Thanks to all families who donated to this worthy cause.

The school raised **\$661**

We would like to thank the Weber family for matching our donations.

ALLERGY ALERT

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

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School Improvement Planning

In each class, during the Literacy block, the students have been working on Recount Writing. During this process, students were taught how to retell events or text forms. They related the event to themselves using past experiences, the text and the world using differentiated learning. This will improve our student achievement.

Our next focus will be Inferencing. This will allow students to write better and more in-depth answers.

Ask your child(ren) to share their learning with you.

Character Focus of the Month

Integrity

We act justly and honorably in all that we do.

Christmas Craft Night

Christmas Craft Night will be held on December 16th at 5:00 p.m. and will run until 7:00 p.m. Come out and join us for a fun evening of crafts and yummy treats to enjoy. Bring along friends and family.

If you wish to have a craft/sales table at our event. Please contact the Amanda McKinnon at 538-0138 or by e-mail at amv0015@hotmail.com to reserve a space (e-mail preferred).

Hope to see you there!!!

Sports Update

Cross Country

Congratulations goes out to all students who participated on our Cross Country team this year. We had a great day at Little Lake Park on Oct 14th with Daniel G., Parker B., and Lucas H. Going on to the finals at Mt. St. Louis on Oct. 22nd. At Mt. St. Louis, all three ran excellent races and enjoyed a beautiful warm day.

Thanks again from Mr. Trick and Mr. Maguire to all athletes who came out to run this year.

Volleyball

Volleyball season is well underway. The boys' skills are improving with each game.

We've had some great wins so far this year. Watch for information coming home about the finals soon.



Fundraising

MAGAZINE SALES

The Gr. 4/5 and 6/7 classes are conducting a magazine campaign once again this year. Maybe you would like to order a new magazine for yourself or to give as a Christmas present? You are also able to renew your current subscriptions. Please contact one of the Gr. 4/5 or 6/7 students in your neighborhood or go online to www.qsp.ca to order. **The deadline for ordering is November 10th.**

Please contact Mr. Trick or Mr. Boettger with any questions.

HOT DOGS ARE BACK

Beginning in the month of November Hot Dogs will be offered each Tuesday

at the

PINE STREET SITE

only for \$1.00 each.

Please remember to send your order form in to your child's teacher by the due date with the correct change.

Cold Weather Reminders:

Families are reminded to listen to the radio or check the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) when inclement weather begins to occur later this month. There are new 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 Waubaushene E.S., listen to hear if "North Weather Zone" school buses are cancelled. Please remember that schools remain open even if buses are cancelled, except in very extreme circumstances. Parents are to use their own judgement in determining whether it is safe for their child to school.

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Reminder to Parents re: Grade 7 and Grade 8 Immunizations

Nurses from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will be in school over the winter providing the meningococcal conjugate ACWY (Men-C-ACWY) vaccine to Grade 7 students and the second dose of the HPV vaccine to Grade 8 female students who provided consent. Consent forms and fact sheets for these vaccines were sent home in September. The consent forms and fact sheets are available on the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

The Health Unit is scheduled to be here on **January 12, 2010** in the afternoon. Please mark this on your calendar.

School Council News

School Council 2009/2010

Chairperson: Carol Brech
(brechlab@sympatico.ca)

Treasurer: Amanda McKinnon

Secretary: Liz Coultis

School Council will be starting up our Christmas fundraiser shortly. We will be selling Cookie Dough. Please watch for more information coming home shortly. Thank you in advance for your support.

We will be doing a head lice checks at both sites on Nov. 18. If you are available to assist, please let Carol know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Our next school council meeting will be held on Wednesday November 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. We hope to see you there.

All parents are welcome to attend.

Please join us!

Safety Tips

Each year in Canada, thousands of children get hurt at playgrounds playing on slides, monkey bars or swings. Some children have died when their clothing drawstrings get caught on playground equipment or fences. Other children have died when they became entangled in ropes or skipping ropes attached to playground equipment. Loose clothing, hoods, scarves, drawstrings, mitten cords, ropes and skipping ropes can strangle a child!

SAFETY TIPS

- remove cords and drawstrings from children's hoods, hats and jackets
 - Tuck in all clothing that can get caught on playground equipment
 - Wear a neck warmer instead of a scarf
 - Take off bicycle helmets before using playground equipment
 - Make sure children do not tie ropes or skipping ropes to slides and other playground equipment
 - Supervise children in the playground
 - Teach children how to use playground equipment safely
- Visit www.safekidscanada.ca or call 1-888-723-3847 for more information

Simcoe County District Health Unit

This fall is a different flu season, with both seasonal flu and H1N1 flu in our communities. To help stop the spread of viruses in our schools, we are working closely with our local health unit.

H1N1 Symptoms: Watch for flu symptoms including sudden fever of chills, cough, sore throat, fatigue (lack of energy), and muscle or joint aches. Children under five years may vomit and have diarrhea. If you have symptoms and think you may have the flu you can find out what to do next by using a new on-line [self-assessment tool](#) offered by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care at www.health.gov.on.ca.

What is the contagious period? Students and volunteers should stay home until their fever has been gone for 24 hours and they are feeling well enough to do normal activities. Some people may experience a cough for days to weeks after an infection. Those with just a cough can return to school. Please let the school know if you are keeping your child home with flu symptoms. This helps the health unit keep track of how the flu is spreading.

Emergency Contact Info: Please make sure we have your up to date emergency contact information. This is important if you child is sick and needs to go home.

Preventing Illness: Please teach your children:

To wash their hands with soap and water often or use hand sanitizer

Not to share personal items like pens, pencils, drinks or food

To cough or sneeze into their sleeve, or into a tissue and then wash their hands

Clinics: Free vaccination clinics for H1N1 flu will begin November 3rd in six locations, five days a week across Simcoe Muskoka. **For the first week of clinics we encourage those who are at higher risk of complications, severe disease and hospitalization to be vaccinated.** These include: healthy children from six months to five years old, people with chronic medical conditions under the age of 65, pregnant women, household contacts and care providers of persons at high risk who cannot be immunized or may not respond to vaccines (including those carrying infants 0-6 months old), health care workers involved in pandemic response or who deliver essential services, and people living in remote communities. **Those not considered at high risk should attend clinics after the first week.** A list of clinic locations and hours, along with up to date information about H1N1 and information about what to do if you or someone in your family is sick, is available on the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org. Please continue to check this website as information may change. If you have questions, you can also call *Your Health Connection*, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3 Hot Dog Day— Pine St. only	4 Gr. 8's to MSS	5	6	7
8	9	10 Hot Dog Day— Pine St. only Boys' Volleyball @ Burkevale	11 Remembrance Day Service	12 Boys' Volleyball @ Port McNicoll	13 JK/SK Day	14
15	16	17 Hot Dog Day— Pine St. only	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Hot Dog Day— Pine St. Only	25 School Council @ 6:00 pm	26	27 P.A. DAY NO SCHOOL	28
29 Santa Claus Parade	30					