

The Husky Howler



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October Dates to Know

- October 3—Intermediate volleyball seasons begin
- October 5 -Second X-country meet at Chippawa Conservation Area
- October 5—QRSP Magazine/Gift Fundraiser kicks off
- October 5 -Terry Fox Walk—PM
- October 5 —Meet the Teacher BBQ/School Visit—5-7 pm
- October 6—PD Day
- October 9—Happy Thanksgiving!
- October 16—DSBN Cross Country at Fireman's Park for those advancing
- October 19—Magazine Campaign Ends
- October 19 -Grade 7 Immunization Day
- October 24 & 27 Dental Screening
- October 31—Halloween Activities/Parade
- November 1—Parent Involvement Committee Conference: 4:00 at Eden High School in St. Catharines

Principal's Message : Mr. M. Leduc

It has been an exciting and busy start to the year for our Wellington Heights Students! Our many sports teams are up and running once again. Soccer's brief season was extremely successful as both our Intermediate and Junior Coed teams were tournament Champions again this year and our second Junior team lost a close one in the semi-finals. More



importantly, all players demonstrated great pride, sportsmanship and spirit! Cross-country is well underway and intermediate volleyball teams are already practicing and ready to get their season started this week.

Our Husky Howlers are back at it, meeting once a week to explore a variety of musical pieces. **They sound amazing working with Mrs. Bench,**

Mrs. Mako, and Mrs. Brennan!

Participation in our wealth of extra-curricular activities is excellent this year and many thanks to the WHPS staff who rush around early in the morning and stay late after classes to prepare for tournaments and conduct practices. Many thanks to our parents as well for dropping students off early, picking up students late, and helping with transportation to and from games/tournaments and events...especially while we are waiting for our gymnasium to be completed....oh-so-close!



Our office-duty helpers have been working hard with Mrs. Curran and we look forward each morning to hearing our student announcers share the day's happenings with the school. Announcement times have changed and will now occur at the beginning of the school day rather than at first nutrition break.

We are very thankful for their help!

Students, you are a key reason why great things continue to happen at Wellington Heights Public School. Keep working hard, persevere, and always believe that you can do anything you set your mind to doing!

(Ivy Rae and Joshua display the harvest of sun flower seeds they collected from the sun flowers brought in to Mrs. Haining's class)



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Newsletter Quiz

1. When is EL Crossley's Open House for Grade 8 students?
2. Where can you find us on Twitter?
3. There are 3 spelling mistakes on Page 6. Pretty tricky...can you find them all?
4. How many Husky runners finished top 10 in meet number 1?

***Bring in your answers to the office on a piece of paper with your name and class on it for a chance to win a "valuable" prize :)

HERE COME THE CHAMPS!

Congratulations to both our Intermediate and Junior Coed Soccer Teams. Both teams took to the field in one day tournaments in September and both teams emerged as repeat Champions this year. It was not for the faint of heart as our Intermediate Huskies took their opponents from Quaker Road right down to the wire for the second year in a row, although this year it did not have to go to a shoot-out. In junior coed action, the two WHPS teams that were participating came oh-so-close to going head to head in the finals. Unfortunately, Mrs. Thornes's team came up a bit short in spite of an extremely gritty effort in the semi finals, giving way to a much bigger team from Diamond Trail. Mr. Purdie's team then faced the Diamond Trail Squad and ended up on top to take the championship. Well done, Huskies.

