

# WEST LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## June 2016 News

## Message from the Principal

Dear West Lynn Families,

June is here already and the school year will be over before we know it. There is still lots of learning happening in all subjects, and many important year-end activities that create lasting memories for students and staff.

It is with mixed emotions that I formally announce to the school community, that I am retiring at the end of the school year. It has been a pleasure to be the Principal of such an excellent school. I know that I will greatly miss our wonderful students, families and staff, but I take with me great memories of West Lynn Public School. I am pleased to let you know that Mr. Rob Weber will be your new principal starting in the upcoming school year, 2016-2017.

At West Lynn Public School we work so well together to create a caring, cooperative school community. The connections between school and home are positive and supportive. We really appreciate this team work and support. Thank you, families!

The staff at West Lynn is outstanding and everyone truly cares about the students and their families. Students receive an excellent education here. The staff goes above and beyond to provide students with what they need – academically, socially and emotionally. And they volunteer their time generously to provide so many extras that go beyond classroom learning. Thank you, staff!

We are so blessed to have excellent volunteers at our school as well. And our School Council/ Parent Group and Nutrition Program volunteers do amazing work for the school community. There are countless hours of behind the scenes volunteer time that contribute in so many positive ways to our school community. Thank you, volunteers!

Our excellent Students' Council is a hard-working, creative group of young people. They have contributed so much to our whole-school experiences this year, as well. Well done! Thank you! And a big thank you to Ms. Huffman who is their very busy staff advisor.

It is my hope that June is the best month yet, and that our students continue to learn, grow, and have fun. All the best for a safe and happy summer holiday in July and August!

~ D. Lefler

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## **Character Education**

Our character education teaching focus for the month of May was Integrity. Grand Erie defines Integrity: *Be honest, sincere, trustworthy and reliable. Ensure actions and words align.*

Teachers focused on this important trait throughout the month of May. Please continue to help us by talking about the importance of having integrity at home and in life, as well.

The Social Justice Begins with Me topic was *True Worth and Beauty*. Beauty is not always about what we see on the outside, but who we are on the inside. Discussions included what kinds of things make a person truly beautiful.

### **Our instructional focus for Character Education for June**

is all of the 8 character traits, in review: Respect, Compassion, Cooperation, Responsibility, Inclusiveness, Integrity, Humility, and Perseverance. For the Social Justice Begins with Me aspect, it is Circles and Cycles. By now the students have learned a great deal about each other and their world. The concept of the circle is used to show students how they can continue to examine their own lives and the world around them. It can also show how, by learning, they can help others to learn, making an ever-widening circle of people who are open-minded and inclusive.

### **3-Pitch Season**

The Junior 3-Pitch Tournament is on June 9 (raindate June 13) at Win-Del Park in Windham Centre. Mrs. Pell, thank you for coaching this team and for providing this great extra-curricular opportunity for our students.

The Intermediate 3-Pitch Tournament is on June 16<sup>th</sup> (raindate June 17<sup>th</sup>) at Lions Park in Simcoe. Thank you, Mr. Preston for your time and enthusiasm for coaching the team.

## **VEX Robotics Competition**

A team of Grade 5 and Grade 8 West Lynn Warriors was very excited to participate in the GEDSB VEX Robotics Competition at the Joseph Brant Learning Centre last Wednesday, May 25. Mrs. Rooney and Ms. Huffman are very proud of the cooperation, hard work, problem-solving and perseverance of all of the students who have been working at building and programming their VEX robots. We were thrilled that our Warriors won the VEX Competition. They competed in robotic basketball, soccer, volleyball and Cross-over games. They successfully coded their robots to complete a number of obstacle courses. We are very excited to have the opportunity for our Junior and Intermediate classes to continue building and coding VEX robotics at West Lynn. Thank you Mrs. Rooney, Ms. Huffman and students!

### **Terry Fox Fund Raiser**

Wow! Our annual Terry Fox fund raiser had another successful year! As a school we raised \$2755.16. Our classroom competition for most funds raised from pledge forms and donations to the shoe in each classroom was quite competitive this year. Mr. Rustan's class raised the most in the shoe in their classroom which earned them a popsicle party, Ms. Kitchen's class raised the most overall and was awarded with a pizza party. Thank you for sending in donations, purchasing freezies and having your child collect pledges. Look for a return of this event in September 2016.

Thank you so much to Mrs. Lesage, Ms. McKinley and Payton C. for their leadership and hard work to make this such a successful, exciting event.

