

The Husky Howler



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Upcoming Dates to Know

- January 8, 2018—Welcome back to first school day of 2018!
- January 16th-Intermediate Basketball season begins.
- January 19th-PD Day: No school for students.
- January 26—Husky Pride Spirit Day/staff vs. student volleyball challenge
- January 27th-Family Literacy Day.
- End of January: Gr 3/6 EQAO Practice Literacy Test.
- Kindergarten Open House and Registration: February 1 from 10 am to 6 pm.
- Friday, February 9-Report cards sent home.

Well, 2017 has certainly ended in fine fashion at Wellington Heights Public School with students continuing to be involved in many great educational and extra-curricular activities highlighted, of course, by the showcasing of our talented students during our Wonderful Wellington Winter Wonderland Concert. It was fantastic seeing so many families and friends out to join us in our new gymnasium for this incredible event at both our matinee and evening performances. A big thank you to Mrs. Bench, Mr. Blacquiere and Mrs. Brennan who did an outstanding job coordinating the performances for the event. Our staff were busy working with students in preparation for the event during nutrition breaks and during music classes. It was a great opportunity for all of our students to shine. Such an evening could not have taken place without the commitment of the staff at Wellington Heights col-

lectively working together, with assistance and support from parents, and of course the enthusiastic participation of our students. Without a doubt, we have some exceptionally talented students at Wellington Heights School! It is nice to see them have the opportunity to shine on stage, on the court, on the field and in the classroom by participating in a diverse range of activities offered to students at WHPS.

Our “12 Days of Christmas” food drive has been incredibly successful thanks to the generosity of our school community. It is a

great way to show our students that together we can make a positive contribution to our community.

Our “Maker Space” program is up and running again! Students at all levels have had the opportunity during the last few weeks to get together in our Learning Commons to make some very creative holiday crafts. Thanks to Miss MacKenzie and Mrs. Hunchak for getting things up and running.

From all of us at Wellington Heights, we would like to wish you a great and safe holiday season, and all the best for 2018!

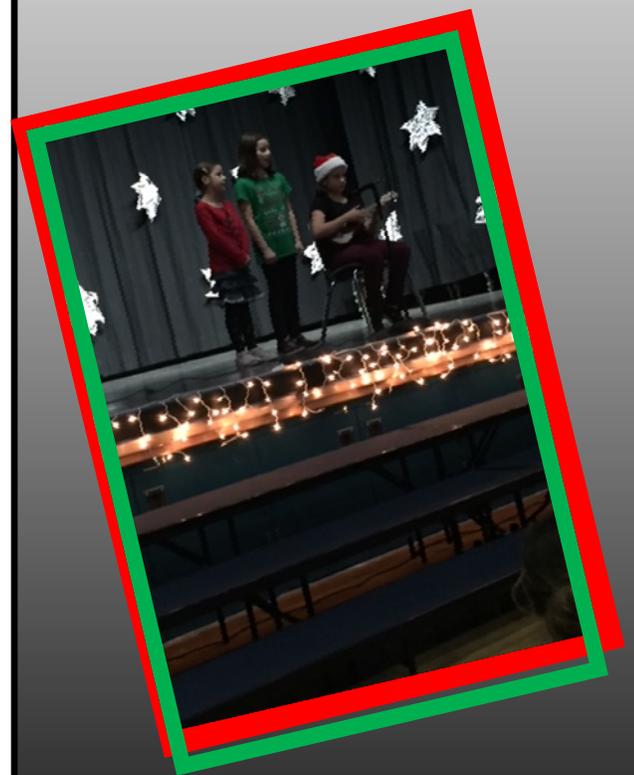


Grade 1/2 class having some winter fun out back!



Wonderful Wellington Winter Wonderland Holiday Celebration.

