

WTT Office Update September 16, 2015

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 17 – School council - 6:30 p.m. in the Library

Sept 24 – WTT School Photo Day

Dates incorrect!

Parents and guardians, please note that although there are several dates published in the school planner, there was no “Meet the Teacher “ event on Sept. 10, and none planned until which time we can celebrate the opening of the Naturalized Playground later in the fall. You haven’t missed anything! Until then, you are always welcome to touch base with your child’s teacher by calling, or by the modes of communication she or he has provided for you. Email addresses and voice mail extensions for teachers are included in the staff list in the **About Us** section of the website.

In addition, the September 22nd day for school photos has been changed to Sept. 24th.

Check our website wtt.wrdsb.ca for calendar updates.

Student Drop-Off and Parking

We are so pleased that more and more families seem to be walking to school. This alleviates our parking situation and our previous concerns about bus and child safety in the ring road. There are still a few folks who try to come in the out driveway. This is absolutely not cool folks! It’s interesting that research reported on CBC Radio this week reveals that the most dangerous adult driving behaviour is in the morning on their way to work, and of course that coincides with when children are most exposed to this risk. Child safety has to be all of our biggest concern. Let’s pull, together, get our best patience going in the morning, come early, and take our turn in the parking line-up on the street.

Also, now that our littlest TRAILBLAZERS have made a smooth transition to school, a gentle reminder that parents must wave good bye to their children outside. I know you understand that adult entry must be controlled as part of our Safe Welcome Program. If you need to have a word with a teacher or with administration, please come in through the front door and inquire at the office. Thank-you!

New Health Curriculum and Faith and Religious Accommodations

If you have concerns regarding any of the topics being addressed within the Health & Physical Education curriculum, you are asked to contact Ms. Brown to ask any questions you may have. It is through these conversations between parents/guardians and the school that accommodations can

be made using Administrative Procedure 1230 - Faith and Religious Accommodation to address any issues that a family may have with a specific topic. There is no general parent meeting scheduled around this topic, but please be aware that topics of potential concern to some faith communities will not be taught until later in the school year. Looking ahead, please call Ms. Brown to make appropriate arrangements.

Student Accident Insurance

During the course of the school year, our students have many opportunities to engage in various learning activities. Physical education classes that involve movement with equipment carry a risk of injury. In addition, students participating in the interscholastic athletics program or field trips should be aware that there is a risk of injury when engaging in those activities. We encourage parents to consider coverage through the Staebler Accident Insurance website for online subscription at <https://www.staebler.com/student-accident-insurance>.

School Council Begins Tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30 in the Library

Please join us for another year of engagement, information and leadership in our community. For more information, please contact [wt.chair@gmail](mailto:wt.chair@gmail.com) and our co-chairs, Danielle and Erin, will be happy to give you more information.

From The Office

If you know that your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance check line at 519-570-8140 ext. 3439# and leave a message with your child's name, teacher's name and homeroom and the reason for the absence. You can leave a message 24 hours a day. If there is an emergency or time sensitive message that day, please call the main office.

In order for your child to be successful in school, make sure they have all items ready for school in the morning. This will include homework, lunches, running shoes and gym wear and items needed for their school day.

Please remember that school starts at 8:40, which means children should be here by 8:35 so that they are lined up and ready to enter the school at 8:40. School's dismissal time is 3:00 p.m. Thank you