

# WORTLEY ROAD PS NEWSLETTER

November 2022

Memo From the Principal

Happy November to all our families and Happy Diwali to our families who celebrated Diwali on October 24th! We have had a great October and we are looking forward to the coming months ahead. The weather has been wonderful lately but soon it will start to cool off, and we appreciate you sending your children to school dressed and prepared for the weather. When the snow arrives, please remember to send along snowpants, winter boots, warm hats, and extra mittens and socks.

None of us know yet what tomorrow will look like, so it is important to watch the news for the most recent updates regarding our school day. We are hoping for a positive resolution.

**On November 11<sup>th</sup> the *Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations*, and *Progress Reports for grades 1-8, will be sent home.*** The Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations provides an account of observations and early evidence of growth in learning in kindergarten students that has occurred in September and October. Grade 1 to 8 Progress Reports communicate your child's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall and notes their general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subject areas. If at any other point throughout the year you have something you wish to discuss or share with your child's teacher or myself, please do not hesitate to contact the school. The date for Parent Teacher Interviews is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>.

We are always happy to have new families join us at either our School Council or Home and School meetings. These meetings are in person and only an hour in length. There is a link provided in this newsletter for those of you interested in connecting virtually for our next School Council meeting. **Home and School's next meeting is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and our next School Council meeting will also be on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like more information, or you would like either link sent to you.

It is so great to have **sports teams** playing and competing again this year! We had a soccer team participate in a regional soccer tourney, our cross-country team who had members that

competed in the city finals, and presently our boys' volleyball team and girls' volleyball team are enjoying competing with other schools. Many thanks to coaches Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Wood (soccer), Mrs. Karahalios and Mr. Jones (boys' volleyball), Ms. Drake and Ms. Ball (girls' volleyball) and Mrs. Rimbault and Mr. Jones (cross country) for coaching our teams!

Our school has amazing **Student Council!** Thank you to Mrs. Scott for her work behind the scenes to provide our students with an opportunity get nominated, prepare speeches and participate in elections for a prime minister, deputy prime minister, media manager and spirit leader positions. This team has been working hard to make a positive contribution to student life and I am very impressed with their work to date! Please read further in this newsletter for an update from our Student Council.

One of our wonderful students, Larson L, has spearheaded **the collection of 519 white socks in support of the 519 initiative** to provide socks for the homeless in our community. Thank you to the generosity of our families for sending in all the bundles of white socks so far; please keep them coming in! We will be collecting these socks up until November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, Ms. Wood has been working with our students in preparation for **Remembrance Day** on November 11<sup>th</sup>. All our families are invited to attend this ceremony which will be held in our gym at 10:30 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

I hope everyone has a wonderful November!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Santa, Principal

## Wortley School Council Update

Hello, Wortley School Community –Happy November!

We hope this note finds you enjoying the change of the season as you settle into the new school year.

School Council has enjoyed two lively meetings thus far, and we are thrilled to see some new faces. We would like to express our gratitude for your responses to the School Council Survey. It's incredibly helpful to hear from you. We are all very much on the same page in wanting to ensure safety and inclusivity in our school community. If you haven't yet done so, please take a few moments to submit your thoughts in the survey link included in this email.

The School Council crew will be digging deep into your responses over the next few meetings. Stay tuned for our action items for the year.

We're happy to continue with our hybrid meeting model to accommodate everyone who is interested in joining us. Please feel free to join us in-person at the school or via Zoom. Zoom link details in this email.

The next two meetings will run from 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 08

Tuesday, December 06

We'll be in touch again shortly with a full schedule of meetings for the rest of the school year.

As always, please don't hesitate to be in touch should you wish to connect and/or chat anything through – we would love to hear from you!

Wishing you all a wonderful fall,  
Melissa Kaups & Sarah Green, co-chairs

## Home & School Update

Our Wortley Home and School would like to thank everyone who came out to support our "Meet the Family" BBQ back in October. A big thank you as well to all those who donated to our bake table. It was very popular! It was wonderful to see everyone, and the BBQ was a great success for our school!