On Wednesday, December 13th, our students had the opportunity to shine during our Wonderful Wellington Winter Wonderland Holiday concert. During both our matinee performance and evening performance we were treated to some entertaining class performances, to some individual vocal and dance performances, and to small groups of instrumental performances. The holiday spirit was never more evident than the messages delivered by all involved. Our student MC's did an exceptional job of keeping the event flowing, and our student 'tech, sound, stage and lighting' team demonstrated great skills as they ensured all requirements were ready to go for each act. Special thanks to Mrs. Bench, Mrs. Brennan and Mr. Blaquiere for coordinating the performances, and to all staff and students who worked hard preparing for the show. Thanks also to all families and friends for joining us for the event to help celebrate the holiday season.



Newsletter Quiz



Ella, the act-of-kindness elf was spotted in the foyer of our school. Wonder where she will turn up next?

1. When does our Intermediate Basketball season start?
2. When do Report Cards for term 1 get sent home?
3. Which organization plays a big role in helping to distribute items to local families in need?
4. What did WHPS win for our participation in the Hour of Code?
5. Rudolph was the most popular of Santa's reindeer. What were the names of the other 8 ?

Inclement Weather Procedures

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian. **Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call Mrs. Curran in the office to inform us of your child's absence.** A key resource in any emergency is the DSNB Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites: <http://www.dsnb.org/inclementweather/> OR www.nsts.ca



Mid Year Practice Tests for Grades 3 & 6

Starting in late January/early February students in grades 3 and 6 across the DSNB will be writing a literacy and math practice test in preparation for the EQAO testing in May/June, 2018. We have found this type of practice to be very helpful for the students and their teachers. For students it gives them the opportunity to see what the test will be like and for teachers, we are able to determine students strengths and what next steps might be needed. We prepare for these tests with a positive growth mindset and encourage students to be positive and celebrate what they know. Thanks for you support.



We continue to emphasize the importance of using DreamBox with our DSNB students as part of a balanced math program. We continue to suggest that home and school usage for all students up to grade 6 should total 60-90 minutes per week, in sessions that are a minimum of 15-20 minutes. DreamBox supports students in developing various models (e.g., rekenrek, ten frame, number line, array, ratio table) for thinking and reinforces important mathematical topics throughout number and algebra, while revisiting them throughout the year. If you are unsure of your child's password, please contact their teacher. DreamBox can easily be found by googling or by going to dreambox.com, or you can access it through our school website or teacher D2L site.



Husky Night with the River Lions

On Friday, December 8, we had over 200 students and family members from Wellington Heights attend the Niagara River Lions basketball game, hi-lited by our choir, the Husky Howlers, singing the National Anthem to kick off the game. A great time was had by all. Thanks Mrs. Bench for organizing, and to Mrs. Bench, Mrs. Brennan, and Mrs. Mako for your work with our Howlers!



Some 'pre-game' fun!



Huskies Have a Great Day at DSBN Junior Coed Volleyball Tournament!



On Friday, December 15, 2017 Wellington Heights participated in the DSBN Co-ed Volleyball tournament in Welland. For many, it was their first experience playing organized competitive volleyball. We had 12 students in grades 5 & 6 participate in the event. Our team competed very well, winning 7 out of 10 games in round robin play finishing second in their pool, allowing the team to advance to the playoff round. The team competed extremely well, demonstrating great sportsmanship, and most importantly, had FUN! They played some great volleyball as they met a team from Woodland for the Quarter Final game. Despite some excellent rallies, the team fell a bit short on the score board, losing 25-24 and 25-23 to end their day. They showed great grit and determination throughout the day, refusing to give up when challenges presented themselves. They were great team players; well done to all! Coaches –Mr. Leduc and Mrs. Curran are both extremely proud of how well you represented WHPS!

Team Members are: Alex K, Andy N, Sam B, Karlyn V, Claire P, Jackson S, Maddy W, Ryan Z, Ryan C, Lily R, Mackenzie C.

Absent from photo, but also a valuable part of our team is Emma R.

Intermediate Basketball Underway



As we head into the Christmas Break, tryouts and practices are well underway for both our Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams! Both teams have been working hard practicing during nutrition breaks in preparation for the season which will start in January 2018. Good luck Huskies!



