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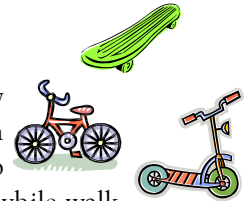
Battle Of The Books

On May 4th Walden Public School will be hosting our Battle of the Books Tournament. There will be 7 teams representing 5 schools. (5 to 8 students per team). The tournament will be held in the gym from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Walden Team members include: Emma McD., Emily A., Bastiaan H., Karly K., Samantha B., Becca H., Sydnie S., Cassie W., Taylin L., and Breanna F.



Bicycles, Scooters and Skateboards

The use of bicycles, scooters and skateboards on school property is not allowed for safety reasons. If students use any of these items to get to school, they should walk or carry them onto school property. Bikes are to be left at the bike racks and scooters or skateboards are to be stored in the student's locker. Students must cross the street with the Crossing Guard while walking their bikes, scooters or skateboards. We cannot be responsible for the security of these items. If you have a concern, please discourage your child from taking his/her bike to school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Visitors to the School

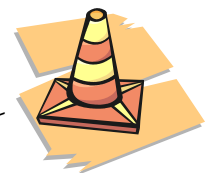
At Walden Public School, we are striving to preserve instructional time and keep our school safe and orderly.

To ensure the safety of our students, everyone, including parents who visit the school, must sign in at the office. Visitor tags are also required. If you are a parent/guardian who is picking up a child for any reason, bringing required materials to your child, attending a meeting or volunteering in a classroom, you **MUST** check in at the office. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom. Students who are being picked up early or who normally take the bus but are being picked up must be signed out by a parent/guardian.

Office personnel will contact the appropriate people for you. Your co-operation in this area will assist us in providing uninterrupted classroom routines and will help us to secure our school and ensure everyone's safety. Parents or guardians who would like to visit classrooms for any reason are asked to make arrangements with the classroom teacher prior to the visit.

Pylons—Medicine Wheel and Sun Dial

The pylons must remain in place until the Medicine Wheel and the Sun Dial have been resurfaced. Please remind your children not to walk across these surfaces or remove the pylons.



Newsletter Draw Winner

Congratulations to Ada M., the winner of April's 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.

Education Week in Ontario

May 2–6 is Education Week in Ontario! We hope that you are able to join us for the variety of activities planned this week.

On Monday, we will celebrate “Music Monday” with musical performances in the gym starting at 11:45 a.m.

On Tuesday, we are hosting a “Welcome to Kindergarten” event. Please call to register!

On Wednesday, we are hosting a Battle of the Books competition from 9:30–11:30 a.m.

On Thursday, all students will take part in Jump Rope for Heart activities during their gym class.

Walden Public School teams with Maximum Pro Wrestling for Fundraiser

This family-friendly wrestling event will take place at the McLelland Arena in Copper Cliff on Sunday, May 29th—bell time is at 3:00 p.m. The show features Mrs. Bartolucci’s husband (also known as El Tornado). Tickets are \$15.00 for floor seats and \$10.00 for the stands and are available for purchase at Walden Public School. Order forms for the tickets will be sent home shortly. 100% of the proceeds from the tickets sold at our school will stay at the school. Please make your purchases before May 26th to ensure delivery of tickets.



Track and Field

Our school level competition will take place on Tuesday, May 17th. In the event of cancellation due to weather, our “rain date” will be Wednesday, May 18th. We are holding the competition on the Lively High School grounds. If you are able to volunteer your time assisting with events, please contact the school. Thank you!



What to Wear?

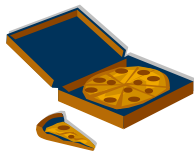
The hot weather will hopefully be here soon, so it is time to review what is appropriate dress for school.

- Shorts of an acceptable length are fine. A good way to determine the appropriate length is to have your child stand with their arms at their sides. The shorts should meet or exceed the fingertips.
- Shirts must cover the midriff—no exposed skin between the shirt and the shorts. A good test for this is to have your child reach towards the sky. A t-shirt that is long enough will not expose the midriff.
- Sleeveless shirts or tank tops are allowed. No tops with “spaghetti straps.”
- Sunscreen is essential! Now that we know the skin damage that sun can cause, we encourage students to cover up, wear a wide-brimmed hat, and apply liberal amounts of sunscreen.