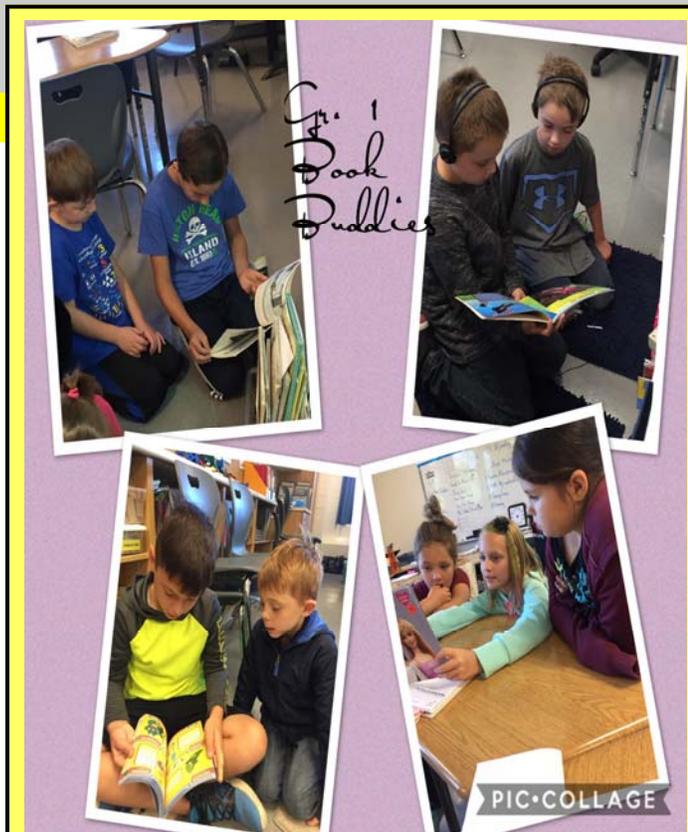
It was a great day of soccer! (*see team pictures on Page 7*)



Bus Delays and Expectations

As our year has started off; our new bus procedures at WHPS have worked very well. Buses are arriving on time and for the most part delays are kept to a minimum. On a few occasions there have been some extended bus delays due to a driver being unfamiliar with the route, or due to mechanical problems en-route. When a bus will be delayed by *more than 10 minutes*, NSTS will post the delay on their website. You can access this information at www.NSTS.ca. Better yet, if you enter the NSTS portal, you can sign in using your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card and then subscribe to the "delay and cancellation" module *to receive direct and timely emails regarding student transportation that impacts your child.*

The school bus is an extension of the school and for safety reasons the following rules are in place and need to be followed. Riding the bus is a privilege. If a student abuses this privilege, alternate transportation arrangements will have to be made by the parent. Students should stay seated at all times and abide by the seating plan provided. Do not yell or shout; it is distracting to the driver. Keep your hands to yourself and keep all body parts inside the bus. For hygiene and safety, students can not eat on the bus. Follow school rules and solve problems with words. **Students are not allowed to change buses or take guests on their bus.** Be respectful of each other and the driver of the bus!. We want you all to get to school and home safely!



Our Grade 4 students get an early start connecting with our Grade 1 students as “reading buddies”. They are great role models practicing very important reading skills!

CHERRY RIDGE PARK

At Wellington Heights we are very fortunate to have this community park in our back yard. From time to time, a class, supervised by a teacher may access the park for various curriculum related activities. The park will NOT be used as a recess extension to our playground. Please call Mr. Leduc if you have any questions



Flu season is fast approaching!!

Washing your hands prevents the spread of germs and reduces your risk of getting sick. Wash your hands after :

- Coughing or sneezing
- Blowing your nose
- Using the washroom
- Playing with pets
- Playing outdoors
- And before preparing meals and eating

Use warm water and soap, lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds. Have children sing the ABC song, so they scrub for long enough. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when you don't see any dirt.

Annual Magazine/Gifts to Love Fundraiser

On **October 5th**, we are starting our annual subscription campaign and WHPS is counting on the continued support of our community as we seek to raise funds to support enhanced learning opportunities for our students. Our subscription drive will run until mid-October and our school retains a significant portion of the money generated from each subscription. As in the past, you will be able to order online at www.QSP.ca using a code that will be sent home with your child's magazine order form.



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Our EQAO Results for 2016/17

% of Students Achieving at or above Provincial Standard:

	Reading	Writing	Math
Gr.3	92	89	81
Gr. 6	92	88	52

Our PD Focus on Math

During our October PD Day, the staff at WHPS will be furthering our learning around effective Math instruction. Our focus this year will be on using the DSBN Scope and Sequence Chart to deliver a consistent Math program, using the Dreambox Math Software Program to help build computational fluency and conceptual understanding, and the enhanced use of manipulatives and calculators coupled with teaching through problem solving. We will be including additional information in the monthly newsletter so you can support your child at home.

