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October Dates to Know

- October 1st—Orange Shirt Day—Every Child Matters.
- October 2—QRSP Magazine/Gift Fundraiser kicks off
- October 3-X-country meet at Memorial Park in Welland.
- October 4—SAC meeting at 6:30 pm
- October 5—PD Day
- October 8—Happy Thanksgiving!
- October 11-Gr 2-P and 3-T to Peter Pan at ELC
- October 16—DSBN Cross Country at Fireman's park for those advancing
- October 24—Photo Retake Day
- October 22—Magazine Campaign Ends
- October 30—Gr. 7 vaccinations
- October 31—Halloween Activities (Primary AM, Junior/Interm—PM)
- November 7—Parent Involvement Committee Conference: 4:00 at Eden High School in St. Catharines

Principal's Message :

By Mr. M. Leduc,

It has been a very busy start to the year for our Wellington Heights Students! Our enrolment increased slightly this year and we were able to open a third section for our kindergarten students!

Our many sports teams are up and running again. Soccer's brief season was fantastic with our intermediate coed team winning the championship, and both of our junior teams competed extremely well against some much bigger schools and challenged in both pools! Most importantly, our Huskies had a lot of fun and represented our school and community in a way that makes us very proud of them! Our Cross-country runners have been training hard with Mme Corbeil and Mr. Ford and are looking forward to their meet on October 3. Lets hope the weather cooperates! Intermediate Volleyball has already started up as well. Teams are currently preparing for their season starting the second week of October! 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!

Our "Meet the staff BBQ" was a great evening. We were happy to see so many families out; and hope that you had the opportunity to reconnect with friends and to meet your child's teacher. Remember we are always available to communicate with you via phone, school email, or by setting up a time to meet.

September was cancer awareness month at WHPS. Students learned about the impact that individual's like Terry Fox have had on all of us and how we can all work together to help make a difference. WHPS participated in the Terry Fox walk on September 14, and we welcomed "Cops for Cancer" to our school on October 20. With your support, we were able to raise $600 to put toward the efforts of both of these causes.

Want to get more involved in your child's school, come on out to our School Advisory Council meetings. All are welcome! Our first meeting will take place on October 4 at 6:30 pm in our Learning Commons. Child care will be available from some of our Intermediate students.

Students, you are a key reason why great things continue to happen at Wellington Heights Public School. Keep working hard, persevere, believe that you can—we do!

Newsletter Quiz

1. **When is EL Crossley's Open House for Grade 8 students?**
2. **What team are we going to all have to cheer for during January's Spirit Day?**
3. **There are 3 spelling mistakes on Page 6. Can you find them?**
4. **Where can you find us on Twitter?**

*****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 :)**

2018/19 HUSKY SPIRIT DAYS

The Husky Spirit Committee has met and is planning some exciting activities for their fellow students. Here is the schedule of Spirit Days for this school year.

October 26—Crazy Hair/Hat Day—make your lid stand out!

November 23—PJ Day — Comfy/cozy day as the weather gets colder.

December14—Christmas Spirit Day—don't be a scrooge!

January 25—Jersey Day—Go Habs Go!

February 22—Retro (decade) day—deck yourself up as your favourite decade.

March 20—Husky Pride Day—-we got the spirt...come lets hear (see) it!

April 26—Twin Day (or triplet. Quintuplet, etc.…)

May 31—-Beach Day;) **June 21—NEON day!**

Bus Delays and Expectations

As our year has started off; our new bus procedures at WHPS have worked very well. Our senior students have been incredibly helpful with getting our younger students ready for the bus. 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!