### **Library Update!**

#### **Summer Book Bonanza!**

While you have been busily weeding your flower garden, your library team has been busy "weeding" the library! This means that we are taking out books that are starting to look a little well loved, or that haven't been getting enough attention for the past 5 or 6 years. These books will be available for the students to take home to keep FOREVER during our first ever SUMMER Book Bonanza starting soon! If you have any books at home that are not getting enough use that may be of interest to a West Lynn student please send them on in!

#### **Overdue and Lost Books**

Just a friendly reminder that the last day to sign books out of the library will be Monday, June 13th. Overdue notices will be coming home a few times in the near future. If you get an overdue notice, but feel you have returned the book, feel free to come in and ask for a shelf check. Sometimes, through mysterious circumstances, books get returned to the shelf without being checked in. Fortunately, as we do inventory these books get caught and corrected.

If your book is lost please send a minimum of \$5 per book towards replacement. This is extremely reasonable as very few books can be replaced for this price. It is important that students take responsibility for their books. We work super hard trying to keep cool and current books on the shelves and book buying money is not that easy to come by!!

#### **Norfolk County Public Library Summer Programs**

Be sure to check out the summer programs available at the Norfolk County Library. Reading clubs and special event days are a great way to encourage summer reading and remember... library events are FREE and AIR CONDITIONED!!!

### **Strong Start**

Another successful round of Strong Start is drawing to a close! Thanks to our awesome volunteers, Mrs. King, Mrs. Rigglesford, Mrs. Lagueux, Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs. Ptaszek! They will enjoy a year end celebration on June 13th with their little buddies! If you would like to volunteer for next year please ask Mrs. Pond about local training dates!

~ H. Pond

### **Kindergarten Orientation Event**

On the morning of May 11<sup>th</sup> West Lynn welcomed our newest and youngest Warriors for their Kindergarten Orientation. The children and their parents enjoyed a great morning of learning about and experiencing the Kindergarten Program at West Lynn. Thank you to our Kindergarten team: Mrs. Malo, Mrs. LaPorte, Mrs. Luker, Miss Brotherton, Mrs. James, and all staff and volunteers for helping with this important and exciting school event.

Thank you to the School Council / Parent group for paying for the bus training and bus ride that was an important part of the Kindergarten orientation.

If you have a child born in 2012 and you haven't registered yet for Kindergarten in the fall, please call the school as soon as you can at 519 426 - 0688.

### **FundScrip Fundraiser**

Remember our FundScrip Fundraiser will remain open during the summer vacation. Purchase your gift cards at [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) and use invitation code 6REXHN to log in. A percentage of every gift card purchase through FundScrip will be donated to the school. There are many special offers and discounts offered monthly, so check out the deals, and help support West Lynn Public School.

~ School Council / Parent Group

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### **West Lynn Track and Field at Lakewood**

Congratulations to all Track and Field participants on a successful day on Friday, May 27. Many Warriors set new personal bests, won various red, blue and white ribbons in a variety of events and found success by trying their best and showing up to compete! It was amazing to see everyone cheering on their friends, competitors and classmates! We have an awesome school with awesome students! Thank you students for making the day such a tremendous success. A big thank you to all volunteers, and teachers for making the day possible. Overall winners will be announced at the next school assembly. Congratulations Warriors! A job well done!

Ms. Huffman, thank you so very much for all of your careful planning, organizing and coaching! The day went so smoothly and successfully!

### **Overall Results of Track and Field:**

#### **Junior Girls**

1st place – Reese P.  
2nd place – Holly L.  
3rd place – Kaitlyn M.

#### **Junior Boys**

1st place – Evan S.  
2nd place – Kyler P.  
3rd place – Stetson R.

#### **Intermediate Girls**

1st place – Jaid P.  
2nd place – Emma B.  
3rd place – Amber P.

#### **Intermediate Boys**

1st place – Riley V.  
2nd place – Mathias M.  
3rd place – Adam L.

#### **Senior Girls**

1st place – Jasmine C.  
2nd place – Sarah K.  
3rd place – Tayla L.

#### **Senior Boys**

1st place – Sean H.  
2nd place – Ben C.  
3rd place – Zack V.

### **County Track and Field Meet**

On Tues. June 7 our qualifying Track and Field athletes will travel to Lakewood for the County Track and Field Meet. Best of luck to all of our competitors!

