



Wheatley Area PS

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It's so hard to believe that June is upon us already! The staff here at Wheatley Area Public School wanted to take some time to thank our incredible families for all their support, dedication, and teamwork that helps to make this school the amazing place that it is.

I would also like to take a moment to thank our educational team for the care, commitment, and hard work that they have put into the 2023-24 school year. The devoted staff that we have within our building has helped make WAPS a safe, equitable, and inclusive community for all students. Thank you for all you do for our students and families!

The staff wish our students and their families a safe and relaxing summer vacation filled with lots of fun activities!

Our teachers, educational assistants, early childhood educator, and administrative staff will all be here in September, rested and prepared to help your child(ren) continue their educational journey.

We want to remind families that the first instructional day for the 2024-2025 school year will be Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024. (with the exception of our new JK friend who will have a staggered entry. More information to follow for these new friends.)

GRADUATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Our Grade 8 Graduation will take place on June 20th. The students will be treated to a dinner with their peers before the ceremony. The ceremony will take place here at the school.

Our 5K Celebration will take place on June 21st.

More information to follow for those students who are involved in these events.

JUNE FIELD TRIPS

June is a time to celebrate the closing of another school year and enjoy fun, educational experiences with friends! Year-end trips have been planned for all classrooms. Homeroom teachers have sent home information regarding class specific trips with details including cost, times of departure and arrival, itineraries (where applicable) and any other relevant instructions to make these days run as smoothly as possible. As a reminder, some of these trips are outdoors, so please pack water, an environmentally friendly lunch, and sunblock for your student on the day of their scheduled field trip (if the field trip is outdoors).

PRIDE MONTH

The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month in Canada. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's commitment to student achievement and well-being, the Lambton Kent District School Board is joining school boards throughout the province in supporting the LGBTQ+ community with the display of the Pride flag. Moving forward, LKDSB schools and education centres will display the rainbow flag during the month of June. On June 3, students and staff are encouraged to wear their "Rainbow" colours in recognition of the kick-off of Pride Month. At WAPS, we reinforce with lessons of inclusion, respect and kindness for all people.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

June is National Indigenous History Month. A time for all Canadians to reflect upon and learn the history, sacrifices, cultures, contributions and strengths of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. Staff and students are always striving to recognize the accomplishments of Indigenous communities and individuals throughout Canada. This month, we will strive to focus on honouring various literary texts, cultural celebrations, and important teachings from such communities throughout all grade levels.

TRACK AND FIELD THANK YOU

Due to an abundance of rain and a flooded track, our Track and Field Day is now May 31st.



The area Track Meet for those who qualify is June 6th at CKSS in Chatham. A **BIG Thank You** to Taylor Fish Company for donating the hotdogs for this day.

FDK KinderSports will run on June 13th. More information to follow on this event.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT







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