Wellington Heights Staff 2018/19

JK/SK-1 Miss K. MacKenzie/ Mrs. A Serravalle

JK/SK-2 Mrs. A. Keus/Miss A. Church

JK/SK-3 Mrs. K. Reid/Mrs. L. Stavinga

Gr. 1 Mrs. H. Fallowfield

Gr. 1/2 Mrs. H. Haining

Gr. 2 Mr. D. Purdie

Gr. 3 Mrs. V. Thorne

Gr. 4/5 Mr. T. Blacquiere

Gr. 5 Mrs. S. Bench

Gr. 6 Mrs. A. Brennan

Gr. 7 Mr. B. Teal

Gr. 8 Mrs. S. Lockhart

LRT/Lib Mrs. D. Hunchak

Prep/Gr. 4/5 Mr. M. Ford

FSL/Prep Mmm S. Corbeil

Ed. Assistants: Mrs. H. Raby, Mrs. L. Stavinga, Mrs. B. Jans

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. E. Curran

Head Caretaker: Mrs. J. DeRuiter

Lunchroom Supervisors: Mrs. B. Lundquist and Mrs. P. Young

Youth Counsellor: Ms. T. Hofland

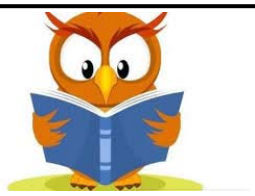
Principal: Mr. M. Leduc

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.

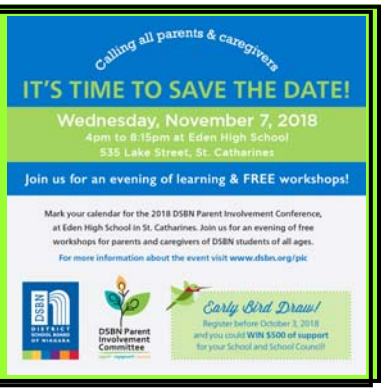


Annual Magazine Fundraiser

On **October 2nd,** 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 and to add to our play-space for students. Our subscription drive will run until October 22 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.ca using a code that will be sent home with your child's magazine order form.

Hey parents - we're already looking ahead to our annual Parent Involvement Conference being held November 7th! To learn about the free sessions being offered this year and for registration go to:

https://www.dsbn.org/pic/



Awesome Reading Buddies!

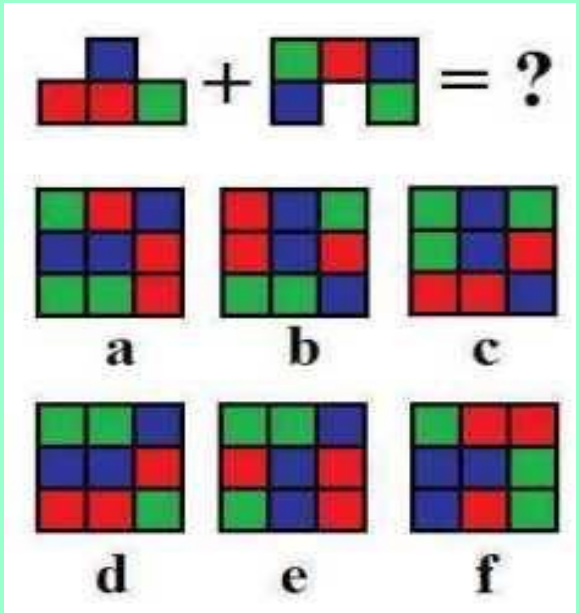
Students in Mrs. Bench's grade 5 classroom work closely with their grade 1 reading buddies in our Learning Commons. They are demonstrating great leadership skills as they model what 'good reading' looks like. Great work grade 5!

WHPS Huskies—follow us on Twitter @WHPSTweets

Primary Math Puzzle

Solve the equation in the image by looking the pattern closely

Answer_____



Junior/Intermediate Math Puzzle:

Look at the pyramid below. What would the next line in the puzzle be?

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21
1211
111221
312211
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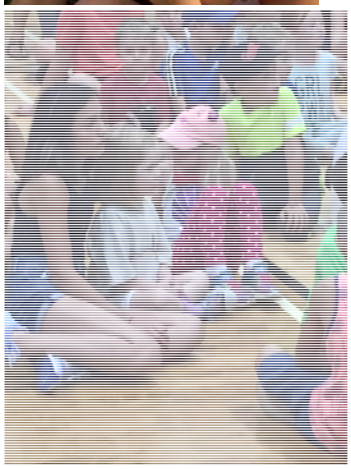
Wellington Heights Walks for Terry!