### **West Lynn Family Picnic**

Please join us on the front lawn for our Annual West Lynn Family Picnic on Wed. June 15, 12:30 - 1:20. Bring your picnic lunch, a blanket, lawn chairs and join your child(ren) along with other West Lynn families.

### **Play Day**

Our school wide Play Day is happening this year on Wednesday, June 15. The students will be involved in a variety of friendly, fun games. Please remind your child to come prepared for the weather, as most of the games will be outdoors and they will be outside for the majority of the day (e.g., wear appropriate clothing and footwear, bring a hat, a water bottle, and wear sunscreen). Thank-you in advance to our Parent Group for providing a cold treat for that day!

### **Wendy's Night - June 7, 4:30 – 7:30**

Tuesday, June 7, 4:30 – 7:30 is Family Night at Wendy's in Simcoe. We sent home the Wendy's cards with the students last week for your family to use that evening. Visit Wendy's for dinner that evening and present your card when ordering. If you are in a hurry that night, you can also present your card at the take out window, and it will be honoured there as well. Our school will receive 10% of the sales ordered by West Lynn families. Come any time between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. and help raise some funds for our school's nutrition programs. Greet West Lynn families and friends. Thank you for your support!

### **Dress Code**

As the weather warms up, it's time for a reminder for all students and parents about our dress code. Please make sure students are wearing clothing that appropriately covers them, according to our school dress code. The details of our dress code can be found on page 8 of the student handbook at the front of your child's agenda. Please review the details with your child.

### **Safe Arrival and Departure**

We are still experiencing unsafe situations with some parents dropping their children off and picking them up in the staff parking lot. Parents need to find a parking spot on the street or in the parking lot across from the school, and walk their children, using the crossing guard, to a place on school property where it is safe i.e., primary students to the playground.

Arrival time is another concern. Some children are arriving too early, which is also a concern for student safety. Staff supervision does not begin until 8:40. **Students should be arriving at school no earlier than 8:40 a.m.**

Thank you for your help to keep our students, your children, safe!

### **West Lynn's Got Talent**

Our 30th "West Lynn's Got Talent" show will be held on Thursday, June 23rd, 2016. This will be an opportunity for students to showcase their talents in dance, singing, comedy, piano, guitar, etc. Students will be auditioning in a week or two. Forms went home last week so if your child is interested in participating this year, please make sure forms are handed in by Tuesday, June 7. Due to the large interest, our talent show continues to grow, so acts will be limited to one per person and also to the top five acts in three categories, dance, song, and acting/skit. Students need to be fully prepared to try out. We look forward to watching our medley of talent here at West Lynn.

~ Mrs. Ongena and Mrs. Rooney - Thank you for organizing this wonderful opportunity for our students to share their talents with the school!

## SUMMER SCHOOL

### **More Programs, More Choices This Summer for Students**

Registration is now open for Summer School 2016:

#### **Summer Literacy and Numeracy Program**

- offered in 2 semesters: July 6 – 15 and / or July 19 – 28
- For students currently in grades 5, 6, & 7, offered by GEDSB to provide students with the opportunity to improve their basic skills in Literacy and Numeracy. Students will also have opportunities to participate in physical activities and explore the arts

#### **Reach Ahead Courses**

- Offers high school credits for Grade 8 students
- Courses run July 5 - 28

The program is offered from July 5 to July 28 at various high schools. The program runs daily from 8:00 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. Registration closes June 29, 2016. For more information and forms online: [www.granderie.ca/GELA/SummerSchool](http://www.granderie.ca/GELA/SummerSchool) Bring completed Summer School 2016 registration forms back to your child's school office.

Contact Renee Anderson, Summer School Secretary, 519-753-6079 X277012 for information.

Note: flyers went home to grades 5-8 on June 7.

### **Grade 8 Graduation**

Our grade 8 graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2016 in the gym at Simcoe Composite School. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. After the ceremony and time for photos, there will be a dance at West Lynn Public School starting at around 9:00 until 10:30 p.m. We are very appreciative of the group of parents that has offered to help. More details about the ceremony and the dance have been sent home with our grade 8 students.

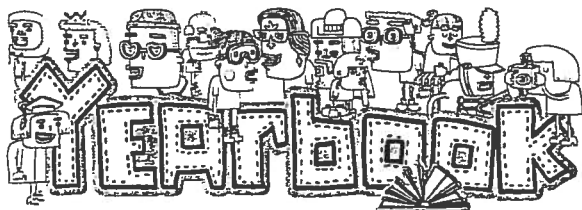
## Yearbook



### **West Lynn Public School**

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MAKING MEMORIES COME ALIVE  
WITH THE  
WEST LYNN YEARBOOK!