Being Sun Safe is key having a great summer!

Pizza Nights to support Walden Public School



New Orleans Pizza is holding 3 fundraising nights to support student activities at Walden Public School. On May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th until closing, 50% of the money you spend at New Orleans Pizza on pizza purchases will be donated back to Walden Public School. All you have to do is present the coupon when you are paying. Coupons will be sent home on Friday, April 29th. Thank you for your support!

School Council News

Our next School Council meeting will take place Monday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Teacher Work Room. As always, all meetings are open to the public and agendas and minutes are posted on our website.

Fire and Lockdown Drills

As part of Walden Public School's ongoing interest in the safety of the students in our school, we will continue to practise being safe at school by having fire and lockdown drills in the early weeks of May. When we practise lockdown drills, children are made aware of circumstances that would warrant staying in the classroom in a safe spot (i.e., a dangerous situation due to any angry person coming into the school). While we certainly prepare the children by having age-appropriate discussions on the topic, here are some suggested points to emphasize when talking to your children about lockdowns:



- * Schools are safe places. School staff work with parents and public safety providers (local police and fire departments, emergency responders, hospitals, etc.) to keep you safe.
- * We have many procedures in place to ensure the safety of our school building (visitor passes, bullying reporting procedures, etc.)
- * We all play a role in school safety. Be observant and let an adult know if you see or hear something that makes you feel uncomfortable, nervous or frightened.
- * There is a difference between reporting, tattling or gossiping. You can provide important information that may prevent harm by telling a trusted adult what you know or hear.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we endeavor to provide a safe environment for our students where they feel valued and safe.

EQAO Testing

Every year, students in Grades 3 and 6 across the province participate in assessments that are developed by the Education Quality and Accountability Office. Students complete a set of test booklets that allow them to show what they have learned in reading, writing and math. The testing will take place between May 30th and June 9th and should take approximately 6 hours, spread out over several days. Parents in Grades 3 and 6 will receive more specific information in the near future.

Jump Rope for Heart

May 5th is quickly approaching which means that students are preparing for our Jump Rope for Heart event. Our Junior Skipping Club did a fantastic job of getting our Kickoff Assembly started. Thank you to Alicia D., Alysha S., Cassidy K., Marissa M., Danielle J., Emma M., Jaclyn G., Amanda L., Marina D., Marlee H., Samantha B., Malory F., Kaylee M., and Jordan H. – you did a fantastic job!!!

Remember that students are collecting pledges from family and close friends. Online donations are also a great way to collect donations from family and friends from out of town. Don't forget to include the online donation printout in your collection envelope. All collection envelopes are to be returned to your child's teacher by May 5th. If you are collecting as a family, be sure that each student's name is on the collection envelope as well. Some students have already filled the first envelope, so if you need another page, please let your teacher know and one will be provided. Last year we raised over \$13,000. Our goal this year is to match or surpass our donations collected last year. Remember, Walden Heat can't be beat!

Use of Electronic Devices

We are noticing an increase in the number of electronic devices that students are bringing to school. Please note that our student handbook states the following Board policy: "Rainbow Schools remind students and parents/guardians that cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital and other electronic devices can be disruptive and must not be brought to school without the permission of school staff." Thank you for keeping these devices at home. Feel free to contact the principal should you have any questions regarding this policy.

Conservation Fair

Walden Public School held a very successful Conservation Fair on April 21st with Grade 5 and 6 students creating projects that focus on our environment. The following is a list of winners and honourable mentions:

Green Awards—Becca H. and Sydnie S—Crayon Candles; Emily A. and Alyssa R.—Plastic Purses

Project Awards—Clairece M and Ashley R.—Green Wear; Jerod F. and Mackenzie R.—Lemon Powered Clock; Mikaela K. and Kirsten D.—Pop Can Solar Panel; Taylor D. and Morgan M.—Kids Table and Chair; Emma M.—Hockey Lace Belts; Taylin L.—Manitoulin Streams; Bastiaan H. and Kailer H.—Pop Can Solar Panel

Honourable Mentions—Adam L.—Centrepieces; Brooke S. and Ashley V.—No Solar Music; Baron P. and Sam B.—Wall Colour and your Electric Bill; Mackenzie d. and Breanna F.—Plastic Bag Accessories; Carter M.—Is Hockey Green?; Jasmine T. and Marley R.—Pop Can Bench; Brooklynn L. and Alexandra B.—Water Bottle Piggy Banks; Eric R.—Biodegradable Buttons; Teri P. and Emma-Liisa M.—Salt Kills; Miranda M. and Abby C.—Clothes Bags; Callum D.—Anemometer; June F. and Hannah H.—Pencil Holders; Ella R.—Water Bottle Flip Flops.

