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## November 2015, School Newsletter

Dear West Lynn Families,

It has been a busy fall at West Lynn Public School. We are well into our first term and our programs at West Lynn Public School are in full implementation. In addition to our excellent academics, we have many events and activities at our school beginning again, that provide additional learning opportunities for our students.

We have a number of volunteers – parents, grandparents, community members - coming in regularly to help in various ways. Some examples are: Breakfast Club, Strong Start, Library help, Classroom help e.g., with Reading and Math, Sports help, and others. If you have some time to give and would like to help, please contact the school. We really appreciate our volunteers, who enrich our school programs in so many ways.

Our annual Remembrance Day program is explained later on in this newsletter. It is on Wednesday, November 11. We extend an invitation and warm welcome to West Lynn families. Please arrive at 10:30. Students will be coming into the gym at 10:40 for a 10:45 start.

We are very thankful to all of those who work so hard to provide all of the wonderful learning opportunities and activities that make our school such a great place to learn, experience, and grow.

We really appreciate our positive relationships and ongoing communication with parents within our school community. Working together, between school and home, is a vital key to success for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school.

D. Lefler  
Principal, West Lynn Public School

### **Photo Retake Day**

Retakes for school photos will be on Thursday, Nov. 5. Students who need a retake should bring their photo package back and hand it to the photographer on that day. If the photo package is not available, the photographer says that she can do a retake without it if necessary.

### **Elections Canada**

West Lynn Public School was an Advance Poll location Oct. 9 to 12 for the recent Federal Election. On Friday, October 9 it was also a school day. One of the members of our School Council / Parent Group, Cheri Worth, helped with procedures and crowd control that day. Because of Cheri's volunteer work, Elections Canada will be donating \$300.00 to our School Council. Thank you, Cheri!

### **New School Sign and Playground Fencing: CPIP Projects**

Our new school sign was installed in October. This sign is one of two parts of our CPIP project for last year. CPIP stands for Community Partnership Incentive Program where the school community raises half of the funds and Grand Erie provides the other half for projects that the school community identifies as needs and applies for this grant. The second part of our CPIP project is the new high chain link playground fencing which helps to keep balls from continually going over the fence into our neighbour's yard. This fencing was installed at the end of the summer.

Thank you to the School Council and the West Lynn school community for raising funds, the Students' Council for donating funds, and Grand Erie District School Board for our new sign and fencing. We are excited about using the sign as a means of communication and celebration with our school community. And the fencing helps to keep the balls in play and makes for better relations with our neighbour.

### **Character Education**

This year some classes are combining the *Social Justice Begins with Me* program with our Character Education work. We have aligned the themes of this program as closely as possible with the Grand Erie Character Traits. September was Self-Esteem and Self Respect. October was Sharing Our Lives and Respect for Others. November will be Peace and Perseverance.

**Respect:** *Treat yourself, others and the environment with dignity.* During September and October students learned about how this very important trait helps them to be successful at school and in life. Many opportunities were provided for students to develop and practice the skills and attitudes that support this important attribute. Please help us at home, by continuing to reinforce this important character trait and the skills and attitudes that go along with it.

On Friday, Oct. 30 we had a whole school Good News assembly to celebrate and recognize students' efforts with Character Ed., literacy and numeracy, sports. Mrs. Lesage and Mrs. Pell led the assembly.

### **McDonald's Character Education Prizes**

Here are the names of the winning students for September and October for the McDonald's draws for RESPECT. Congratulations to:  
Kindergarten: Jack R. and Olivia M.  
Primary: Alexis W. and Paige L.  
Junior: Emerson R. and Holly L.  
Intermediate: Paige F. and Ryan S.

The **Principal's Awards** for one student from each class who demonstrated Respect well, were presented also. Photos will be posted on our Character Ed. bulletin board.

### **Our Character Education instructional focus for November is PEACE and PERSEVERANCE.**

**Perseverance:** *Act with courage, tenacity, determination and with a commitment to hard work. Never give up. Believe in yourself and try your best.*

### **Read Your Way to the Fair**

West Lynn wins again! For the third year in a row West Lynn has won Read Your Way to the Fair, a Norfolk County Fair reading contest for elementary schools. The contest is sponsored by Ontario Power Generation. We now have \$1,000.00 for school library purchases.

Three Norfolk County Fair staff came to our assembly to celebrate our success: George Araujo, General Manager; Leanne Bond, Manager of Sponsorship Development and Alan Duthie, President of Norfolk County Agricultural Society. Thank you to Norfolk County Fair for providing this great contest and promoting literacy. And a big thank you to Mrs. Pond for promoting Read Your Way to the Fair and reading at West Lynn, and our school library in such an enthusiastic, resourceful way!

