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#### May 2nd

Mrs. Hewitt and 3 students at a  
Coding Workshop

#### May 4<sup>th</sup>

Open House and Scholastic Book  
Fair 6pm-7:30pm  
Orientation for new Kindergarten  
Students 5pm-6pm  
Spirit Day- Star Wars Day

#### May 8<sup>th</sup>

Grade 6 and 7 trip to Backus Mill

#### May 10<sup>th</sup>

Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm

#### May 12<sup>th</sup>

Intermediate Badminton Tournament  
SCS  
Miss Van Kessel and Ed Tech  
Student Crew at training

#### May 18<sup>th</sup>

Grade 4-8 Beginning of track and  
field events

#### May 19<sup>th</sup>

Jump Rope for Heart event 2pm  
Spirit Day- King and Queen Day

#### May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Victoria Day Holiday

#### May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grades 4-8 Track and Field Day  
(rain date May 30<sup>th</sup>)

#### May 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>

Grade 6 EQAO and breakfast  
(8:20am)

#### May 26<sup>th</sup>

Bike Rodeo for many of our classes

#### May 29<sup>th</sup>

Spirit Day- Team Jersey Day

#### May 30<sup>th</sup>- June 1<sup>st</sup>

Grade 3 EQAO and breakfast  
(8:20am)

### Want to see more of what is happening?

Visit our school website at [www.granderie.ca/schools/waterford](http://www.granderie.ca/schools/waterford)

Follow us on twitter @mich05gedsb

### Open House May 4th 6pm-7:30pm

Education Week is an annual event celebrated across the Grand Erie District School Board; this year the week is celebrated from Monday, May 1 to Friday, May 5, 2017. The purpose of the week is to highlight the excellence in student learning across Grand Erie schools. Education Week is also held during the same week as Mental Health Week. The theme for Education Week is aligned with Mental Health Week: *Yes I Can* – Growth Mindset. We invite you all to journey through our school to see how your children are provided with opportunities to promote their well being and a positive mindset. Through opportunities in the arts, mathematics and language, through social justice and environmental education, and health and physical education we strive to build resilient children. Hope you can all make it!

### Continuing the move to School Cash online...

**.....the only way in September 2017!**

**Over half of our families have now signed up for School Cash Online**, a fee payment system that allows parents to use online banking for student hot lunches, drinks, class trips etc. June will be the final order where we will accept paper orders so we encourage you to register now! In September, this will be the only way to pay for lunches, drinks and school trips.

**Please enroll by registering online at:**

<https://granderie.schoolcashionline.com/>

### Waterford PS's Grade Four Swimming Program

On Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the grade fours from Waterford Public School started an eight week, Red Cross swimming program at the Annalise Carr Aquatic Centre. The grade four swimming program has been running for over a decade at Waterford Public School. Each student receives a report card at the end of the session and a badge if they complete all of the requirements at their swimming level. Thanks to the generous donation from many community sponsors, the cost of eight swimming lessons for each child is only \$20. That cost includes the bus rides to and from the pool. We all know how important it is for every child to learn how to swim and at \$2.50 per session, it's affordable too! Our generous community sponsors include:

Deb Canada, The Royal Canadian Legion, and the Waterford Lions.



**Elementary  
Program**

# Math Moments

## **Myths & Facts about Learning Math**

There are a lot of misconceptions about math ability floating around. Let's get those out of the way.

**Myth:** Math ability is a gift. Some people have the “math gene” and others just don't.

**Fact:** There is no such thing as a math gene. Everyone can succeed in math. In fact, more than ability, a positive attitude towards mathematics makes deep learning possible.

**Myth:** Mathematicians solve problems quickly and never make mistakes.

**Fact:** Albert Einstein, one of the world's great mathematicians, once claimed, “It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.” If that was true of Einstein, then it shouldn't surprise us when we too make mistakes and need time to solve problems.

**Myth:** You have to be good at memorizing to be good at math.

**Fact:** It is important for your child to be able to quickly recall math facts. But memorization is only one approach. When your child understands the concepts and procedures involved in number operations, and the relationships between addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, he/she will find it much easier to remember math facts and learn new ones. Math is more about thinking than it is about memorizing.

