



Inclement Weather

Winter will soon be upon us, and there may be the possibility that transportation will be cancelled or that the school may be closed. **Please note, that if only busses are cancelled, the school remains open for students who can safely get here.** The following radio and television stations will carry Waterloo Region District School Board information:

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| Oldies 1090 | AM band 1090 |
| KOOL FM | FM band 105.3 |
| CKGL AM 570 | AM band 570 |
| CHYM FM | FM band 96.7 |
| CIZN FM 92.9 | FM band 92.9 |
| CJOY Magic FM | FM band 106.1 |
| CKWR 98.5 | FM band 98.5 |
| HITS 103.5 FM | FM band 103.5 |
| CKCO-TV | TV 12 |

Information can also be found on the Board's Website: www.wrdsb.on.ca
Announcements about school closures begin around 6:00 am.



Upcoming Dates

- ◆ November 18 - 22 - Bullying Awareness and prevention week.
- ◆ November 19th - School Council Meeting
- ◆ Tuesday December 17th - Performance of "December Nights, December Lights" 12pm-1pm
- ◆ Wednesday December 18th - Performance of "December Nights, December Lights" 10am-11am
- ◆ November 20th - We Day
- ◆ December 20th- PD Day (No school)
- ◆ Dec 21- Jan 3 - Christmas Vacation
- ◆ January 6th - Back to school!
- ◆ January 17th - PD Day (No school)

ATTENDANCE LINE: 519-570-8116 EXT. 3436#

Please call the attendance line each and every time your child will be late or absent. Notes to teachers are considerate, but mornings are busy and the information does not always get to the office. It is important that our safe arrival program is completed quickly each morning to ensure that all of our students are accounted for. Thank you for your cooperation in this process.





Early Years Drop-In Programs

Langs presents Early Years Drop-In programs for parents and caregivers of children 0-6 years of age. Learn more about topics such as child development, behaviour management, and nutrition. Children attend childcare to socialize with their peers. Langs is located at 1145 Concession Rd.

Call Suzanne to learn more or register:
519-653-1470 ext. 286
Mondays 9:30-11:00am
Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm

A Friendly Reminder....

Our hallways are very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. Especially in winter with extra clothing and boots to put on. Parents and older siblings picking up students are asked to wait in the school yard for students to meet them at the end of the day. An important part of our daily routine is for students to become independent as they dress themselves appropriately for the weather and ensure they have their planner and belongings in their back pack.



PRESTON PRESS

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Principal: Mr. Peter West

Phone: 519 653-0387

<http://pre.wrdsb.ca>

Principal's Message... Living in a culture of kindness, cooperation and initiative:

We are fortunate at Preston PS to have the opportunity to support our veterans as they parade past our school on their way from the Legion to the Cenotaph. This year we added to our show of support by waving flags that were donated by a Waterloo organization interested in promoting Canadian unity. It was a moving and heart-warming sight seeing our school being part of this significant event.

Our Remembrance Day week ended with an anti-bullying presentation for our junior students by an officer from the Waterloo Region Police. We will have another anti-bullying student assembly this week as we all work together to create school culture that promotes kindness, cooperation and initiative.

Our School Council supports our school in many ways and is a great way to enhance the communication between home and school. Please feel free to come out to share your ideas and enthusiasm. Check out the Parent Council corner for activity updates, including Candyland on December 7.

As we head into the winter season there are a few safety reminders that I need to re-iterate. Please make sure that your children use the crossing guard to cross the street. Students jay-walking on slippery streets is very risky. Please also ensure that there is no walking through the parking lot and that the parking lot is not used for student drop-off. We want to keep that busy area as safe as we can for students and their families.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ANAPHYLAXIS SAFETY

A new substitute peanut butter product is being marketed to consumers as a safe alternative for children to bring to schools in place of peanut butter. The Waterloo Region District School Board asks that parents refrain from including these kinds of products in your child's lunches or snacks.

These products tend to look, taste, and smell very much like peanut butter. While the product is nut free, it mimics a known allergen that causes anaphylaxis in some children to the degree that it is indistinguishable from the allergen. It is a convincing substitute, opening up the possibility that it can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut butter could be confused as this soy-based product.

