



Student drop off and pick up

The lane on the south side of the parking lot is for quick drop off and pick up of students. If you are staying to wait with your child, please park in the parking lot and walk with your child rather than remaining in the lane. This will allow traffic to move much more efficiently through the parking lot.

Elementary and Secondary Absences

All absences must be excused by a parent/guardian. Please remember to speak clearly when leaving a message on our machine. Always include your child's first and last name on all messages and notes. This will help us avoid any unnecessary calls home.

School Community Council

The next meeting of the School Community Council will be held on Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Library. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. We are looking for more parents, particularly secondary parents. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Slater at the school.

School Council is hosting a **Vendor Event** on Saturday, November 18th. Plan to come, do some Christmas shopping, and support WDCS.

Principal's Message

We have had a busy beginning to the school year, with many new students arriving and learning about our routines. Thank you to all of the teachers and students who have organized and participated in the many activities that have happened in the last month, from sports teams to the elementary Cross Country Race and Me to We to the Terry Fox Run and Fire Truck Pull. Well done to all of the teams that made that truck move. What a great way to show our Riverhawk spirit.

We had a great turnout for the Meet the Teacher Night. Thanks to all the staff who helped with food distribution and also to the families that came to the event. Special thanks to Mr. Byers for organizing the pizza and getting it to us at just the right time!

Sarah Slater

Let's Learn Kindergarten Registration

Our Let's Learn Kindergarten Registration will be held on Thursday, November 16th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the library. If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten in September, 2018, you should plan to attend this event. If you know anyone who has a child starting in September, 2018 please encourage them to attend. Please call the WDCS office to book an appointment time for you and your child for the Let's Learn Clinic. (519-881-1780 ext. 521)

Early registration gives you time to learn what you can do to help your child get ready for school. At registration, you and your child can meet school staff, visit the school, and learn about community resources in your area. New research tells us that the first five years of life are key to children's healthy brain development and learning. In fact, by age three a child's brain is twice as active as an adult's. Make the most of this important time! Spend time talking to, listening to, and playing with your child.

Drive Away Hunger Elementary Food Drive

Send in non-perishable food items until October 10th.

(Secondary students are welcome to bring food too!)

Spirit Days

Secondary SAC and Elementary Student Council are planning a variety of spirit days. Further information will be sent home and/or will be available on the Facebook page, Instagram, and the WDCS website.

TD Bank Support for our Playground

Thank you to the Toronto Dominion Bank for their generous donation towards our elementary playground. Their contribution has helped support the placement of our Friendship Chairs. Students will be encouraged to use the chairs to work together to solve problems on the playground. When not in use for problem solving, the chairs provide a great place to sit and chat with friends.

In-Line Chiropractic Donation of School Supplies

Thanks once again to In-Line Chiropractic for their generous donation of school supplies to ensure that all of our students have access to the supplies they need.

Elementary Breakfast Club

Our elementary Breakfast Club is up and running, thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers and our Secondary DL program.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Walkerton for their generous donation to our Breakfast Clubs.

Secondary We Scare Hunger Campaign Oct 24 – Nov. 1st, 2017

We Scare Hunger is a Halloween food drive to help local food banks and breakfast clubs fill up on everything they need to fight hunger. The Me to We group is hosting a contest to see which grade can collect the most food between Oct 25 – Nov. 1st. The winning grade will win either a cookie or cupcake party. Secondary grades will be able to put their food collected into grocery carts located on the stage. Trick or Treat for non-perishable goods this year! The Me to We group's goal is to make sure that no one in our WDCS family goes hungry.

Survey for Parents of Students Taking French (Elementary and Secondary)

In 2013, the Ministry of Education released *A Framework for French as a Second Language in Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12*. This document identified three goals which support the vision for French as a Second Language (FSL) programs:

- Increase student confidence, proficiency, and achievement in FSL
- Increase the percentage of students studying FSL until graduation
- Increase student, educator, parent and community engagement in FSL

In accordance with the framework, boards are required to monitor progress towards these goals through surveys to determine the effectiveness of our actions. Parents of students studying French are asked to follow the following link and complete the survey by October 31st.

Parent Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentFSL>

Thank you for your help in completing the survey.

Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews

All **secondary parents** are invited to attend parent/teacher interviews at WDCS from 7 to 8:30 on Wednesday, October 18th. Interim reports will be sent home on October 16th. The interviews offer an excellent opportunity to keep up to date on how well your students are doing at this point in the semester.

Interviews are held in the café. No appointments are necessary. Please plan to attend and speak to your child's teachers. It is important for the students to see parents and school as a team working to support their education.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Each student at WDCS participates in the Breakfast Club Program (both primary & secondary)
- BC feeds approx. 410 primary students each day
- BC provides healthy nutritious food items from 3 food groups (Grains, dairy, fruits/vegetables)
- BC is **NOT** funded by the Board of Education
- BC is run solely by volunteers

***** Our BC needs your help to fundraise. We only have 13 cents per day to feed our students. We want to offer a variety of fun and nutritious options to our students. *****

Want to help? Volunteer. If you or someone you know is looking to donate funds our Breakfast Club would LOVE to speak to them. Please have them contact the school or any BC Committee Member.

We as the Breakfast Club also want to get our students involved in their own nutrition. We can do this in many fun ways. Keep your eyes and ears open to your children, as they will want to participate in upcoming Fundraising events for their BC.

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SPIRIT DAYS \$1 Donation for those who are able
FOOD DAYS \$2 per plate
SPECIAL DAYS

Fri. Oct. 13th – PJ DAY
Wed. Oct. 18th – RED or GREEN DAY
Wed. Oct. 25th – SPORTS TEAM DAY
Wed. Nov. 8th – TWIN DAY
Wed. Nov. 15th – YELLOW DAY
Wed. Nov. 22nd – PJ DAY
Wed. Nov. 29th – SUPERHERO DAY

Wed. Oct. 25th – Grilled Cheese Lunch
Wed. Nov. 15th – Spaghetti Lunch
Wed. Nov. 29th – Grilled Cheese Lunch

BAKE SALE

Thurs. November 2nd

25 cent – 50 cent -- \$1 items

Need volunteers to sell and bake

☺ Contact a BC Committee Member

The BIG CRUNCH

Wed. October 18th @ 1st Nutrition Break All Elementary Students will eat an apple at the SAME TIME (apples provided ☺)