**Myth:** People who were taught math the old way can't make sense of today's math.

**Fact:** You can learn alongside your child, and strengthen your own math skills in the process. Ask your child to explain and show you what the class is learning. Children are great teachers, and explaining math concepts and procedures to you will help your child to understand them better. Also, ask your child's teacher for suggestions on how to quickly learn the strategies your child is using.

**Myth:** Doing well in math is only important if you want to be an engineer, doctor, scientist...

**Fact:** Math skills are needed in every career – from fashion design to filmmaking, baking to car racing. And everyone needs math skills to effectively manage his/her money and time. A strong foundation in math will open doors to a successful future.

**Taken from: Math Learning Today: produced in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ontario District School Boards 2016**

## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kindergarten Family Fun Night**

On Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> our Kindergarten families were invited to take part in our annual family fun night! Kindergarten students get a chance to do playful learning every day, but we know how hard it is for parents to take time off work to join us during class time. April 13<sup>th</sup> gave families a chance to do some free fun and learning together after hours at the school. This year the focus was “Earth Day Everyday” and we had lots of crafts and activities for everyone to try out. Thank you to the Kindergarten team for organizing this tremendous event: Mrs. Butler, Mrs. De Pauw, Miss Horvath, Miss MacKinnon and Mrs. Van Sickle.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** will be open during Education Week from Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>. **All proceeds go toward buying books for our library collection.** Students will bring home a wish list and/or parents are welcome to join us in the morning or after school to browse and buy on:

Tuesday **May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:40-9:30**

Wednesday **May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:40-9:30 or 3:10-4:00**

Thursday **May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:40-9:30** or at **Open House from 6-7:30pm** in the library.

## **Track and Field Day May 23<sup>rd</sup> (rain date May 30<sup>th</sup>)**

On Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Waterford Public School will host a Track and Field meet for students in grades 4 to 8. Field events will include high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, and ball put. Track events will include the 50m, 100m, 400m, 800m, and 1500m race. Parents/Guardians are welcome to come and watch the events. There will be lunch available for purchase on this day along with snacks and cold drinks.

Hotdogs will be \$1.00 each, Gatorade will be \$2.00 each, and Chips will be \$1.00 each. Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to fill up on ice cold water from our water jugs.

For younger students, a separate order form will be sent home for hot dogs (drinks will not be sold to the K-3 classes on Track and Field Day).

### **Can you volunteer some time to help us prepare for the hot dog and drink sale?**

Volunteers will be needed from about 10:30 - 1:30pm to prepare condiments, deliver hot dogs to classes, and sell hot dogs to Gr. 4-8 from 11-12:45pm.

You do not have to volunteer for the whole time, any help is appreciated.

Thank you to Steve Lalone and Jeff Mayo who will be our barbeque chefs once again this year.

Please contact Ms Schipper at the school or email her at [judy.schipper@granderie.ca](mailto:judy.schipper@granderie.ca)

**Come join us on May 4<sup>th</sup>  
from 6pm 7:30pm for a  
variety of “Yes I Can” –  
growth mindset  
experiences!**

Room 1 Mrs. Butler and Miss Horvath

Cuddling with chicks will put everyone in a growth mindset mood- come see for yourself!

Room 2 Miss MacKinnon and Mrs. Van Sickle

You don't need to be Picasso to enter this space. Simply pick up a paint brush and engage in some still life flower creation- don't think you can? I know you can. Take a chance and be inspired by a book called “Ish”.

Room 3 Mrs. Loder

Come see us in Room 3 We have been working hard in Grade 1 on our Super Hero stories through the writing process. As well, we will be showing how we can help the earth through our energy conservation posters.

Room 4 Mrs. DePauw

Cosmic Yoga is the perfect activity to test out your balance and strength through these quick and easy poses- Can you? Yes, you can!

Room 6 Mrs. Wouters

In Room 6, we will be doing a Collaborative Growth Mindset activity called Stick-it Together. Parents and students will look at a fixed mindset statement and change their thinking so that they can come up with a Growth mindset statement instead. Participants can put their ideas on sticky notes on a variety of posters around the room.

