



October 1, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Picture Day - Oct. 1st
- Orange Shirt Day - Oct. 2nd
- Co-ed Int. Soccer - Oct. 2nd
- Cross Country - Oct. 3rd
- 'I Matter' Assembly Oct. 4th - 1:30 p.m.
- PD Day - Oct. 5th
- Thanksgiving - Oct. 8th
- Grade 7 Immunization - Oct. 10th
- Grade 8 Day at Sir Winston - Oct. 14th
- JK/SK Fluoride Oct 22nd
- School Council mtg. - Oct. 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- Halloween Parade - Oct. 31st - 9:00 a.m.
- 'I Matter' Assembly - Nov. 2nd - 1:30 p.m.

October NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OFFICE



It's hard to believe that the first month of school has already come and gone. Our classes have settled in nicely and the students are hard at work in their new learning environments.

Thank-you to all the families that joined us at our open house last month. We appreciated the opportunity to meet everyone.

The month of October will provide us with many new challenges and the opportunity to expand our learning. Please remember that student success is a team effort driven by open communication and a committed effort by all.

Have a wonderful long weekend and an even better Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Students in Kindergarten to Gr. 5 are invited to dress up for our Halloween Parade on the morning of **Wednesday, October 31st**. We will parade through the school and around the school yard (weather permitting) and then back to homeroom classes. The parade will start following announcements. Our Gr. 6 to 8's will be hosting a Halloween dance in the gym during the last block.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

There will be no school on **Monday, October 8th**, as we celebrate Thanksgiving.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Individual pictures will be taken on **Monday, October 1st**.

'I MATTER' ASSEMBLY



We will be having our first 'I Matter' assembly on **Thursday, October 4th** at 1:30 p.m.

PIZZA

Pizza days will start this month with the first day happening on **Thursday October 4th**. Pizza days will happen on every Thursday of the month.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Please note that most purchases for items sold at the school will be done solely through "School Cash Online" (pizza, milk, etc.). Please see pg. 5 for information on how to sign up.

Contact us at:

Phone: 905-682-9284

E-mail: wes@dsbn.org



SEPTEMBER'S 'I MATTER' WINNERS

<u>As an Individual</u>		<u>As a Learner</u>		<u>As a Community Member</u>	
Xavi O.	Liam B.	Avary B.	Amira A.	Makaylah M.	Katelyn L.
Aidan D.	Georgia A.	Isaiah B.	Jaime C.	Joshua N.	Isabelle K.
Seth B.	Riley A.	Finn M.	Amira A.	Kaleb C.	Nick H.
Owen C.	Cloey J.	Shannon L.	Milo P.	Austin G.	Ali H.
Caeden M.	Landan W.	Abby J.	Jack M.	Steven C.	Madisyn R.
Nathan S.	Shaylene Y.	Nathan L.		Abigail C.	Harrison S.
Grace B.					



PARKING LOT SAFETY POLICIES:

- Give the right of way to pedestrians.
- Do not stop in the entry area to let passengers out; pull in and park in a designated parking place.
- Do not park in the fire lanes or designated bus zones.
- Do not leave the car unattended with engine running.
- If the parking lot is full, consider parking on Rykert St. or a side street.
- Be patient and courteous.



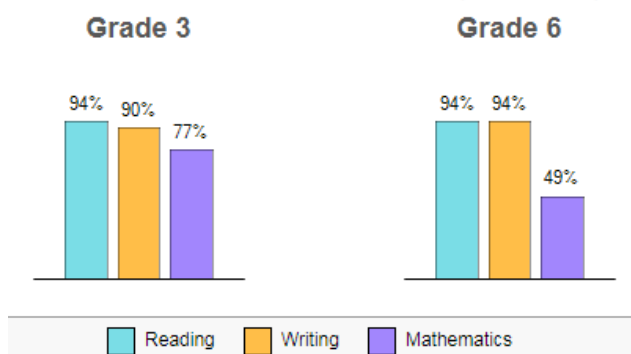
Westdale EQAO Results

The 2017/2018 EQAO tests results for grade 3 and grade 6 students have been release by the *Ministry of Education*. The assessment of the Reading, Writing, and Mathematics at the Grade 3 and Grade 6 level focus on the Ontario Curriculum expectations. These assessments provide both individual and system data on students' achievement. This data assists staff in establishing a School Improvement Plan with a narrowed focus to ensure student success.

The **Grade 3** results are as follows: Reading 94%, Writing 90%, and Mathematics 77%.

The **Grade 6** results are as follows: Reading 94%, Writing 94%, and Mathematics 49%.

Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)



When should I keep my child home?

Please keep your child at home if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Rash
- Frequent coughing or sneezing
- Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes

Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment if a communicable disease is diagnosed. For more information, please contact the Infectious Disease Program at 905-688-8248 ext. 7330 or 1-888-505-6074 or

www.niagararegion.ca



Sports Update

Cross Country

A team of 30 dedicated runners have been practicing 3 mornings a week since the third day of school to prepare to participate in two cross country meets. The first meet was held on September 26th and our second race will be held October 3rd. The students are all very excited about running and have shown dedication and perseverance, pushing themselves to go a little further each day. Way to go Wildcats!



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is up and running thanks to our dedicated staff and parent volunteers. The breakfast club runs every morning between 8:25 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office. The breakfast club at Westdale has been a success thanks to generations donations made from our community. If you are able to donate to the breakfast club please contact the office.



Pita Update

Our next pita day is Wednesday, October 31st. Pita orders can be placed online through School Cash Online. For those that are not signed up, there is also a paper order form that will go home. Please note that we are strongly encouraging all our parents to sign up for School Cash Online (see info on next page).

Outdoor Equipment Needed

During fitness breaks, we have students that choose to play different activities requiring sporting equipment (i.e. soccer balls, basketballs, etc). Using our Westdale's gym equipment for this is not an option, as we need to keep this equipment in tact. If you have an old soccer ball/basketball that you are no longer using, please consider donating it for students to use during outdoor break. Donated sporting equipment can be dropped off at the office.



DreamBox

We are pleased to announce that all students at Westdale have access to DreamBox. DreamBox uses an adaptive engine to determine learning pathways for each student in mathematics.

The DSBN recommends that each student complete an average of 5 to 7 lessons per week.

DreamBox helps with computational fluency, reasoning, and problem solving in math. DreamBox helps students continue to develop strategies to aid them with using mental math and the program is aligned with the Ontario Curriculum.



Kindergarten Playground Fundraising Updates

Plans are underway for a new Kindergarten playground structure. Currently school classrooms are taking turns fundraising each month to raise money for the playground.

In September, Mrs. Hildebrandt and Mrs. Kornelsen's class sold ice cream sandwiches at breaks and raised over \$400 for the new playground.

This month, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Canning, and Mrs. Koppejan will be selling mini bags of chips and mini chocolate bars.

We have been lucky enough to get a few donations; \$1500 from the McPherson family, a \$1000 donation from Walmart and \$500 from the Port Dalhousie Lions Club thanks to one of our dedicated lunch supervisor/volunteer, Mrs. Simons.

Be sure to also check out the lovely bulletin board in the display case that Mrs. Weekes put together.

Thank-you to the classes, teachers, students, and parents for your support in these monthly fundraisers.



Council Corner

Looking for a way to get involved at Westdale? Come on out to our next School Council meeting being held on Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. There will be lots of sweet treats and coffee!!!

At our last council meeting we discussed updates with the playground, upcoming fundraisers, Joy Day, Dance-a-thon, a possible Fun Fair and Westdale's new motto - "Find a Way and Never, Ever, Give Up". (Information about these dates will be coming out soon).

These meetings allow you to hear what's happening at school, have a voice in upcoming days/fundraisers, and the opportunity to connect with other parents in the community.

Stay connected with your child's school and come out to our next meeting! If you are one of our parents with Kindergarten / Primary students we would love to see you out. You are the future of Westdale and we need you!!





Grade 8 Open House Dates & Times 2018

Eden	November 29	6:30 pm
Governor Simcoe	November 26	6:00 pm
Laura Secord	November 28	6:00 pm
Sir Winston Churchill	November 26	6:00 pm
St Cath Collegiate	November 27	6:00 pm

School Cash Online

School Cash is an online portal that allows you to pay for any school service, product, or event all online. The system is active and we recommend that you can register by visiting our school website on the School Cash Online button.

Registration should take less than five minutes.

Register:

- Visit www.dsbn.org/schoolcash and select "Register Now"
- Complete the three registration steps
- **NOTE:** *You must create your profile using your name and not your children's*

Confirm Your Account:

- You will receive a confirmation email from School Cash Online
- Click on the link provided
- Sign in to your account using your email and password



Getting Updates with

"Remind"

We are asking our parents to join the "Westdale Families Remind" group.

Instructions:

- Using your cell phone, enter this number - 289-812-3838
- Text this message - @westdalef

The "Remind" app will keep you informed of upcoming events happening at Westdale.



Westdale's Twitter Page

You can also follow Westdale events on Twitter. Follow us at - @westdale_ps



Final Thought

"Find a way and never, ever, give up"

-Diana Nyad