Our Hot Lunch Fundraiser is a hit! We've received some great feedback so far and look forward to running the program throughout the rest of the school year. Hot lunches are every second Friday with our next delivery date scheduled for Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please note orders are due by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

We're also excited to announce that the White Elephant Sale will be returning to Wortley in December! Please stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

**Our next meeting will be at the school on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.** All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you then.

Your Co-chairs,  
Sarah Mann & Allison Marquis

## Student Council Report

October is over and now it's November. Myself and Ella, the Deputy Prime Minister of Student Council, want to talk about everything our Student Council has done to date. To start off, our Student Council has been working very hard to include the whole school and get them on board with us. Ella and I have attended Home and School and School Council meetings to get more involved. We have also gotten student reps from grades 4 and up so that we can involve younger students and get them ready for future years. Ella and I do morning announcements regularly and we ran the Recognition Assembly last Friday. Though it was nerve-racking it allowed us to work on our leadership qualities. Right after Student Council elections, we wanted to organize a Halloween dance. The whole school participated in the dance in scheduled time blocks throughout the day and it was a success! Thank you to all who donated treats that we sold at the dance. The money will go to supporting School Council initiatives. As a Student Council, we want to nurture leadership qualities in students and prioritize students' voices. Ella and I both agree that we now feel more comfortable speaking in front of large crowds because being part of our Student Council gave us the opportunity to do so. We look forward to our future initiatives. Thank you for reading.

- Naill L., Pime Minister, and Ella S., Deputy Prime Minister

## News from the Library Learning Commons

The Library Learning Commons and MakerSpace continue to be busy with class book exchanges, STEM activities, and even dance classes.

Our school received many amazing books and STEM products from the Scholastic Book Fair which occurred last April. Our next book fair will be happening next April!

We are excited to announce that **Duffle Bag Theatre will be coming to Wortley on Friday, December 9**. The whole school will have the opportunity to watch the performance of The Christmas Carol. Thank you so much to our Home & School for funding this event and providing this fun opportunity for all our students!

-Mrs. C. Rimbault, Teacher-Librarian

## Cross Country Update

The Cross Country team had a very successful season. Team members consistently came to early morning practices where they improved their endurance and speed. After regionals, we had 7 students heading off to the City Finals. With so many great runs on a very cold and wet day, Wortley was awarded a team silver medal in Boys Novice (Dekker F., James M., Chase B., and Alastair M.) and Dekker F. won a silver medal for the Boys Novice division. Way to go Wortley Roadrunners!



## Music Notes

The music department is bursting at the seams! It definitely is a busy season! Students are currently getting ready for our Remembrance Day service which will take place in the gym on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Parents, guardians, family, friends, and community members are all welcome.

The primary choir, which includes students in Grades 1 to 4 are practicing for not only the Remembrance Day service, but the upcoming Holiday musical titled: "Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas!" Together with our Grade 8's, we will be putting on 2 performances on Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m.

The junior and intermediate students (Grades 4-8) are also preparing for their Holiday concert: "A Season To Celebrate" on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 and 6:30pm. Some of our students may even be making an appearance at Christmas in the Village on December 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as on the ice at a London Knights Hockey Game on December 6<sup>th</sup>!

More information will be coming home soon!

-Ms. Wood

## Update on Co-Ed Soccer

Wortley Road Public School's Co-Ed Soccer Team had a fabulous day playing against other schools during our regional soccer tournament on September 28 at BMO Centre. The team demonstrated amazing team spirit and fantastic team play during their 4 games. The team won 2 games, tied 1 game and lost 1 game during the tournament. We are very proud of how hard each and every one of the team members worked while competing on the field. We are equally proud of how the players represented Wortley while they were on the sidelines cheering their teammates on! Way to go, Wortley!

-Kristi Howard, Soccer Team Coach