On Friday, September 14 our Huskies walked in support of 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. Thanks to everyone's contribution, we collected $600 to send to support both the Terry Fox Foundation and Cops for Cancer. Well done, Huskies!



Before we know it, Hallowe'en will be here! At Wellington Heights we will be celebrating Hallowe'en on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Our Primary students will be invited to dress up for our Primary Hallowe'en parade during the morning of October 31. They will parade throughout the school to show off their costumes to our older students and to our parent visitors who will be waiting in the gym for the parade to arrive. We will send details including exact time later in October. The parade will be followed by class activities that are planned for our primary students. In the afternoon, our junior /intermediate students will be dressing up and will be participating in Hallowe'en activities, and our intermediates will end the day with a Hallowe'en dance.

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 achiee 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 ***Tuesday, November 27*** *at* ***6:30 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, dairy products While declaring ourselves a "peanut free" school is not possible, we do need to be a "peanut aware" school. It is theirfore 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 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!**

Monday, October 1 is Orange Shirt Day at Wellington Heights.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of residential school survivor Phyllis Webstad's ackount of having her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The initiative calls for every Canadian to wear an orange shirt on September 30 in the spirit of healing and reconciliation. This date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes and placed in residential schools, and because it provides an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. As September 30th occurred on Sunday this year, we are recognizing "Orange Shirt Day" on Monday, October 1. All staff and students were encouraged to wear an orange shirt....or something with orange in it, to do our part in supporting this initiative. This day emphasizes the traits of Caring and Empathy; traits that we value here at Wellington Heights Public School!

School Advisory Council:

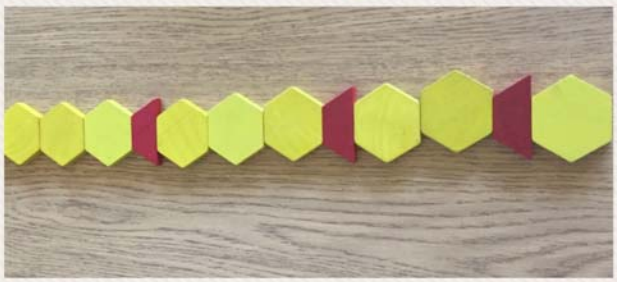
The School Advisory Council will be having our first meeting of the year on Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 pm. Child care will be provided by some of our intermediate students for those who require the support. We are looking forward to another successful year working with our SAC. Last year, we were able to set some specific goals for us as a council to work toward. This year we will be welcoming new members to our council, and will be looking to fill some voids left by "graduating parents" who have now entered into the world of secondary school with their youngest child. Mrs. Van Vliet will once again be coordinating our hot lunch program at WHPS. Thank you in advance to all parents who volunteer their time to help out each Friday ensuring that our hot lunch days are a success!

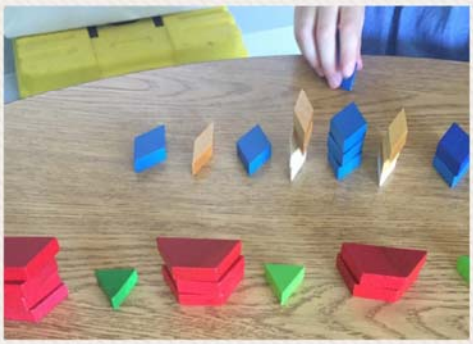
Soccer Champs!

Congratulations to all team members: Kennedy, Kaitlyn, Ryan, Alex, Claire, Tessa, Raven, Sydney, Jacob, Makenna, Riley, Noah, Nevan, Hayden, Andy, and Connor. Special thanks to our coaches, Miss Haining and her father, Mr. Haining! Thanks also to the many fans who made their way to Centennial Park to support our team!

See the pictures below of our Junior teams in action. More to follow on these teams in our November edition.

Today we read a book about patterns. I also gave the students a challenge. They were to make an ABC pattern using only red cups. They came up with several different ways to make an ABC pattern. Awesome thinking!





Grade 1 Mathematicians!

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 teachers) 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 about and demonstrate our thinking.

As students explore 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 in another way?"

Check out these complex patterns created by students in Mrs. Haining and Mrs. Fallowfield's grade one classrooms. Awesome work!