Room 7 Ms. Barber

I can... compare myself to a child in another part of the world. Come and join us in Room 7 and see where we are on our journey of learning as we find similarities and differences between our lives in Canada and those of children elsewhere.

Room 8 Mrs. Smart and Ms Schipper

Join us in Room 8 for a variety of mindset challenges. Do you have the right language to promote a positive experience?

Room 9 Mrs. Stronks and Mr. Ulysse

In recognition of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the Grade 5's have selected a famous or not so famous Canadian and have transformed into that person. Come check out our “living wax museum” where there is a collection of visual displays and where the students, dressed as famous Canadians, stand at attention and share a short speech illustrating the life of the person represented.

Room 10 Mr. Brady

Stop by Room 10 to be inspired with student written poetry-yes, they will inspire you!

Room 11 Miss Van Kessel

"Give It a Whirl!" - Test your skills with our Solve Me Mobiles and experiment with our tornado simulators. Anyone can do this!

Room 12 Mrs. Hewitt

Room 12 will showcase our individuality as we present a video entitled "True Colours", which is a collection of still shots of our class displaying their unique personalities.

Portable 1 Mr. Woods

Come show us your fitness growth mindset as our Grade 8s lead you through their fitness challenge.

Portable 2 Mrs. Pragnell

When it comes to achieving fitness goals, a "yes I can" attitude really helps. Bring your "yes I can" attitude to Portable Two and see how you measure up at our fitness stations. Don't forget your running shoes!

Portable 3 Mrs. Steward

We will be working on S.T.E.M. and Growth Mindset concepts. They complement and reinforce each other perfectly, so teaching them together is a perfect match! Growth mindset encourages exactly the kind of positive thinking that will help with STEM challenges.

**TALENT SHOW 2017**

On Thursday, April 20th, the gym was packed with students, parents, and staff who came out to show their support for some very talented and courageous students. It was the WPS Talent Show and it certainly proved that Waterford's Got Talent. From auditions to rehearsals to show time, Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Smart played a lead role in the success of the show. The talent show was not a competition, but rather a performance. Grace Giles, Seth Woods, and Sydney Welsh worked together to Emcee the show.

There were a variety of awesome acts which are listed below (in no particular order):

- \* Jillian Little, Ava Crombie, Jessica Marr, Azaliah Ernst, and Grace Herron performed a line dance;
- \* Olivia Brown and her dog, Miles performed dog tricks;
- \* Miikaanhs Jonathan performed a traditional First Nation's dance known as the Fancy Dance in his colourful regalia;
- \* Paityn Steward, Edith Senko, and Aubrey Howe put together a video to show their performance on silks;
- \* Bella Spinella played a ukulele solo and sang;
- \* Jessica Lepp and Paige Killick performed an acro dance.
- \* Cecily and Breeanne Hudson performed a tap dance;
- \* Cameron Slaman made the audience laugh with his jokes;
- \* Presley Hofland and Madison Slaughter performed a dance inspired by the movie, Trolls.
- \* Jack Smart, Hadley Brown, and Max Welsh performed magic tricks;
- \* Kylie Butler played a harp solo;
- \* Raelynn Barnes sang a solo;

The show wouldn't be complete without a performance from the staff at Waterford Public School. As a finale, the staff put together a video which was made up of a variety of silly acts all designed to challenge the students in the audience not to laugh. It was the WPS staff edition of the popular, “Try Not to Laugh” videos (F.Y.I., most of the students laughed).

Finally, we can't forget to mention some students who helped out backstage including Abbey Witham, Lexi Cloet, and Kayla Crombie. Also, a big shout out to the parents/guardians of all the students who performed in the talent show. Without their help, the show wouldn't have been possible. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the talent show a great success (this includes the audience who was so supportive and encouraging).

If you would like a chance to see some of the acts from the WPS talent show, then come out to the **WPS Education Week Open House (Thursday, May 4th, 6-7:30pm) to see a recap of the talent show on video in various classrooms.**