### **Junior Intramural Soccer**

Junior intramural soccer wrapped up on Tuesday, Oct. 27. The finishing team was The Bandits. Thank you to Sean H., our Intramural League Convenor and to Erik P., Xavier A., Zack V., Ashten B., and Jonah E. for assisting, and to Mrs. Bradacs and Mrs. Ongena for organizing. The students enjoyed this great opportunity to play soccer.

### **Junior Co-ed Soccer Team**

Junior Co-ed soccer had an excellent season. The tournament was on Oct. 1 in Delhi and our team was the champion team for Norfolk, winning the A pennant. The team members demonstrated excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and represented West Lynn Public School extremely well. Way to go, West Lynn Warriors! Thank you to coaches Mrs. Bradacs, Mrs. Ongena and Mr. Lingard (parent coach) for your fine work with the students!

### **Intermediate Co-ed Soccer Team**

The intermediates had an excellent soccer season as well. The team members developed great soccer skills throughout the season and came together as a cooperative team. Their tournament was on Friday, Oct. 2 in Delhi. At the tournament they won their pool by winning both games and won their first playoff game in an exciting shoot out. Even though they didn't win in the finals, they had a great day of soccer. And they demonstrated respect and sportsmanship, doing a wonderful job of representing West Lynn. Congratulations! Thank you to Mr. Comeau for coaching!

### **Cross Country Season**

The Cross Country Team worked hard throughout September and October, training and increasing endurance. The Cross Country Meet was on Oct. 16 at Memorial Park in Simcoe. It was a great day for our team, and the students were excellent representatives of our school. The members who participated in the Road Race on Oct. 8 at the Norfolk County Fair also did a great job. Congratulations to all team members. Thank you to Mrs. Rooney and Mr. Rustan for coaching the students!

### **Bus Safety, Evacuation Practice**

On Oct. 23 staff from Sharp Bus Lines came to do a bus safety presentation and to conduct a bus evacuation procedure with the whole school. The students were attentive and participated very well in the practice.

### **Fire Safety Presentations**

James Robertson, of the Norfolk Fire Department presented to our Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 students on Oct. 26. He included information on causes and prevention of fires, what to do in case of fire, and the importance of a fire plan for the family.

### **Students' Council**

The Students' Council has been elected for this school year. Congratulations to all students who participated in the campaigning and the speeches. All candidates did an outstanding job. Sean H. is our President and Jacqueline F. is our Vice President. Additional members are Kole L., Trisha S., Sarah K., Jasmine C., Kaylin M., Xavier A., Jenna D., Sahaily H., Ashten B., Zack V., Payton C. Thank you to Ms. Huffman for her leadership with these fine young people. The Students' Council is already making a difference in the school. The school community is sure to benefit throughout the year from these creative, thoughtful, hard-working minds.

### **Hallowe'en Activities**

West Lynn celebrated Hallowe'en in style once again this year! Friday, Oct. 30 was orange and black day. Students enjoyed a wide variety of activities in the middle instructional block in mixed grade groups. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> block, students dressed up. The grade 4 to 8 students had the choice of attending the dance or participating in the games room. The Primary students had their annual parade through the school and activities in their classrooms. The cost for participating was a non-perishable food item for the Simcoe Caring Cupboard. Thank you, West Lynn families, for your generosity! We collected a lot of items for the food bank. Thank you to Ms. Huffman for her leadership with the Students' Council and to all of the grade 8's and staff who helped.

### **Memory Project Speaker**

On Nov. 10 a Canadian Armed Forces member, Mr. Gordon Ross, will present to our grades 4 to 8 students. The Memory Project is a National Veteran's Week program.

### **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held Wednesday, November 11, beginning at 10:45 in the gym; students will assemble at 10:40 a.m. **Parents and guests are welcome to attend; please arrive at 10:30.** Students and classes will be taking part in the program. Thank you to Mrs. Bradacs and Mrs. Malo for their efforts in organizing what always proves to be a very moving and meaningful morning for our students, staff and guests at West Lynn.

### **Upcoming dates:**

- Nov. 3 – MADD presentation, grade 7 & 8
- Nov. 4 – Take Our Kids to Work Day, grade 9 guests
- Nov. 5 – Photo Retake Day
- Nov. 10 – Memory Project Speaker, grades 4 – 8
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Program at 10:45; parents & guests should arrive at 10:30
- Nov. 13 – PA Day
- Nov. 16 – 20 – Bullying Awareness Week
- Nov. 16 – Legion Entries, deadline
- Nov. 18 – HNHU HPV#1 immunization for Grade 8 Girls
- Nov. 24 – Chris D'souza presenting
- Nov. 26 – School Council / Parent Group meeting, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 3 – SCS Concert Band and Junior Band Performance

### **Labour Updates**

For current information about job action with the labour groups in our schools, visit [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca) and click on Labour Updates, on the scrolling banner at the top of the home page.

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