



*Waubashene Elementary School  
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## September 2009

### Principal's Corner

*As always, we are in a tentative class arrangement for the first week. Many homes in our district sold this summer and we have many new families to welcome to Waubashene E.S.*

*Your children came back to school ready to learn. Welcome to the 2009-10 school year. We are now putting our final routines into place and settling in for an exciting and educational year.*

*Your parental support is imperative to ensure success. Ask your children about any homework they may have.*

*If daily assignments are not complete, that should be a priority. Reading, review of notes, organizing materials and practicing math skills will keep your child in a regular routine of homework.*

*Please pay attention to the agenda, due dates and assignment information..*

*Special thank you to Mr. Ayling and Mr. Powell for the clean school—it looks great! Let's keep it that way.*

#### **Sign in System:**

All students arriving late or leaving early **MUST** be signed in/out through Mrs. Morphet in the office.

#### **STUDENT AGENDAS:**

This year, there will not be any charge for agendas for students in Grades 1 - 8. We would like to thank the School Council for covering the cost of this important communication tool.

### **SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE...**

Our open house is planned for Wednesday, September 23th. We hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to meet your child's teacher. We anticipate that the weather will allow us to visit outside, so bring a chair or blanket and join us!

### **CHARACTER TRAIT: RESPONSIBILITY**

We are accountable for our actions and we follow through on our commitments.

### **SCHOOL ORGANIZATION:**

Our classes have been reorganized with the following staff now in place:

**Principal** Ms. Kirk

<b>JK./SK</b>	Ms. Hussey
<b>SK/1</b>	Ms. Just
	Ms. Fitz.
<b>Grade 2/3</b>	Mrs. Steven
<b>Grade 3/4</b>	Ms. Czarnik
<b>Grade 4/5</b>	Mr. Boettger
<b>Grade 6/7</b>	Mr. Trick
<b>Grade 7/8</b>	Mr. McKellar

<b>Library</b>	Mr. Oliver
<b>Sp. Ed.</b>	Mr. Maguire
<b>French</b>	Mme Woodhouse-McKay

**Office Staff** Mrs. Morphet

<b>EAs</b>	Mrs. Chisholm
	Mr. Piggott
	Mrs. LeBlanc

<b>Custodians</b>	Mr. Ayling
	Mr. Powell

#### **Balanced Day:**

Here is a reminder of our daily schedule at Waubashene E.S.:

9:00	Entry Bell
10:40 – 11:00	Nutrition Break
11:00 – 11:20	Outdoor Play
1:00 – 1:20	Nutrition Break
1:20 – 1:50	Outdoor Play
3:30	Dismissal

**Upcoming Events**

**September**

**16th—School Council—6:00—7:30 pm**

**23rd—Meet The Teacher  
5:00—6:30 pm**

**October**

**2nd—Picture Day for all students**

**SCHOOL VISITORS...**Please help us ensure the safety of all our students by signing in at the office when you are visiting the school. We will provide you with a visitor's tag to wear during your stay. We have made a commitment to our students that all visitors will be identified with a tag—please help keep our school safe!

**ALLERGIES/MEDICATION:** Please remember to inform the office if your child has allergies or requires medication at school. We must have updated medical forms for epi-pens and in order to dispense medication. LET'S STAY SAFE

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?...**

*We are anxious to begin our volunteer program at Waubaushene E.S.. We need adults to assist with reading, school events, and being that extra pair of hands. If you are interested in being a Waubaushene volunteer, please let us know.*

**NOTE:**

***All volunteers helping out in any way at the school are required to have an up-to-date Criminal Reference Check. If you need more information on how to obtain one, please contact Mrs. Morphet in the office.***

<http://wau.scdsb.on.ca...>

*Our school website is a great place to visit to keep updated on school activities and events. Newsletters will be posted at the beginning of each month and a calendar will always be available to check for upcoming events. News from sports teams and extra-curricular events will also be posted as it is available. If you ever require a paper copy of the Newsletter please let the school know.*

**SAFE ARRIVAL...**

It is VERY important that you contact the school if your child is going to be absent or late. Please call the office at 538-2212 and let us know. If you do not notify us and your child is part of the Safe Arrival Program, we will need to call your contact numbers until we can get in touch with someone and verify that your child is home. Letting us know when your child is going to be late or absent saves the school valuable time.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE...**The School Board does not provide accident insurance for students, but has made arrangements to offer you inexpensive, easy to access coverage through Reliable Life Insurance Company. **This insurance coverage is not just for during school hours. All plans, with the exception of the basic plan, cover students at home, on school trips, at camp during the summer and more. It provides 24 hours/365 days of accident coverage.** To purchase this insurance, please complete the application form sent home with the students and return with payment in the self-addressed envelope directly to the insurance company or apply on line at: <http://www.insuremykids.com>