Thinking Tools for Mathematics

Mathematicians create models with objects and drawings as they are exploring patterns and thinking their way through problems. In the same way, students of all ages (and their educators) model mathematical concepts to not only share their thinking, but to help them to do the actual problem-solving. In school, we often call the objects used 'manipulatives' or 'thinking tools.'

Classrooms have some very specific manipulatives for use, but a 'thinking tool' can be any object that helps to share or clarify a mathematical idea. These visual models of mathematical ideas allow us to organize our thinking, solve problems, and make connections from the concrete to the abstract. They also support and enhance our ability to solve problems with others, talk about, write and demonstrate our thinking.

As students are exploring and investigating through models and drawings, they are building their knowledge and solving problems, moving towards a deeper understanding. They are making connections between what they know in all areas of mathematics and how they see mathematics in their world. Math becomes understandable, engaging and relevant.

You can support your child to use objects and sketches as 'thinking tools' to problem-solve when they do math at home:

- "What might help you to think through this problem?"
- "Try showing this with objects or a sketch."
- "Can you show me what you are seeing in your mind?"

CHECK OUT SOME OF THESE PATTERNS CREATED BY OUR GRADE ONE STUDENTS USING MATH TOOLS !

Ten Black Dots
Donald Crews

We read a story called "Ten Black Dots." After reading the story, each child received 10 dots to create a picture just like in the story. "10 black dots can make a _____." The children used their imagination to create a picture with the 10 dots.

black dots can make FLOWER

black dots can make ROSE

black dots can make

One child noticed that there was a growing pattern evident in the numbers. Each number got larger by one.

6
7
8
9
10

PICCOLLAGE

Growing pattern with blue parallelograms

This student made a double growing pattern.

Growing pattern with yellow hexagons

Over in the Meadow

Today we worked on growing patterns in math. We listened to the song "Over in the Meadow" and the children noticed a growing pattern. One boy said, "the numbers are growing by one each time." The students made their own growing patterns using items around the room.

PICCOLLAGE

Wellington Heights Walks for Terry!

On Thursday, October 5 our Huskies will show their support for Terry Fox. Terry's vision represents how important it is to give of oneself to help others. Over the decades, Terry continues to be an inspiration for all Canadians.



Students were asked to bring in a "toonie" for Terry to help raise funds for Cancer research. We will kick off our morning with an assembly where we will hear from a guest speaker about how important Terry's mission was, and still is!

In the afternoon, we will head out into the community to celebrate Terry's work. Students will be walking through the local community on Thursday during the last instructional block (1:45-3:00 pm). Our primary students will be doing a loop around Cherry Ridge Blvd, Sandra Dr. and Alsop Ave then back into the school. Our junior and intermediate students will proceed via Alsop Ave to Cherry Ridge Blvd, to Canboro; head west to Maple Street, North on Maple to Sandra Drive then through Cherry Ridge Park back to our school. Let's do a great job at showing how much we care about and appreciate Terry's journey.

Cross Country Meet # 1 : Chippawa Conservation Area September 25, 2017

At meet number 1 our athletes did an outstanding job showing grit and determination while participating in some pretty warm conditions. WHPS sent over 40 runners to participate in the event. We had 12 Huskies finish in the top 10 in their divisions and 21 runners overall place in the top 20 in their divisions. We done Huskies! Next meet is Thursday, October 5—same location and time. Do your best; we are proud of you! Special thanks to coaches Mr. Ford with help from Mme Corbeil for committing the time to helping our student athletes prepare.



Getting ready for the race to begin. Coach Ford and Coach Corbeil give some last minute instructions and encouragement before the race begins.



Grade 8 Transition to High School



Grade 8 Students and Parents: Mark Your Calendars!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend the EL Crossley High School Open House on **Monday, November 27 at 6:30 pm. (Eastdale SS, Thursday, November 30 at 6:00 pm)**

Anaphylaxis Alert!!!

