



WTT PARENT COUNCIL DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

PARENT COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS HANDING OUT AVIVA CONTEST FLYERS

RECENT ACTIVITY

Greetings from the Parent Council!

A warm welcome to all of the parents, guardians and community members of our WT Townshend PS family! We hope that you enjoy our first Parent Council Newsletter!

Being a part of the Parent Council provides a chance to have a positive influence on your child's school experience and we are always looking for new members!

If you are not able to make our monthly meetings, (3rd Thursday of the Month) we also welcome volunteers for different opportunities during the school year!

Parent councils provide an opportunity and the means to advise the principal and the Board on any matter pertaining to improvement of student achievement and enhancing the accountability of the education system.

Your voice is important and can be heard at the school council! Your participation can make a difference!

WHAT DO WE DO?

The parent council serves as a liaison between parents and the school! Among other things we:

- Voice parent concerns to the principal
- Volunteer our time to attend meetings with the school and school board
- Work to make the school a safe environment for our students
- Host events that bring students and parents together
- Organize fundraising events so that we can fund different initiatives

WHAT HAVE WE FUNDED?

The money raised from fundraisers is used for initiatives that benefit WTT students.

Below are a few samples of these initiatives:

- Lowering the cost of planners
- Lowering the cost of school trips
- Investment in technology (Money has been put towards iPads, whiteboards etc.)
- Books and supplies for classrooms
- Natural Playground Initiative



Norcard Fundraiser

Thanks to our Parent Council volunteers for putting together the Norcard Magazines and delivering them to classes! The fundraiser was a success and raised over \$4700!

Meet Your Parent Council

Co-Chairs: Danielle Reynolds & Erin Labour

Secretary: Ellen Otterbein & Kristy Dryland

Fundraising Chair: Erin Cleasby

Teacher Rep: Karen Madsen

Principal: Barb Brown

Vice Principal: Reuben Lazar

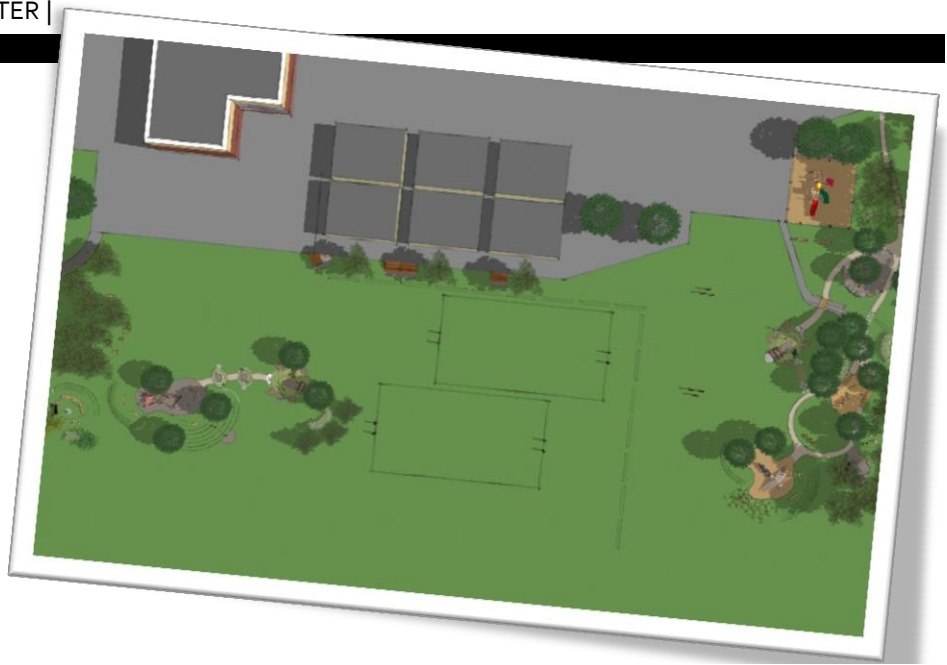
Natural Playground Initiative

Last year Parent Council voted to work towards funding the construction of a new Natural Playground for our school.

It was felt that our existing play space was limited in scope and we wanted to make the space more appealing and usable! The new Natural Playground at WTT will be site specific and will take into consideration existing play yard conditions.

The aim of the natural playground is to bring our children into contact with nature. It will provide a natural space that will expand children's imaginations, stimulate all five senses and focus on passive, imaginative and physical play!

Teachers will be able to integrate the Natural playground into their education plans by utilizing the natural classroom!



WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

- * Raised \$25,000
- * Funded playground plan
- * Set a proposed Construction start date for Late Spring 2015!



February Community Event!

The Parent Council is excited to announce that we are organizing the first annual WTT Family Fun Day! This event will be filled with fun activities including:

- Special Speakers
- Silent Auction
- Community Craft fair
- Fun Activities for all Ages!

More Info on our February event will be coming soon!

Want to DONATE to our Silent Auction or want more information on the Parent council?

EMAIL: wtt.chair@gmail.com

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Facebook.com/WTTparentcouncil

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction! All proceeds will go towards the construction of our Natural Playground! Are you a community business owner? Does your work donate to charity events? Please ask if they would be willing to donate!

We already have great donations like:

Rangers Tickets (Courtesy of Michael Harris, MPP)

Muskoka Weekend Cottage Rental (Courtesy of GoNorth Properties/Peerless Turfcare)

But we need more to make this event a success!