



# Walden Public School

Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow  
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## Junior/Senior Kindergarten Registration

We are still accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for September 2012. We encourage families to register early for Junior and Senior Kindergarten so that the school can secure staffing this Spring, which causes less disruption to classes in the Fall. *Please note that if your child is already attending in Junior Kindergarten it is not necessary to re-register for Senior Kindergarten.* To be eligible for Junior Kindergarten, a child must be 4 years old by December 31, 2012. For Senior Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2012. If you would like to register your child, please come to the school with your child's proof of age, health card and proof of immunization. If you know of any families in the community who have children eligible for kindergarten, please let them know we are now accepting registrations.



## Roots of Empathy

Mrs. Adams grade 4 class would like to welcome baby Samantha and her family to their class. Samantha and her Mom have been helping the class with social and emotional learning. In other words, baby Samantha is our "teacher" and is helping us to learn about emotions. We have learned that Samantha can use her body language, facial expressions, cries and emotions to communicate with us. So far we have played games and read stories with Samantha. We have also discovered that she really likes it when we sing to her!

We eagerly await her visits because she teaches us something new each time.

Thank you for sharing with us and we look forward to the rest of the year!

Nancy Ansamaa-Friesen

Roots of Empathy

Ontario Mentor

Sudbury-Manitoulin

## Walden Figure Skating Club Ice Show



Walden Figure Skating Club is preparing for their Ice Show "Winter Escape". The show is featuring national champions Meagan Duhamel and her partner Eric Radford along with our local club skaters and Walden Public School students. We invite all of Walden Public School to come out and escape the cold on Sunday, February 26, 2012 from 1-3pm at the T.M. Davies Arena in Walden. Tickets are \$5.00 for children and seniors and \$10.00 for adults in advance. Come out and support our local skaters. Tickets are available at the school office.

## Junior Volleyball

What a month of volleyball! All of the players have been busy showcasing Walden Public School's talents in many tournaments. We began our season with tournaments in Chelmsford for the girls', boys', and co-ed teams. The girls' and boys' team both came third after losing in the semi-finals to the teams who eventually won the tournament. The co-ed team breezed through the round robin but then faltered in the quarter finals. All of the teams played very well and truly showed the determination and sportsmanlike conduct representative of our school.

We entered two co-ed teams in the Princess Anne tournament and they came back with silver and bronze medals. The players returned to school and practised that much harder since they now knew what they were up against in the Rainbow Board.

We rounded out the month in Garson at the Northeastern tournaments. Both the girls' and boys' teams came back with their first golds this season! It was wonderful to see the athletes now beat some teams that had beat us earlier in the season! Wow!

We will finish our season in early February with the Lively tournament and, lastly, the Rainbow Board finals! Good luck to all players! Show everyone why Walden HEAT can't be BEAT!

## Pizza, Hot Pasta and Milk Orders

The new pizza order starts on February 7th so please remember to send a lunch with your child if you did not order pizza for the second part of the year. The new milk order starts on February 6th. The hot pasta lunch begins on February 9th. Wraps are over this week and we will not be re-ordering for the second half of the year.

## Lively District Secondary School Open House

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to mark their calendars and plan to attend an Information Night at Lively District Secondary School. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.

**Lively District Secondary School**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 6:30 pm**

Principal: Leslie Mantle

265 Fifth Avenue, Lively

Phone: 705-692-3671

## Family Literacy Day

A big thank you to Ms. Isard and Mrs. Mulligan for organizing great literacy activities for the students on Friday January 27. Staff and students dressed as their favourite book characters and participated in a group writing exercise. At the end of the day, the stories that were created by the classes were shared and posted in the foyer. We plan to type them up and create a book of the stories that were created that day.

## Family Fun Night

The Walden gym will be filled with music and dancing Thursday, February 16th. The evening will start with pizza from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in designated classrooms and then the gym will opened up shortly after 6 p.m. for the dancing to start. DJ Bill McElrea from Absolute Entertainment will lead our families in fun dancing activities that everyone is sure to enjoy. Please watch for the pizza order form that will be sent home shortly to confirm the amount of pizza needed that night. Thank you to School Council for hosting this event and accessing Ministry funds to help with the cost of the pizza. See you there!

## Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will go home Wednesday, February 22nd. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, you should contact the school for an appointment or to arrange a time to discuss progress over the telephone if you are unable to attend in person. For parents of students identified with an exceptionality, it's important to review your child's Individual Education Plan and contact the school if you would like to make changes.

### ASK YOUR CHILD...

- What is something you did well this term?
- What was difficult this term?
- How can you improve your work and/or your effort?
- How can I or your teacher help you?

### ASK YOURSELF...

- What have I noticed about my child's work and effort this term?
- What do I see as my child's strengths?
- Where do I see my child having difficulty?
- How can I help my child at home to do better at school?

It is also a good idea to talk to your child about his/her progress at school. Ask your child what he/she expects the report card will say. Once you have the report card, this will give you good insight about your child's perception of his/her progress at school, once compared to actual achievement.

Discuss with your child their achievement, goals, and plans for next term before completing pages three and four of the report card. Help your child understand the important message that **...if you plan to learn, you must learn to plan!**





# FEBRUARY 2012

## Walden Public School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Primary (1–3) Speeches 9:10 a.m. Junior (4–6) Speeches 11:40 a.m.	<b>2</b> Last Milk Day First Half of School Year Volleyball Tournament LDSS	<b>3</b> <b>PA Day</b> <b>No School</b> <b>For Students</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> RDSB Boys' Volleyball Tournament Chelmsford	<b>8</b> RDSB Girls' Volleyball Tournament Chelmsford	<b>9</b> RDSB Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament Chelmsford	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Lockerby Legion 1:00 p.m.
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Skating—Mrs. McLaughlin Gr. 4 11:00—1:30 each day	<b>14</b> <i>St. Valentine</i> 	<b>15</b>  X-Country Skiing Naughton Trails Gr. 4 Mrs. McLaughlin LDSS Open House 6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> <b>Family Fun Night</b> <b>Free Pizza</b> <b>Dance</b> Skating—Mrs. McLaughlin Gr. 4 11:00—1:30 each day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
		POLAR BEAR WEEK—GRADE 6		MR. HUBERT		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Family</b> <b>Day</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Report Cards Go Home Carnaval	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
		POLAR BEAR WEEK—GRADE 6—MS. McAFEE, MRS. LACKO/MRS. RAYMOND				
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>			