



# Walden Public School

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Agir pour l'avenir*

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## Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday, November 11th, starting at 10:20 a.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to join us for this solemn occasion.



## QSP Magazine Sales

Thank you to all parents who supported this fundraiser! Our total sales were close to \$21,000.00, a percentage of which comes back to the school. This is our major fundraiser of the year and pays for field trips and entry fees to athletic competitions for our students. If you would like to order from QSP on-line throughout the year, simply go to [QSP.ca](http://QSP.ca) and enter our code: 32955.

## Phone Messages

Thank you to our families who are using the agenda to communicate changes to their child's dismissal routine. Our school is a very busy place with over 500 students to safely put on the bus, direct to day care, or hand off to parents picking up at the end of the day. Last minute changes are difficult to track and often confuse our younger students. We thank you in advance for understanding that we cannot guarantee that any messages received after 1 p.m. will be received by teachers once afternoon classes have begun.

## The Cold Weather is Here!

The weather is changing quickly! Students are reminded to dress according to the weather and to assume they will be outdoors at recesses, unless the temperature becomes unreasonable. 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 schools are open but busses are cancelled and you drop your child off, please remember that you must pick your child up at the end of the day.



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## Walden Cross-Country Running Team

At the Alexander Road Race, Walden Heat took to the streets capturing the Championship plaque in the Junior Girl's Division. Jaclyn G took first place followed by Marlee H in second and Taylor D in fourth. Jaxcsen C finished third overall in the Junior Boys' Division. Way to go, Walden!

Walden Heat Cross Country Runners blazed the trails at the 3rd Annual Naughton Trail Race on October 12th. The Junior Girls captured first and second for overall points and the Junior Boys placed second overall. Jaclyn G placed first with Marlee H a close second. Taylor D placed sixth, Lily Hayden was ninth and Morgan M eleventh. Jaxcsen C was first overall in the Junior Boys' Division. A very special thank you to Mrs. Raymond who co-ordinated this great race.

At the City Championships on October 19th, almost 800 runners stormed the field, climbed sand dunes and then took to the road. Our girls were victorious, bringing home the championship banner for the fastest team in the Board. Way to go, girls! The individual results are as follows: Jaclyn G—1st; Marlee H—2nd; Taylor D—8th and Kamryn B—10th out of over 300 girls. Nicholas R finished 12th out of 400 boys. Way to go, Heat!

This brings our cross-country season to a very successful close. Congratulations to all the runners and thanks to parents for the driving and encouragement. A special thank you to Mme Groom, Mrs. Santala, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Fleming and Mr. Frantz for their dedication to the team.

## Sudbury & District Health Unit—Dental Screening

The Sudbury & District Health Unit Dental Program staff will be conducting their annual free Oral Health Screening Program on November 7, 8, 9 and 10. All students in the school will be screened. The screening is done by a registered dental hygienist from the Health Unit. The Sudbury & District Health Unit must follow up with all students who are referred for urgent dental care. The dental hygienist may return to the school a few times throughout the year to assess how the children's treatment is progressing.

All equipment and techniques used by the Dental Program staff meet or exceed standards for infection control. The sterilizers are monitored regularly as an ongoing quality assurance measure.

**If you do not want your child to participate in the dental screening program, please notify the Sudbury & District Health Unit Dental Program by telephone or in writing as soon as possible.** Include your child's full name, school, and grade. **Please update this information every school year.** For more information, please call the Sudbury & District Health Unit Dental Program at (705) 522-9200, ext. 236.

## Buster The Bus and The Matrix Presentation

On Thursday, November 3, our students will attend bus safety presentations with Buster The Bus and The Matrix. The times are as follows:

11:40–12:10—JK and SK—Buster The Bus

12:20–12:50—Grades 1, 2 and 3—Buster The Bus

1:50–2:20—Grades 4, 5 and 6—Matrix



## Scholastic Book Fair

This year's book fair was once again a resounding success. Many thanks to Mrs. Fleming who organized the book fair, Mrs. Wood, our library clerk who set up and packed up the books. Thank you to Mrs. Bayford, Mrs. Patry, and Mrs. Rigg who generously gave their time to help students choose books. Happy Reading!



## Spelling Bee Registration

If your child is interested in participating in this year's Spelling Bee of Canada, Sudbury competition, please contact Pam at 521-0693 for more information. Coaching sessions will be offered again this year beginning in January. The 3 divisions are ages 6-8 (Primary), 9-11 (Junior) and 12-14 (Intermediate). The total prizeboard is \$1800.00.