**We're in this together.**

Student council has been busy this year capturing the amazing moments and wonderful memories of 2015/2016 at West Lynn. In order to make a most fabulous colour yearbook, we need your help! We are looking for companies to advertise in our yearbook to help bring down the cost of each book to make it more affordable for all of us kids to purchase. This was a huge success last year and we completely sold out of all yearbooks!

If you or a company you work for or own, are interested in advertising in our yearbook, please complete the section below accompanied by cash or a cheque payable to West Lynn and return to the school.

Thanks in advance,  
West Lynn Student Council

\* Please have ready for June 9<sup>th</sup> \*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

¼ page advertisement or business card \$50

½ page advertisement \$100

## Backus Trips

Educational trips to Backus Mill Conservation Area continue to be favourites for our students and staff. The Grade 2's had their study on animals and their habitats. The Grade 7 students participated in the War of 1812 re-enactment activities. The Grade 6 students participated in a study on Biodiversity. We are very grateful to Backus and Norfolk County for their ongoing interest in outdoor education and curriculum connections for our students. Their work makes the learning come alive!

## Year-End Trips, Police Checks

A reminder that all volunteers for school events, including trips, must have a current Police Check in at the office. Police checks for Grand Erie schools must include the vulnerable sector check as well. These documents are now effective for 2 years before renewal is required.

## School Council Meeting

The final formal meeting of the School Council, Parent Group was on May 10. Our year-end gathering is on June 16. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for a great year and for all of their support, hard work and involvement. The group is hoping to continue to build parent involvement next year and wishes to extend a warm welcome to all parents. Please plan to come out to the meetings next year. It has been a pleasure for me to work with the School Council / Parent Group over the past 3 years. Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication to our students and school community! What an amazing group of people!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Oliveira for all of her hard work and commitment to her role as parent representative on the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC). She did an outstanding job! Now we wait to hear about the decisions made by the trustees in the fall. You can continue to follow the ARC updates on Grand Erie's website.

~ Mrs. Lefler

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### **Important Dates:**

- June 7 – Track & Field, Norfolk Meet at Lakewood  
- 4:30 – 7:30 Wendy's Family Night
- June 8 – 2:00 whole-school aerial photo, Edge Imaging, weather permitting
- June 9 – Junior 3 Pitch Tournament, Win-Del  
- 9:15 HT theatre presentation for K–3 / 4
- June 10 – PA Day, no school for students
- June 13 – Alt. date, Jr. 3 Pitch Tournament  
- 9:10 presentation by Jerry Sucharyna for grades 6 – 8  
- 1<sup>st</sup> recess, Strong Start Celebration
- June 14 – Grade 8 Trip to Toronto
- June 15 – Play Day  
- West Lynn Family Picnic, 12:30 – 1:20
- June 16 – Int. 3 Pitch Tournament  
- final School Council meeting, 6:30
- June 17 – Alt. date, Int. 3 Pitch  
- Water Safety Presentations, AM
- June 20 – Grade 6 Trip
- June 21 – Day 1: Grade 8 trip to Eco Adventures, then Port Dover, Simcoe  
- Presentation of Flags for Kindergarten Students, AM
- June 22 – Kindergarten trip to London Children's Museum  
- Grades 1 to 3 / 4 trip to Strand, Splash Pad  
- Grades 4 & 5 trip to Niagara Falls  
- Grade 8's return
- June 23 – Talent Show  
- Open House for Mrs. Lefler's retirement, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- June 24 – Grade 7 trip to Niagara Falls
- June 27 – Term 2 Reports go home  
- 7:00 PM, Grade 8 Graduation at SCS
- June 28 – Grades 1 / 2 to 3 / 4 visit to the Public Library  
- Kindergarten Graduation
- June 29 – Final Assembly, last day of school
- June 30 – PA Day  
- No school for the students.
- Sept. 6 - First day of school for students

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!**

### **Kindergarten Year-end Trip**

On Wed. June 22, our Kindergarten classes will head off to the London Children's Museum, for their trip to celebrate the end of the year. They will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 3:05 p.m.