Congratulations to all students who worked hard on their projects and a special thank you to the students from LDSS who judged the projects.

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. Thank you for taking the time to fill in all of the required information.

Change of Address or Moving?

We are trying to keep accurate records for September. If you know your child will NOT be attending Walden Public School in September, please notify the school. This also applies for Grade 6 students who will be leaving the school—we will forward your child's Ontario Student Record (OSR) to Lively Elementary unless you inform us otherwise. If you have moved within the city and your child had permission to finish the school year here, but will be attending his/her "home school" come September, please be sure the office is aware of which school he/she will be attending.

Grade 6 Stepping Up Ceremony

The Stepping Up Ceremony will be Thursday, June 23rd from 6–7 p.m. in the gym at Walden P.S. Students need to arrive at 5:45. Since this is not a graduation, students are encouraged to wear something neat and tidy, not fancy dresses or suits. We hope to see you there! The following week, the Grade 6 classes will be heading to Eagle Lake June 27th and returning June 29th. More information about these events will be sent home soon.

NEWSLETTER DRAW

Comments/Feedback about the newsletter or school in general:

I/We have received this month's newsletter.

Please enter

(Child/ren's Name)

in the newsletter draw.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)



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RE: Revised schedule for French Immersion Program Review meetings

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Rainbow District School Board has revised the schedule of meetings for the French Immersion Program Review taking place this spring. Two community consultation sessions will now be held for all schools in the Greater Sudbury area. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings to provide input, regardless of which area of the city they live in.

Revised schedule of Community Consultations
French Immersion Program Review

Thursday, May 19, 2011
6:30 pm to 8 pm
Lockerby Composite School
1391 Ramsey View Court, Sudbury

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
6:30 pm to 8 pm
Lockerby Composite School
1391 Ramsey View Court, Sudbury

Requests for presentations at the public meetings must be made in writing prior to the meeting by contacting:
Superintendent Lesleigh Dye
Fax: 705-674-3167
Email: frenchimmersion@rainbowschools.ca

Presentations will be limited to 10 minutes. Written copies must be made available prior to the meeting and submitted to the French immersion Program Review Committee for the minutes.

For those unable to attend public meetings or wishing to provide further feedback, written input will be accepted until Friday, June 24, 2011.

Please send written submissions to:
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Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning
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Rainbow District School Board trustees approved a review of the Board's French Immersion Program at the annual Accommodation Meeting held on January 24, 2011. A French Immersion Program Committee, comprised of teachers and administrators in French Immersion, has been established to lead the process and provide options.

Options will be presented at the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of the Board on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5 pm. The meeting will be held at the Board Office, 69 Young Street, in Sudbury. Options may include boundary changes, consolidation of programs and revisions to Rainbow District School Board's secondary French Immersion graduation requirements.

For more information, please visit rainbowschools.ca.



Sincerely,

Lesley Fisher
Principal



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1  Music Monday School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2  Welcome to Kindergarten a.m. Grade 1 Science North	3  Walden Battle of the Books Tournament	4  Jump Rope For Heart	5	6	7
New Orleans Pizza Nights							
8 Junction Creek Presentation JK-SK	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16  Track and Field Gr2. Science North Science North	17  Rain Date for T & F Retro-Bill Presentation Gr. 4-6	18	19	20	21	
22 	23  Victoria Day	24 	25	26 Medieval Feast Grade 4M 	27 Rhythmic Gymnastics Performance 11:00 a.m. 	28	
29 Pro-Wrestling Copper Cliff Arena 3:00 p.m.	30	31	June 1	June 2	June 3		
EQAO Testing							