## Kids Helping Kids

Our school will once again be holding a holiday food drive from November 1 to December 15 to help the Sudbury Food Bank. This is an excellent chance to make a difference in our community and I encourage you and your child(ren) to join this effort to help out our less fortunate neighbours.

The food and funds we raise will help the Sudbury Food Bank to supply food to over 45 programs operated by partnering community service agencies and food pantries throughout the city that serve low income families, senior citizens and other individuals in need.

As an incentive to the students in the school, we will have two classroom competitions. The first competition will be to see which class can collect the most canned goods and non-perishable food items. The second competition will be to see which class can create the 'coolest' structure using the food as building materials. Each winning class will be given a pizza party to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please see the mini poster that will be sent home with your child to see a list of items that are needed at the food bank.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Kiviaho at the school.

Thank you for your help! Together we can help give our neighbours the perfect holiday gift!



## Allergy Alert

We would ask that you please remember that we have students and staff at Walden Public School with severe allergies to nuts and nut products. Please do not send nuts of any kind or products what may contain nuts to school. We want to keep all members of the Walden Public School family safe.

## Safe Arrivals

Thank you to all parents and guardians who call in to report absences. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to call the school (705-692-3602) to report student absences or lateness by 8:30 a.m. before the beginning of class. An answering machine is available to take your calls 24 hours a day. The safe arrivals program will follow up on any unexplained absences. If you are dropping your child off late, please ensure that the child reports to the office. This way, unnecessary calls home can be avoided.

## Danny - King of the Basement

The students in grades four, five, and six enjoyed a wonderful play at Copper Cliff Public School on October 5, 2011. It helped us recognize how thankful we should be for our homes and families. The play was performed by a travelling group of actors from Toronto and focused on the issues of poverty, homelessness, and friendship. Students and staff alike were impressed with the variety of sets presented as well as the number of characters the four actors portrayed. As always, Walden students were well-behaved and asked insightful questions at the end of the presentation.

## Junior Volleyball

Students in grades five and six are currently vying for positions on the boys' and girls' volleyball teams. The final rosters will be set later in November. The coaches, Mrs. McLaughlin and Mr. Hubert, have been very impressed with the calibre of play and dedication shown by all of the athletes at the try-outs. Stay tuned for future updates on these athletes!



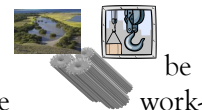
## Rocks and Rings



Various classes from grades one through six will be taking part in curling workshops in our gym on Wednesday, November 16th. The curling group, *Rocks and Rings*, will be holding 40-minute workshops in our gym throughout the day to introduce our students to the sport of curling. Looking forward to an exciting day of curling fun!

## Science North Visits

Students in grades 4-6 will be visiting Science North on Thursday, November 17th. The day will be filled with workshops tailored to the specific curriculum expectations of each grade. There will be workshops on pulleys and gears, light and sound, human organ systems, wetlands, predators and prey, and flight. The hands-on experiences offered at Science North are an excellent complement to the science learning happening in our classrooms at Walden Public School. On that day, the students will also watch the IMAX movie, Under the Sea 3D. If you are interested in accompanying your child's class on this trip, please let the classroom teacher know in the agenda. An updated police check is required. Thanks to Mrs. Raymond, who always spearheads the organization of our junior trips to Science North!



Mrs. Rowell and Ms. Bryan will be visiting Science North with their classes on November 25th. They will be investigating bridges, plants and energy.









## Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear will be available for sale on November 1st and 2nd only to ensure timely delivery. Any student wishing to purchase spirit wear must bring a cheque payable to On Site Sportswear. Any student who orders a hoodie, sweat pants or track suit will receive a free t-shirt that can be created on site. A flyer has been sent home and sizing will be done in person.



# NOVEMBER 2011

## Walden Public School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3  Bus Safety Presentation Buster The Bus and Matrix	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7  Sudbury and District Health Unit Dental Screening	8	9	10 	11 Remembrance Day 	12
13	14 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome	15	16  Rocks and Rings Curling Workshops	17 Science North Grades 4A, 4M, 5S, 5L, 5-6M, 6H and 6K 	18	19
20	21 PA Day No School For Students	22	23	24	25 Science North Grades 3B, 3R	26
27	28	29	30			