

Wheatley Area Public School



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KinderSTART REGISTRATION

KinderSTART is a special event for parents to register their children for Junior Kindergarten or students who are new to Senior Kindergarten. It is an opportunity for parents and children to learn more about school. Through KinderSTART, children and parents have an early opportunity to visit the school and register in preparation for Full Day Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. Thursday, February 1 from 4-7pm and Friday, February 2 from 9-3pm

TERM 1 REPORTS

Term One Reports are coming home on Friday, February 9th. This is a report for the progress of your child(ren) from September to the end of January. The entire report will give a strong glimpse into what your child has demonstrated as his/her strengths thus far and the skills that he/she needs to continue to develop. Always an interesting part of reading these reports is the front page of the report that shares their learning skills. A good indicator for the rest of the report really does narrow down to these learning skills. Is your child organized? Is your child an independent student that shows initiative? Are they responsible? These skills often translate into success for the content areas of the report. This report is a time to celebrate what your child CAN do and also will provide the opportunity for discussions with the classroom teacher if you feel you want more information about the learning for your child. If you have questions about the report, please connect with your child's teacher directly.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. During this upcoming month, teachers will provide activities and learning that will provide students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with these many achievements and contributions. Please take a moment to speak with your child in the month of February about this learning.

VACCINATION RECORDS WITH CKPHU

Parents and guardians have the responsibility to report their child's vaccinations to the Chatham Kent Public Health Unit, as part of ensuring that all school aged children are up to date on their vaccinations. If this process is not completed, students' risk being suspended from attending school effective March 5th, 2024. To avoid this headache and give families plenty of time to report the vaccinations which have already taken place, or to schedule to receive the vaccinations in time, information is being shared with all parents and guardians now. For any questions, please contact CKPHU directly at 519-352-7270 ext. 2457.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING – February 2024

The Parent Council is always looking for new parents to join us at our meetings. Thank you to the parents that attended these meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th, @ 6pm. These meetings are held virtually so that you can log in from anywhere. If you are interested in attending, contact Mrs. Vlasschaert in the office for the meeting link.

WARRIOR WEDNESDAY CLOTHING

Are you interested in purchasing Warrior Swag? Go to [Link to order Warrior Swag](#) to shop. There are lots of great options and colours to choose from including T-shirts, hoodies, sweaters, jackets, pants, bags, hats and so much more. Check out our new logo on all the great products!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In cases of severe weather consider one of these options to obtain bus cancellation information for our school, which is Zone 7:

- Listen to CKSY 94.3 starting at or before 6:30 a.m.
- Information will be posted on the Wheatley FB group as soon as we confirm
- Follow the Bus Info link on the LKDSB website (top left of the website)
- Perhaps the best method to determine if buses are running, or if they are on time or running late, is this:

Student Transportation Services offers the MySBI mobile app to receive instant notifications of school bus delays, and cancellations. Just download the free app from Android/Apple app stores, and subscribe to Weather Notifications, as well as to your school bus(es). Please visit this link for additional details.

<https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/delays-cancellations/>



SCHOOL BUS ETIQUETTE

Parents/guardians share a role in reinforcing school bus safety and acceptable behaviour of students while riding the school bus. The expectations of students on the school bus is the same as in the classroom.

Sit in your assigned seat

Find your assigned seat immediately, if you are unsure of your seat number, ask your driver. Always remain seated and face forward. Students who do not sit properly can be seriously injured



Listen to your Bus Driver

Always follow the driver's instructions the first time they ask. They are responsible for your safety.



Keep your hands and feet to yourself

Disruptive behaviour is a distraction to other students and to the driver. The same rules apply on the school bus as in the classroom.



Speak Quietly

Use your inside voice. Excessive noise can be a distraction to the driver and the safe operation of the school bus.



Keep Aisles Clear

Backpacks and other large items are to stay on your lap or under the seat. Items in the aisle may be a tripping hazard and do not allow for a safe evacuation if required.



No eating or drinking

Save snacks for snack time at school or till you get home. They may spill or you may choke if the bus goes over a big bump.



BE KIND. BE NICE. TREAT YOUR DRIVER AND OTHER STUDENTS WITH THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE!