

WORTLEY ROAD PS NEWSLETTER



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Principal's News

We have had a wonderful fall so far and we are looking forward to the months ahead! Please note that Student Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, November 4th

We have now completed all of our drills for the fall: three fire drills, one severe weather drill and one lockdown drill. During all our drills, our students performed well. They demonstrated a thorough awareness of what is required of them for each drill, and how important it is to listen and follow through on the instructions given.

We have had a busy September! Soccer, Terry Fox, Orange Shirt Day Assembly, Student Council, and the Old South Vendor and Artisan Fall Market. A huge thanks goes out to Allison Neufeld for organizing a very successful Fall Market, as over \$5,000.00 was raised for our Home & School! Volleyball practices have started and our cross country runners have been in training in the mornings around the playground. Representatives from the cross country team recently competed in Regionals and performed very well! The whole team will continue training runs. The first one was this morning, and the next one will be Tuesday morning after Thanksgiving weekend.

Both our Home and School and School Council have had their initial meetings and both are always eager to have more Wortley families join! This year, Sarah Mann and Alison Marquis are continuing as co-chairs of the Home and School, and Holly McLean is continuing as the secretary. For School Council, Sarah Green and Melissa Kaups are the new co-chairs, while Cheyney Steadman is continuing in the position of secretary. Our next Home and School meeting is next Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m. and the next School Council meeting is on Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. Both are in-person meetings in either the MakerSpace or the Learning Commons. Please join us if you can! We appreciate having new and old families join in on any of these meetings at any time throughout the year. You help make our community strong!



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Structure is so important for helping our students to be successful in school, and beyond. Scheduling a set bedtime routine for our young people so that they get at least 10 hours of sleep at night while ensuring they are off all screens at least an hour before bedtime is optimal. Screen time and use should be limited, as it revs up the nervous system and it is difficult to get a young person to disengage from the very immediate and very stimulating world on screen. Creating a dedicated homework/reading time and place for after school combined with a healthy “homework snack” (e.g. apple pieces, crackers and water/milk, etc.) is also very beneficial for reinforcing the importance of doing homework/reading/learning at home.

Also, it is strongly preferable students are not given cell phones in elementary school, as, aside from them not being allowed in school, our young students do not have the maturity to deal with the material and social media interactions available to them without adult guidance or supervision. Flip phones are a good option for families who want to have that connection outside of school hours. I have talked with members of the police force who feel very strongly that any child under the age of 18 given a cell phone should have app and site restrictions as well as time limits in place, and parents should know all passwords and monitor the phone regularly. Aside from keeping children safe, this also helps to prevent children from getting caught up in drama and using the cell phones inappropriately.

Please know that if you have any questions, thoughts or ideas you would like to share with me, you can reach me by calling the school at 519-452-8720, extension 38751, or by emailing me at: c.santa@tvdsb.ca.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful October!

-Mrs. Santa, Principal

Wortley Parent Council Update



Welcome back everyone! We hope your first few weeks of school went smoothly, and that all your students are excited to be back in the classroom.

Our first School Council meeting of the 2022-2023 school year occurred on September 20th. There was an option to attend online; however, all attendees opted to be present in person, which was a welcomed change from last year's virtual only approach. During this meeting, the council elected Sarah Green and Melissa Kaups to act as council co-chairs. A big thank you to Dave Schwartz who fearlessly led School Council the last few years. Cheyney Steadman was reelected as council secretary and will continue to keep us organized.

Did you know that children of parents/caregivers attending school council have 3% higher grades than average? This may be an over exaggeration; however, we would be chuffed if you would consider joining us. Our next meeting is on October 11th at 7pm. Not able to attend meetings but would like to give input? We have you covered! Please keep your eyes open for a survey coming soon regarding School Council priorities for this school year.

-Melissa Kaups & Sarah Green, Co-chairs

Grade 7/8 Reforest London

Students in grade 7 and 8 have been working with Reforest London to start off the school year. The school is taking part in a Reforest London program to help get students involved in planning, planting, caring for, and learning about trees. Mr. Jones' and Mrs. Karahalios' classes worked in groups to test the soil in various parts of the schoolyard to determine the types of soil the school has in order to decide which trees would work best for our school. After some group discussion, some mathematical calculations, some research, and class voting, the class decided on the locations and types of trees to plant and they are awaiting final approval. We will keep you posted.

C. Rimbault



Discovery Western Visits Junior Classes

Earlier this month, the Junior Division welcomed "Discovery Western" university students to our school where they delivered a STEM workshop to Mrs. Drew's, Mrs. Drake's, Ms. Lee's and Mrs. Bentley's classes. We learned about all of the different types of Engineering, and what it would take to study these disciplines at the post-secondary level. We also had the opportunity to learn about Micro:bits, and had some time to practice using the coding program to help create virtual dice. We all agreed that we would like some more time to learn how to use Micro:bits more independently and are looking forward to future opportunities using different STEM resources.

*Ms. Bentley, Junior Accelerate Class,
on behalf of the Junior Division*



Music Notes

It is so wonderful to be back to school! The music room has been a great place for our classes to come together and do some singing and creating. We have Mr. Duncan, a teacher candidate with us until the middle of October and our students are enjoying his lessons. Our primary and junior students have been looking at basic rhythms and creating and understanding the rhythmic elements, and how we can put them together and create harmonies with our boom whackers. Our intermediate students are well into our theory unit and are looking forward to achieving that understanding so we can move forward and start learning how to play our wind instruments next month!

-Ms. Wood, Music Teacher



Update on the Terry Fox Run on September 23

Congratulations to all Wortley Road students for an amazing Terry Fox Run on September 23! As a school, the staff and students ran a total of 1081 km during the 1 hour Terry Fox Run. The students showed motivation and positivity throughout the entire event... it was so nice to see the entire student body come together and work towards a common goal! Thank you very much to the Wortley Road community for their support and donations to the Terry Fox Foundation and Cancer Research. Way to go Wortley Roadrunners!

Mrs. Howard, FSL and Phys. Ed. Support Teacher, Organizer of the Terry Fox Run

Grades 4-8 Vote for Wortley Student Council Executive

Earlier in September, students in grades 4-8 were invited to the gym to learn about ways they could make a difference in our school community. Several enthusiastic students in grades 6-8 jumped at the opportunity to run for the positions of Prime Minister, Spirit Leader, and Media Manager.

The school was abuzz with excitement, as these candidates filled the hallways with posters during last week's campaign. Election Day was a huge success for the brave candidates, who delivered gripping speeches to an attentive audience. It was amazing to see so many engaged and excited students casting their votes on Monday. Results will be announced on Friday!

We are all looking forward to an amazing year filled with student voices and ideas coming to life with Student Council!

- Ms. Scott, grade 2 teacher, Wortley Student Council Coordinator

Students, family and community members from the Muslim community are invited to talk about your experiences in TVDSB.

Wednesday,
Oct.19, 2022

5:30 p.m.
to 7:00 p.m.

FREE
Halal meal
provided

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ON OCTOBER 19!**

