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**Principal**  
Michelle Black

**Secretary**  
Kathleen Pitre

**Upcoming October Dates:**

**Oct. 3**

*Chocolate bar sales begin*

**Oct 4**

*Young Canada Day- no school  
Grade 7-8 Cross Country Race*

**Oct. 7**

*PD Day*

**Oct. 10**

*Thanksgiving Monday-no  
school*

**Oct. 11-12**

*Pumpkin carving at school*

**Oct. 12th**

*School Council Meeting  
6:30pm*

**Oct. 13**

*Kids Day at Pumpkinfest  
9:00-9:45am at the field beside  
the school  
Gr. 4-8 ROAR Assembly 2:30*

**Oct. 14**

*Grade 4-8 Cross Country Meet  
Simcoe*

**Oct. 17**

*Gr 7 Hep B and HPV Needles*

**Oct. 24**

*Chocolate Bar Campaign ends\_*

**Oct. 26**

*Lock Down Practice 9:40am*

**Oct. 28**

*Photo Retake Day*

Welcome to fall, October and our second month of school!

Routines are becoming well established through out the school and we are settling in quite nicely. As always, teachers are always happy to have snacks and treats brought in for special occasions, however, just a gentle reminder that **only prepackaged foods purchased from grocery stores, bakeries, or other inspected and approved facilities are to be brought into schools.** Please keep treats and snacks in the original containers, boxes etc. if you are bringing in a treat or snack for a class. Please also keep in mind, that any **items brought in must be peanut and nut free** because of the chance of cross contamination for those students with severe life threatening allergies.

**Hear us ROAR!**

Hear Us ROAR! We know Waterford Public School students are the best and we would like to celebrate what makes them so great. Each month, teachers will be recognizing students who demonstrate positive character attributes through our ROAR assemblies (**RECOGNIZING POSITIVE CHARACTER ATTRIBUTES**). Once recognized in front of the school community, students will receive a certificate to take home and have their name on a paw print to be displayed outside of the front office.

**Lock Down Practice: Wednesday, October 26th**

Our first of 2 lock down practices has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th at 9:40am. When students are instructed, they will remain silent as they move away from the windows and door of the classroom, library or other space in the school where they happen to be. The teacher closes the curtains, locks the door and shuts off the lights to give the appearance of a vacant space.

**Waterford Pumpkinfest**

We are grateful to the Waterford Lions and Lioness Clubs who make up the Waterford Pumpkinfest Committee, for involving our school in the spirit of Pumpkinfest! We are looking forward to the arrival on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> of pumpkins for each and every student! Carving will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is important to remember that only “natural materials” can be used to decorate pumpkins and that no toothpicks or sharp objects can be used. On Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> students and volunteers will deliver our pumpkins to be arranged on the pumpkin pyramids in the field beside the school. Come join us between 9am-9:45am!

### A few school routines and safety reminders...

Thank you for having your children on the playground by 8:45am. This allows all students to line up and enter the school with their classmates as a regular routine. It also avoids interruptions to the classroom after the 8:50am bell.

Before your child leaves for school, please ensure that your child knows who is picking them up after school or how they are getting home. This will alleviate the stress on our students of not knowing who is coming to get them or how they are getting home. Writing a note in their agenda/communication book is the most efficient and safest way to ensure that your children go where they are supposed to go. It also minimizes disruptions in the classroom. We understand that emergencies arise and a call to the school is necessary. We appreciate your support in making arrangements before school and not calling the school to make these changes on a regular basis.

### Communication and Social Media in Our School Community

Delivering education to children is very complex. Some aspects are decided by the Ministry of Education, some by the Grand Erie District School Board, some by the principal and some by the teacher.

Gaps and delays in communication and miscommunication can happen very easily.

When this does happen, **the easiest way to get more information is to ask your child's teacher (through a personal conversation, email or agenda/communication book)**. If the teacher cannot answer a question or is not in a position to solve the problem, the teacher or the parent can then talk to the principal who will try to solve the problem or get more information from the various departments within the Board of Education.

Social Media is a great place to share pictures and positive stories about/with family and friends. We love to see you engaged with the school community on Twitter, and Facebook. Throughout the year, you are encouraged to talk with teachers and Mrs. Black if you have a concern that you would like the school to know about so that we can help.

### WPS Nutrition Program -

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WPS has offered a Nutrition Program providing all students with a nutritious snack every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during first nutrition break since 2011. We are excited to be making some changes to the program this year! Instead of providing the snack during the first nutrition break, we are going to work to have the snack in the classroom before the bell rings, allowing the students to have some nutrition early in the day.

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

**Shoppers** – Purchase food items and deliver to WPS. [Shopping list \(all local stores\) provided by Thursday afternoon and food required at WPS before Tuesday afternoon.](#) Arrangements can be made if you cannot deliver to WPS during school hours. All purchases will be reimbursed.

**Snack Preparation** - Assist with snack preparation, delivery and clean up. Times will vary. Volunteers can choose which days and how often they are available.

This program not only offers a nutritious snack to those who require it. The program also introduces students to a variety of different foods, gives the students an opportunity for some extra nutrition before the school day starts, and can even help when a lunch is forgotten at home.

If you are interested in helping with the program please contact:

Sherri Graham (226)567-0320  
skowtaluk@yahoo.ca

Devon Koehn (519)718-1023  
devonkoehn4@gmail.com

### Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show

The Norfolk County Fair is excited and pleased to be partnering with Ontario Power Generation to present the 2016 Read Your Way to Fair Program.

Please go online through the Fair's website ([norfolkcountyfair.com](http://norfolkcountyfair.com)) to enter the name of our school, the type of material that your child read and the title. Based on the number of books reads and student population of the school, we can win prize money for our school library.

1st prize \$1000

Next 3 prizes \$500

Thank you for supporting WPS!