### **Grades 1, 1 / 2, 2 / 3 and 3 / 4 Year-End Trip**

On June 22 the grades 1, 1 / 2, 2 / 3 and 3 / 4 classes are taking in a movie together at the Strand and heading to the Splash Pad in Simcoe. Pizza lunch is available. They will be leaving around 9:00 and returning at 2:45.

### **Grades 4 and 5 Year-End Trip**

This year grade 4 and 5 students are heading to the Butterfly Conservatory in Niagara Falls on June 22. They are leaving at 8:00, returning at 3:30/4:00.

### **Grade 6 Year-End Trip**

On June 20 the Grade 6's will have their trip to Eco Adventures where they will enjoy survival activities, hiking and tie dying. They leave at 9:00 and return at 3:00.

### **Grade 7 Year-End Trip**

The Grade 7's are heading to Niagara Falls to take in various attractions on June 24. They will leave the school at 8:00 AM and return at 5:00 PM.

### **Grade 8 Year-End Trips**

This year the Grade 8 students have 2 trips. The first one is on Tues. June 14. It's a trip to Toronto to take in a Blue Jays game. Leaving time is 7:45 AM and returning time is 7:00 PM. The second trip is a 2 day trip, June 21 (leaving 9:00 AM) to June 22 (returning 5:00 PM). Students will head to Eco Adventures on Day 1. On Day 2 they will be participating in activities in Port Dover and Simcoe.

A **big thank you** to all teachers who have planned and organized these year-end trips, and to volunteers who have offered to help chaperone.

### **\$10.00 Each Student for Year-End Trips**

Thank you to our Parent Group who is providing \$5.00 for every student toward their year-end trip and to the Students' Council for providing \$5.00 each as well = \$10.00 off per student!

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## **Thinking about September ...**

### **Kindergarten**

Students who will turn four by December 31, 2016 are eligible to register for junior kindergarten. Please register your child now, if you haven't already, rather than waiting until August, as we are now determining class sizes and teacher allocation for next September. If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood who has a kindergarten-age child, please pass this information along to them. A reminder that West Lynn has the Early Learning Kindergarten Program which runs all day, every day. This September again, there will be gradual entry for Kindergarten students. Current Junior Kindergarten students will attend school on the first day, Sept. 6. Kindergarten students who are new to West Lynn will start on different days of the first week back. Your child's start date will be communicated to you in advance of school start-up in the fall.

### **Nutrition Programs**

We are very grateful for all of the support we receive for our Nutrition Programs – Breakfast and Snack. We have received donations from The Ministry of Child and Youth Services, The Child Nutrition Network (CNN), Ontario Power Generation Farm to School program, Scotia Bank, Breakfast for Learning, SuperStore, Sobeys, Wendy's, Parent Group, and many donations from families. Our many volunteers make it all possible too. Thank you to School Council members: Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Rigglesford, Mrs. Krulikowski, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Rixmann, and others, and to Mr. and Mrs. Montross, Mrs. Lesage, Mrs. Rooney, Miss McKinley, Mrs. James, Ms. McKay and volunteers from the First Ontario Credit Union. THANK YOU! Your assistance makes a big difference!

## **Student Agendas for September 2016**

Agendas for primary, junior and intermediate students, Grades 1 through 8 will arrive in September and the cost per student is \$5.00. Student agendas serve as an excellent tool for home to school and school to home communication. They also support development of good learning skills and work habits in terms of organization, planning, meeting deadlines, etc.

## **Classes for School Year 2016 - 2017**

The teachers and the principal spend a great deal of time and effort organizing the class lists in June and August, for the following school year. We use our professional judgement and experience, and our understanding of each student in the school setting. We consider the students' academic abilities, learning styles, behaviours, and we try our very best to keep students with at least one friend. We aim for balanced classes with a variety of learners, boys and girls, strengths and needs in each class. Should you have a specific request for a compelling academic reason, please forward in writing to Mrs. Lefler before June 15, with the understanding that we may not be able to provide your request. Students will learn who their teacher will be for the 2016-2017 school year, when they return to school on September 6, 2016.

## **Courtesy Transportation**

Courtesy bus riders need to re-apply for next year. Courtesy transportation will end on June 29<sup>th</sup> this school year, and not start until after the applications for 2016 – 2017 have been processed at the Transportation Department. Forms are available at the office. If no form is received by the Transportation Department, they will assume that a courtesy seat is not needed. Forms need to be returned to the office as soon as possible to be signed and sent to Transportation. For more details go to the Grand Erie website and click on Transportation – Policies and Procedures – 017 Courtesy Transportation.