**Fundraising: Please be aware of some of our on-going projects to raise funds for the school:**

**Ink Cartridges and Cell Phones: We receive \$1.00-\$4.00 for empty ink cartridges. We also receive cash back for used cell phones. Please drop off any of these items that you may have at the office.**

## **FUNDRAISING (cont'd)**

**Boston Pizza - Going out or supper? If you or others you know are at Boston Pizza, just slip your receipt in the box at the hostess desk and a percentage of your bill will be refunded back to the school.**

**Hot Dog and Pizza Orders - Stay tuned for details about these lunch programs.**

## **SPORTS NEWS....GET INVOLVED**

**Cross Country Running and Volleyball are coming soon! Listen to the announcements to find out how to sign up! Also, we are missing a number of the team uniforms still from last year. If you have a top or a pair of our NEW blue shorts at home, please bring them in! Thanks!**

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

We will hold our first school council meeting on **Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m.** This is a great way to become involved in our school community. Please consider becoming involved.

**Meet the teacher night will be Wednesday, September 23rd from 5 to 6:30 p.m.** Meet the Teacher is a chance to say hello to your child's teacher and have a visit in a more social setting than a parent-teacher interview. This year at Meet the Teacher you can also meet a creature! Scienstational Snakes and Reptiles will be here with a display and show. Children and adults will have an opportunity to learn more about these creatures and even have a chance to hold some of them. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will also be here to talk about healthy eating. We are still working on some other exciting displays and visitors so be sure to put Meet the Teacher on your calendar and come out for a fun and informative evening. Hope to see you there.

We are always looking for new parents to join us on the Parent School Council. Parent Council is a great way to be involved at the school. School Council meetings are only once a month and are held in the evenings. For parents with younger children, childcare is provided at no cost here at the school during the meetings. School Council members have an opportunity to give input on new Board Policies, work with fundraising, be involved in school decisions and keep in touch with the school community. Council can be fun and empowering. Please consider coming out to the School meetings. For more information on the Waubauskene School Council please contact Amanda McKinnon at 538-0138.

**NEW THIS YEAR!!!!** As many parents know, you are now required to have an up-to-date Criminal Reference check on file at the Board to be able to volunteer at the school in any way. The OPP has agreed to join us for Meet The Teacher and parents who are interested in volunteering can get the application for a Reference Check started on the spot. Below is an excerpt from their note to us indicating what you will need to bring along to get that process started.

In preparation for our visit to your school to initiate volunteer screening/criminal record checks for potential volunteers, I would like to suggest a few things in advance to make the process run smoothly.

Would you please advise parent volunteers in advance, that they will be required to provide 2 pieces of identification; and they must also complete and sign the Consent to Disclosure of Personal Information in person. In other words, someone can not make a request on behalf of someone else - i.e. Wife for her husband or vice versa.

Both pieces of ID must have their **name and date of birth**, and one of these pieces of ID must have a photograph of the applicant. It is necessary to identify applicant by means of photo, full name and date of birth.

The suggested identification is –

- Ontario Drivers License with photo ID
- Birth Certificate
- Ontario Health Card with photo ID
- Canadian Passport with photo ID

Tay Community Policing (TCP) in conjunction with the OPP will be holding another information symposium—this time in Port McNicoll. We chose Thursday, September 17th as the date so that it wouldn't conflict (hopefully) with other popular activities in Port, such as the Monday night Bingo. It will be held in the downstairs of the Port McNicoll Legion (Corner of 3rd and Armstrong) from 7-9 p.m. The OPP have booked two speakers for us: Provincial Constable Monica Cachagee, who will do a presentation on Internet Safety and Provincial Constable Pierre Gautier, who is a Gang Issues Co-ordinator and will discuss gangs. Both are from the OPP Crime Prevention Section at General Headquarters. As usual we plan to have door prizes and free coffee/tea/juice and timbits. Admission is also free and attendance is encouraged. If you have any questions please contact Yvonne Mitchell, Chair, Tay Community Policing at 534-0917.

### **Health Unit Information**

#### **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine for Grade 8 Female Students**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will offer the HPV vaccine at no cost to all female students in Grade 8 at school clinics. The HPV vaccine is given in three doses; the first dose in the fall, the second dose in the winter and the third dose in the spring. More information and a consent form for the HPV vaccine will be sent home in September. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

#### **Immunizations for Grade 7 Students**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will offer the hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine and the meningococcal conjugate ACWY (Men-C-ACWY) vaccine at no cost to all Grade 7 students at school clinics. The Hep B vaccine is given in two doses; the first dose in the fall and the second dose in the spring. The Men-C-ACWY vaccine is one dose and will be given in the winter. One consent form that is valid for both doses of Hep B vaccine and the Men-C-ACWY vaccine will be sent home in September. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

## **BIKE RODEO**

The OPP will be here on Thursday, October 1st to hold a Bike Rodeo. Students in all grades will have the opportunity to learn about bike safety. Parents are reminded that all students who wish to participate must bring their bikes and a helmet. Students without a helmet will not be allowed to participate.

