

PRINCIPAL`S REPORT
WALSH SCHOOL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

ACHIEVEMENT		
EQAO 2016-2017 Results	Grade 3 Reading – 65% Level 3 or higher Writing – 61% Level 3 or higher Mathematics- 43% Level 3 or higher	Grade 6 Reading – 63% Level 3 or higher Writing – 54% Level 3 or higher Mathematics- 29% Level 3 or higher
Individual Education Plans (IEPs)	Students receiving extensive accommodations or modifications to curriculum/number of expectations each have their own IEP. Updated copies go home in late October.	
Strong Start	New round of Strong Start to begin in October. Volunteers will be helping Kindergarten and Grade 1 students with letters, numbers and sounds.	
WELL-BEING		
Mental Health Mondays	Workshops for teachers planned in board. Two Walsh Staff members attended and will lead the MindUP curriculum at Walsh (Mrs. Fulton & Madame Lapierre)	
Support Staff	Child and Youth Worker – currently working with a number of junior/intermediate students Behaviour Counsellor – supports programs Lead EA – supporting programs in classrooms Social Worker – parent/community liaison Early Years Consultant – supporting students with needs in K and Grade 1	
Assemblies	Terry Fox Assembly and Terry Fox Run took place on Fri. Sept. 22 Orange Shirt Day assemblies will take place Wed. Sept. 27 (Primary –first block, Junior – second block , Intermediate – third block)	
EQUITY		
Snack Program	School wide snack program began Sept. 19 . Coordinator is Stacey Pitre. New volunteers have come on board. \$3 per month optional donation on School Cash Online. 60 donations were made in September.	
Agendas	All Grade 1 to 8 students received agendas the first day of school. \$5 was requested to offset costs, but was not mandatory.	

ENVIRONMENT	
Physical Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School kitchen painted, light covers in place and exhaust fan is being prepared • Blinds are ordered for the portable • Baseboard is being replaced or repaired in hallways
TECHNOLOGY	
Internet upgrades	We are in Wave 3 of internet upgrades starting in the next few weeks. IT hopes to have new access points and upgrades completed before Christmas
Ed Tech Proposal	Ed Tech Proposal was accepted by Grand Erie: Project Description: Legoeducation.com has grown. They now have resources and the programs that support using Lego in Language, Math and Science /Technology goals. Grant money (\$1000) would be used to purchase a language, math, WeDo 2.0 and the Learn to Learn Kits. Lead: Mrs. De Smedt Team: Mrs. Costigan, Mrs. Bilinsky, Ms Kotiuk
New equipment	School fundraising from 2016-2017 have been used to purchase a Brightlink projector and whiteboard for the library. Two document cameras have also been purchased.
COMMUNITY	
Current Extra-Curricular Events and Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Junior Soccer (Mr. Meulemeester) -Intermediate Soccer (Madame Lapierre) -Cross Country (Mrs. Backus and Mrs. Bilinsky) -Norfolk Country Fair Road Race (Madame Lapierre) -French Club (Madame Driedger) -Coming Soon – Lego Club (Madame De Smedt) -Grade 4s start swimming lessons on Oct. 20 in Simcoe (subsidized through school fundraising to reduce cost to \$35 per student for lessons and bus).
Local connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Donnybrook Fair (Sept. 23-24) – many students entered artwork through school -Tug Of War – Champions!