The safety and health of our students is our first priority, which is why our schools have procedures in place to minimize risk of anaphylaxis reactions in our students. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in avoiding the use of these products to assist in our continued efforts to create a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment for all students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Well it looks like we are all back into some sort of a school routine by now and PPS School Council is no exception! We have two meetings under our belt and lots of new faces to welcome! PPS School Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the PPS Library at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend, you do not need to be a voting member or have a special invitation. Come by and check it out! For the 2013-2014 School Year we would like to introduce the voting members of our council:

Corey Kimpson (Co-Chair)
 Trish Wilbur
 Lee Ann Mitchell
 Trevor Marriott
 Karen Marriott
 Julie Koehler
 Leslie Greener
 Heidi Stelzner
 Marlene Boneham
 Sandy Welsh (Co-Chair)

Andrea MacDougall
 Jim Graham (Treasurer)
 Michelle Maracle
 Taylor Hall Milburn-Salytchev
 Kelly Kleinschmidt (Secretary)
 Jenni Guy
 Laurie Yeo-Schmidt
 Peter West (Principal)
 Wendy Johnston (Staff Representative)
 Heather Campbell

There are any opportunities to become more involved at PPS. Volunteers are welcome to assist with many programs such as Pizza and Milk, Bingo, Special Events, Strong Start, Home Reading to name just a few! If you are interested in sharing some time, be it an hour or more, please speak to one of the School Council Members listed above or to Tara Bauer or Peter West in the office.



One of our larger events is coming up shortly, Candyland in Central Park. Part of the Christmas in Cambridge celebrations, PPS is fortunate to once again be operating a table/stand at the event. This has been a very successful fundraiser in the past, and we certainly can't do it without help from the PPS Community. We are looking for donations of the following items:

- *Chocolate *Misc. Candies for kebobs *Pretzels of all sizes *Sprinkles *Popcorn
- *Paper Bags and small goodie bags *Licorice *Misc. candy and chocolate bars
- *Pool Noodles *Wrapping Paper *Cash Donations

If you have an idea for a craft or candy item to sell at this event, some time to help assemble items or some time on the day of the event (Saturday December 7, 2013) please speak to Sandy Welsh.

Bingo is also a major fundraiser for the school and we need trained volunteers to assist at the Bingo sessions. Training takes about 2 hours and is provided free of charge. Bingo sessions take place starting in January and run throughout the year. If you are a past bingo volunteer or are interested in helping out, please speak to Corey Kimpson. The upcoming dates and times for bingo training are as follows:

Here is the list of Upcoming Training Dates:

- Saturday November 23rd - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
- Monday November 25th - 9:30 am to 11:00 am
- Monday November 25th - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
- Saturday December 7th – 3:30 pm to 5:00pm
- Wednesday December 11th – 9:30 am – 11:00 am
- Wednesday December 11th – 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm



Terry Fox Run at Preston PS

By: Charlotte H. D2

Terry Fox lost his leg to cancer at 18 years old. It changed his life forever. He decided to run across Canada. The Marathon of Hope began April 12th, 1980. Terry began eating heavily to prepare for the run. Terry ran for 143 days, he ran a marathon a day every day. One day while running he had to stop.

The cancer had spread to his lungs. Terry died on September 1st, 1980.

Preston PS' Terry Fox run took place on September 27th this year. We all watched a movie together in the gym about Terry's life and his marathon of hope. Then we all went outside to run or walk around the block. The kindergarten students stayed at the school and walked around the field. Together we raised just over \$2000.00 for Terry's foundation. WOW! Way to go Preston

Pandas!!



Preston Public QDPA Day!

On QDPA Day, all the classes were up and running for the first part of our awesome day! We started off with the Terry Rox run. The students all got to run around the block, and one lucky student got to carry Terry's flag! Then the whole school enjoyed Eric Traplin's performance. He sang fun and catchy songs and included both primary and junior students to sing, dance, and play instruments along with Eric! Then we moved on to our activities such as dance, volleyball, martial arts, and yoga. All of the activities got the students up and moving, dancing and having lots of fun! The primary students also enjoyed Soccer and games with the parachute! Preston really enjoyed this busy, fun day!

By: Jordyn & Piper!