We have some students at the school who have serious allergic reactions to bee stings, peanut and nut products and in one classroom, milk. While declaring ourselves a "peanut free" school is not possible, we can certainly be a "peanut aware" school. It is therefore very important that:

- 1) Instruct your child not to accept food from other children especially if you know that your child has food allergies.
- 2) That you try to avoid sending in food products that contain peanuts/peanut products and that you refrain from using peanut products if baking for a school function.
- 3) Discuss with your child the potential seriousness of these conditions and help us to provide the safest possible environment for all of our students.
- 4) In our classroom where there is a milk allergy, students are asked to consume milk alternatives for beverages.

***Your cooperation is needed and is greatly appreciated!**

October is Learning Disabilities awareness month (#LDmonth). Here are ways that students, young and old, can explain their disabilities...

Terminology	Older Student	Younger Student
Learning Disability	I take in, remember or express information differently than other people my age. This can affect my ability to learn.	I learn differently from other kids. I am really good at some ways to learn and other ways give me a lot of trouble.
Reading Disability	Some people refer to this as "dyslexia". It is a processing difficulty that affects my reading, writing, etc.	I have trouble with reading (describe...).
Processing Difficulty	I have a difficulty in the way I take in and interpret information from my senses.	I am different from other kids in how I take in and use stuff I hear, see and touch.
AD/HD	I have difficulty with paying attention, focusing, controlling my impulses or staying still when I need to.	I have a problem with paying attention, sitting still when I need to or controlling myself.
Writing Disability	I have difficulty with written work.	I have a problem with writing.

School Cash On-Line will be open for **November's hot lunch orders, pizza orders and milk orders**, from October 12th through to October 19 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.



Junior Coed Soccer Team 1: *Coach: Mr. Purdie*
Elle, Ryan, Claire, Ethan, Leah, Josh, Cherith, Ally, Jack, Jackson, Emma, Andy, Graeme. Awesome accomplishment, Huskies!

Junior Coed Soccer Team 2: *Coach Mrs. V. Thorne*
Malcolm, Maxx, Cadwyn, Alex, Lilly, Jada, Karlyn, Abby, Georgia, Nick, Max, Mackenzie, Cameron.. A great day! Your spirit and determination make us all proud !

Soccer Champs!



Intermediate Coed Team: *Coach: Miss. Haining and Assistant Mr. Haining (Dad :)*
Players: Kennedy H, Claire L, Kaitlyn B, Sydney P, Ryker M, Riley R, Hayden C, Noah D, Dave B, Jackson P, Makenna S, Grace B, Jenna M, L.J., Xavier S, Ayden G, Jillian R, Olivia V. **Great team play, Huskies!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WELLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL – 905-892-6451						
MEET THE TEACHER/OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 5 – 5:00-7:00						
1	2-D10	3-D1 VB-GOR vs WHT	4-D2 PIZZA Cir. 2 Maple Acres Library	5-D3 AREA 2 CROSS COUNTRY MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER KICK-OFF TERRY FOX ASSEMBLY&WALK	6 <u>P.A. DAY</u> <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	7 
8	 16-D8 DSBN CROSS COUNTRY	10-D4 VB-QUA vs WHT	11-D5 PIZZA	12-D6 S-C-O-L OPEN NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH, PIZZA & DAILY MILK VB-PE vs WHT	13-D7 CHICKEN QUESADILLA	14
15	16-D8 DSBN CROSS COUNTRY	17-D9 VB-GAG vs WHT	18-D10 Cir. 2 Maple Acres Library PIZZA	19-D1 HEP B & HPV-GR7 S-C-O-L CLOSERS NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH, PIZZA & DAILY MILK MAG. FUNDRAISER ENDS VB-RST vs WHT	20-D2 CROSS COUNTRY RAINDATE HAMBURGERS	21
22	 23-D3	24-D4 DENTAL SCREENING	25-D5 PIZZA	26-D6 PICTURE RE-TAKES VB-AKW vs WHT	27-D7 DENTAL SCREENING SOUP/CHILI	28
29	30-D-8	31-D9 HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES 	Nov 1 <u>PARENT INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE</u>	October 2017		