



Walden Public School

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Family Math Night

Families (parents and children) are invited to attend the Family Math Night at the school on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 from 5:30–7:00 p.m. Families will practise their orienteering skills by navigating through a series of game-based islands in the gymnasium. X marks the spot—the treasure spot that is! Collect gems while playing each game and exchange the stones at the end of the evening for some math goodies to play with the mateys at home! In keeping with the pirate theme, please feel free to dress in your best pirate paraphernalia! Each participating pirate will have the opportunity to enter his/her name in one of several draws for math door prizes. Pizza and refreshments will be served from 5:30–6:00.



Conservation Fair



Walden Public School will be hosting a Conservation Fair. In keeping with our commitment to respect this planet, students in grades five and six will be creating projects that focus on our environment. Parents and judges can view what the creative minds of Walden Public School students have investigated or invented on April 21, 2011 in the gym.

Spring Portraits

The photographer will be at Walden Public School on April 7 and the morning of April 8, 2011. Students in the English program will have their pictures taken on April 7 and students in the French Immersion program on April 8. If you wish to purchase these portraits, proofs will be sent home shortly after Picture Day and you can select from a variety of packages. Lifetouch provides the school with \$1 for every student who has their picture taken, whether or not the pictures are purchased. Sibling photography is available—just complete the flyer which was sent home.



Spring Weather

The snow is melting in our schoolyard and with the Spring thaw comes water and mud! If your child does not have “slush pants” it would be advisable to send extra pants and socks since the students will get dirty no matter how many times we tell them to stay out of the puddles and mud. Keep sending those mitts and hats though as the weather can still be very cold.



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Junior Co-ed Basketball

Walden Public School's co-ed basketball teams are off to a great start! They competed in the Cougar Classic Tournament at Northeastern Elementary just before the March break. Our yellow team narrowly missed a spot in the consolation finals and our green team played off for the bronze medal. They were defeated by 1 basket in the final seconds of the game. Our Walden players showed spirit and enthusiasm throughout this tournament and represented Walden PS well. Walden Heat burned up the court at the Princess Anne Co-ed Tournament this past weekend. Both teams displayed perseverance, teamwork and good sportsmanship. The Green Team placed first bringing home the gold in their division while the Yellow Team placed third in their division. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our players. Well done!



Franco-Synchro Competition



Congratulations to Mme Groom's Grade 3 class, Ms. McAfee's Grade 6 class who won the French Immersion Franco-Synchro competition, and to Mrs. McLaughlin's Grade 4 class and Mrs. Hansen's Grade 5 class who won the Core French Franco-Synchro completion at the school level. These students will participate in the Rainbow Board competition on April 8. Good luck to our rock stars!

School Council News

Now with March Break behind us, the School Council is now planning the first steps to our Schoolyard Development. Our first project will be developing the outdoor classroom for our Kindergarten classes. If you get a chance to look at the Schoolyard map in the foyer of the school, we will be working on planting and construction of area # 8 which will be an outdoor classroom for our JK/SK classes. We will start by planting 8 mature trees on the South side of this area for shade. We are hoping to complete this mid-May and we will be looking for parent assistance with the project. We have also been given 515 saplings (one for each child) that will be monitored for years to come as trees planted during the first year of the new Schoolyard.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the School Council, please don't hesitate to contact me. The School Council meets monthly and if you would like to hear about our plans for this Spring and next Fall, I welcome you to attend our meetings. Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Lockerby Composite School. Council members will attend the School Council Appreciation Night at the same location from 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Bill Clarke

Grade 6 IPRC Meetings

A reminder that Grade 6 IPRC Meetings will be held on April 5th in the Elementary Resource Room at Lively High.

Canadian Children's Writer to visit Walden Public School



Sylvia McNicoll, a Canadian children's writer, will be visiting and presenting writer's workshops to our primary and junior students on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. In addition to writing, Sylvia works as a Feature Editor for Today's Parent magazine in Toronto. Mrs. McNicoll has written many books. She won the Silver Birch Award for "Bringing Up Beauty". The only thing Mrs. McNicoll thinks is as much fun as writing and reading is telling stories about her books to young people. Students will have the opportunity to purchase Mrs. McNicoll's books. The cost of her books range from \$5.00 to \$13.00.

Everyone at Walden Public School looks forward to Sylvia McNicoll's visit to our beautiful Green School!

Walden Family Cook Books

We are looking for volunteers to help sell Walden Cookbooks at Battistelli's April 28th and May 5th from 5:00–8:00 p.m. This is an important fundraiser for our school yard and we could use your help. If you have an hour to spare, please contact the School Council Secretary, Janet Jewitt at babyjewitt@yahoo.ca. Cookbooks are \$10.00 each and would make an excellent Easter or Mother's Day gift!



Junior/Senior Kindergarten

We are still accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for September 2011. We encourage families to register early so that the school can secure staffing this Spring, which causes less disruption to classes in the Fall. To be eligible for Junior Kindergarten, a child must be 4 years old by December 31st, 2011. For Senior Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2011. If you would like to register your child, please come to school with your child's proof of age, health card and immunization record.



Newsletter Draw Winner

Congratulations to Liam C, the winner of the March newsletter draw! Don't forget to return your slip for your chance to enter the draw. Your feedback on our efforts at the school is always appreciated.

NEWSLETTER DRAW

I/We have received this month's newsletter.

Please enter

(Child/ren's Name)

in the newsletter draw.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Comments/Feedback about the newsletter or school in general:

COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 16, 2011 - 9 am to 3 pm

**Carl A. Nesbitt
Public School
1241 Roy Street**

**Lockerby
Composite School
1391 Ramsey View Court**

**Lively District
Secondary School
265 Fifth Avenue**

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(routers, wireless, switches, wireless cards)
- Cell phones, digital cameras, Bluetooth devices, chargers
- Media players (iPod, MP3, CD)
- Video game systems and controllers
- CDs, DVDs, cassettes discs
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APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Princess Anne Jr. Co-ed Basketball at Lockerby Composite	2 Princess Anne Jr. Co-ed Basketball at Lockerby Composite
3	4 JK-SK Sudbury Theatre Centre Velveteen Rabbit	5 Grade 6 IPRC's Room 205 LDSS Grades 1-2-Velveteen Rabbit-STC Family Math Night 5:30—7:00	6	7 Spring Portraits 	8 Spring Portraits a.m. RDSB Franco-Synchro	9
10	11	12 Author Visit Sylvia McNicoll School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.—Lockerby Library	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21  Conservation Fair Grades 5 and 6	22 Good Friday No School 	23
24 Happy Easter 	25 Easter Monday No School	26	27 Gr 3/4—6 Science North 	28	29	30