



# Walden Public School

*Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow  
Agir pour l'avenir*

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# Happy New Year

## Kids Care Campaign 2011

A special thanks to all families who participated in our Kids Care Campaign 2011.

Through your support, and warm hearts, we collected many non-perishable food items for Kids Helping Kids Campaign; we collected mittens to help keep hands warm; and we fed hungry mouths through the Sudbury Food Bank's Gift Card Program.

## Students in Grades 6 to 8 and parents/guardians

## invited to French Immersion Transition Evening on January 18th

French Immersion students in Grades 6 to 8 and their parents/guardians are invited to an interactive information session about French Immersion in Rainbow Secondary Schools and the benefits of continued studies in a second language. Everyone in Greater Sudbury is welcome, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.

Rainbow District School Board will present the French Immersion Transition Evening on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Laurentian University West Residence Building, 935 Ramsey Lake Road. Parking on site is free.

## Grease at Lively D.S.S.

The junior students (Gr. 4-6) are looking forward to venturing to Lively D.S.S. on January 10th to enjoy the performance of *Grease* put on by students in their intermediate division. We will see many past students showcasing their vocal and dramatic skills!

## Junior Kindergarten Information Night



Our Junior Kindergarten Information Night will take place, Thursday, January 26, 2012 from 5:30–6:30 p.m. 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, 2012. For Senior Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2012. The evening will also include information about French Immersion programming and Core French since, regardless of which program they follow, all students are exposed to French as a Second Language. 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 about our Junior Kindergarten Information Night.

## Field Trips and Permission Forms

Thank you for filling in the permission forms and returning them promptly to school when students leave the school for sporting and cultural events or other trips that enhance the students' understanding of the curriculum. Unfortunately, it is not feasible for students to call home just prior to leaving because they have forgotten their permission form. It is also a good lesson in responsibility—rarely does a student forget twice! We do require the Rainbow District School Board-approved form for insurance purposes, so notes from parents/guardians are not acceptable. Since these forms do accompany the students on the trip, please include the health card number. Thank you for taking the time to fill in all of the required information.



## QSP Magazine Orders

Just a reminder that you can order magazines from QSP at any time of the year online at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca). Simply go to the website and enter code # 32955 and the school will receive a percentage of the profits. It's a simple way to help support school activities throughout the year.

## Theme Basket Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Theme Baskets. They are as follows: Chocolate & Spa—Brett Gallant, Chocolate—Elijah Tait, Christmas—Valerie Letford, Kitchen—Kristin Hanhimaki, Movie Night—Rebecca Moxam, Older Boy—Caleb Fogal, Older Girl—Elsie Moxam, Sports—Jim Barrett, Coffee & Tea—Lynn Fauteux, Wine—Vivian Golden, Young Boy #1—Susan Wood, Young Boy #2—Isaac Duval, and Young Girl—Emily Del Nin. Thank you to everyone who contributed items for these baskets and to everyone who purchased tickets. We made an amazing \$3206.00 which will go towards schoolyard improvements.

## 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 @ 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 will be available at the school office later this month.

## Junior Volleyball

January will be a very busy month for the volleyball teams! We have three teams playing in girls', boys', and co-ed tournaments over the next two weeks. There will be two co-ed teams representing our school this coming weekend at Princess Anne. On January 24th and 25th, we will be heading to Northeastern Elementary School in Garson. These three tournaments will prepare our athletes for the Lively D.S.S. tournament in early February. We will round out our season with the Rainbow Board tournaments after that. Good luck to all players! Show everyone Walden Public School's spirit, determination, and sportsmanship!

## School Council Meeting

Our next meeting will take place Monday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Legion Speeches

While students are assessed for their report card throughout the year on their oral presentation skills, every January we offer students the opportunity to prepare for the Legion Public Speaking Competition. All students in Grades 1–6 will share their speeches in their classrooms; however, only those students who are interested in competing in the Legion competition will be among those selected for the in-school competition. The Legion will be holding their competition at the Lockerby Legion Saturday, **February 11th at 1 p.m.** As in the past, two students from each division will be selected from our school to attend this competition. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talents! Our students will be competing at the school level on **Wednesday, February 1st**, starting with the Primary students (1-3) at 9:10 and the Junior students (4-6) at 11:40. Please come out and hear what great talent we have at Walden Public School! Further information will be sent home shortly by your child's teacher.



## Inclement Weather

Students are reminded to dress according to the weather and to assume they will be outdoors at recesses, unless the temperature becomes unreasonable. Boots and snow pants are required to access the hills and the field. All other students will need to stay on the paved areas.



If the weather is stormy prior to the start of the school day, please listen to the radio. Every attempt will be made to announce class cancellations on the various radio stations by 7:00 a.m. This information will also be found at [www.sssc.ca](http://www.sssc.ca) (the Sudbury Student Services Consortium website). If classes are cancelled please do not bring your child to school. ***If the schools are open but buses are cancelled and you drop your child off, please remember that you must pick up your child at the end of the day.***

## Family Literacy Day

Friday, January 27th is Family Literacy Day. To celebrate, we are encouraging the students to dress as their favourite character from a book that day. Also, we invite parents or other family members to join their child in their classroom during the second nutrition break (1 - 1:40) to snuggle up and read together. For more ideas on how to celebrate at home with your child, please visit [www.abclifeliteracy.ca](http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca)

## Christmas Concert DVD

We have several copies of the DVD for the Kindergarten/Primary Concert for sale at the office—\$20.00 each.



# JANUARY 2012

## Walden Public School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<b>Happy New Year</b>					
8	9	10  Girls' Volleyball Tournament Chelmsford Grades 4-6—Grease LDDS Frog Find Workshop Grades 1-3	11	12  Boys' Volleyball Tournament Chelmsford	13  Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament—Princes Anne	14 
15	16 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome	17  Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament Chelmsford	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Kindergarten Information and Registration Night 5:30—6:30 p.m.	27 Family Literacy Day 	28
29	30	31 Last Pizza Day First Half of School Year				

# **French Immersion**

**in Rainbow Secondary Schools.**

**A pathway to new opportunities.**

## **Learn more**

**French Immersion Transition Evening**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

**6 pm to 7:30 pm | Laurentian University**

**West Residence Building | 935 Ramsey Lake Road**

**Free parking on site**

**All parents/guardians and  
students in Grades 6 to 8 welcome!**

**course options | diploma requirements | career opportunities | available resources | experience French culture**