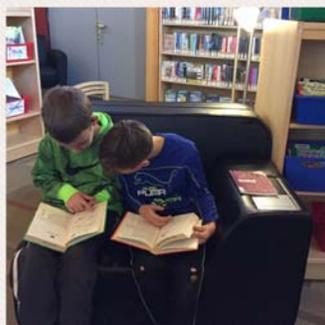
12 Days of Giving at Wellington Heights!

Sparked by the efforts of our Husky Spirit Crew, and "Kids Care Club", our 12 Days of Giving initiative ran from December 4-19th. This initiative helped students learn about the importance of empathy and helping those less fortunate in our community. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we were able to collect an enormous amount of items that will be given to Pelham Cares to distribute to local families in need.



Pelham Fire Fighters Deliver an Important Message to All at WHPS!

On December 6th, all students and staff were given some important knowledge and reminders about fire safety, especially over the holiday season! Students were very attentive and great participants during this valuable presentation! Pictured above and below, our incredible firefighters showed our students all the gear that they were required to wear when fighting a fire, and how to safely move through the house when fire is detected. Stay safe always, Huskies!



Grade 4s love their trip to Maple Acres Public Library



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Homework Help for Students Grade 7 to 10

Homework Help is a free online math help resource for students in Grades 7-10. Homework Help provides free, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers Sunday to Thursday from 5:30pm – 9:30pm ET. The program is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO's Independent Learning Centre. To log in, students will need to register with their Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of their [report card near their name](#). (Your child's OEN never changes so any of their Ontario report cards will have it.)

<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

Note: Homework Help is offered in English and is only available to students at publicly funded schools.

The 'Hour of Code' at WHPS!

During the week of December 4-10, students across the DSNB, in collaboration with ihub Niagara, participated in the 'Hour of Code'. Hour of Code started as a 1-hour computer science introduction to show that anyone can learn the basics of coding and computer science. It has since evolved into a global movement reaching tens of millions of students across the globe. Students at Wellington Heights had the opportunity to explore various coding activities throughout the week, contributing to the board goal of logging over 2 million minutes. The board surpassed their goal, and our Huskies were recognized as one of 5 DSNB schools with exceptional participation and minutes logged. As a prize, we receive 2 "mBots" which will be added to our Maker Space area for use by all students.



School Cash On-Line will be

open for **February's hot lunch orders, pizza orders and milk orders**, from Thursday, January 11th through to Thursday, January 18 at midnight.

School Cash On-Line is our preferred method of payment. If you're having difficulty signing up, they offer a great support line. You can reach them at 1-866-961-1803.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART

Thursday, February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

An illustration of three children playing with blocks. A girl with blonde hair is on the left, a girl with black hair is in the middle, and a boy with black hair is on the right. They are all smiling and looking at a stack of pink blocks.

JANUARY 2018

WELLINGTON HEIGHTS
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8-D7 	9-D8	10-D9 PIZZA 	11-D10 Gr-2/3 Maple Acres S-C-O-L opens for Feb h.l., pizza & milk	12-D1 GR-3/4 MAPLE ACRES CHICKEN QUESADILLAS	13
14	15-D2	16-D3	17-D4 PIZZA 	18-D5 S-C-O-L closes for Feb h.l., pizza & milk	19 P.A. Day 	20
21	22-D6	23-D7 Period 1&2 EQAO Practice S.A.C -6:30pm <small>(in our Learning Commons)</small> ALL WELCOME!	24-D8 Per.1&2 – EQAO Practice PIZZA 	25-D9 Per.1&2 – EQAO Practice	26-D10 All Gr. 2's & 3's St Johns Outdoor Adventure Centre 9:00-3:00 Hamburgers	27 HUSKY PRIDE SPIRIT DAY 
28	29-D1	30-D2	31-D3 PIZZA 	Kdgn Registration Open House Feb 1 st 10:00 – 6:00		