



# Walden Public School

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

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## QSP Magazine Sales

This fundraiser was officially over on September 23rd but if you still have magazine orders at home, please send them in as soon as possible. If you would like to buy magazines but prefer to do so at another time of the year, you can always log on to [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) to order from the convenience of your own home. Simply enter our school code (32955) and a portion of the sale comes back to support student activities.

## Terry Fox Walk/Run to Beat Cancer

A huge thank you to all staff, students, parents and volunteers who helped make the Third Annual Walden Public School's Terry Fox Walk such a success. All students who participated help to finish the Marathon of Hope. Just over \$850.00 was raised to help further the cause of cancer research. After the walk, all students were treated to a Granny Smith apple. Thank you once again to Ms. Kiviaho and her team for organizing such a great event.

## Official Opening, Open House and BBQ

Thank you to everyone who attended the Official Opening, Open House and BBQ on September 14th. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our new school to family, friends and the community at large. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served by the staff from M & M Meats. Check out the evening's highlights at: <http://www.northernlife.ca/news/localNews/2011/09/16-walden-green-school.aspx>. We encourage you to keep in contact with the classroom teacher. Signing the agenda or home book each day is one way of staying up to date with your child's work and showing interest in what is happening at school. It has been great to see so many students remembering to get their agendas signed on a daily basis. Your home support with this is very much appreciated.

## Cold and Flu Season

While we would rather not think about it, cold and flu season is not too far off. As part of our strategy to prevent the spread of cold and flu, we are teaching the children proper hand-washing techniques and encouraging them to wash their hands multiple times a day. Another important piece of our prevention plan is to make sure that we are aware of any students who have flu symptoms. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school and leave a detailed message regarding the nature of the illness. By clearly stating that your child is ill, rather than saying that they are "at home today", it will help us in our plan to minimize the spread of illnesses in our school. Thank you for your assistance.



## School Council News

The members of the 2011-2012 Walden School Council are Jodie Larsen (Chair), Noreen McChesney (Vice-Chair), Janet Jewitt (Secretary), Mike Pushman, Adele Robinson, Helen Francis, Michael MacIsaac, Bill Clarke, Shantel Howard-Smith, Heidi Maanselka, Jennifer Michaud, Liana Holm, Dr. Birgit Pianosi, Lisa Barnett, Valerie Tiplady, Gerry Hughson (non-teaching rep), Johanna Campbell Friesen (teaching rep) and Principal Lesley Fisher. The first meeting of the School Council took place on September 26th. We reviewed the Terms of Reference for the organization, approved the fundraising plan and examined our EQAO results. Agendas and minutes can be found on our school website. Please note that minutes will not be posted until approved at the following meeting. The next meeting is Monday, November 14th at 6:30 and meetings are open to the public.

## From the School Council Chair ....

Hello, my name is Jodie Larsen and I am your new School Council Chair for the 2011/2012 school year. I greatly look forward to this role and promoting Walden Public School's mission and core values. For those of you who don't know me, I have two children at Walden Public School in grade 4 and have been a member of School Council since they were in JK at Jessie Hamilton. I strongly believe that the school - home relationship is a vital one and it proves to our children how important their education is to us as parents and care givers. Of course school isn't just a place where our children learn the standard curriculum, it is a home away from home, after all our children spend upwards of 1170 hours per school year here. It's where all children should feel happy, safe, secure and accepted by staff and students. Friendships are forged in school, character is built in school, a strong work ethic is formed in school. Walden Public School continually strives to be that reputable, character-building, safe, healthy, warm-hearted educational environment. And for that, I am so proud that my children are a part of this great school in this wonderful community of ours.

I urge you to feel welcome to attend any of our Council meetings and bring forth any questions, comments or concerns you may have.

Thank you.

Jodie Larsen

## Indoor Shoes



A reminder that students are required to have a pair of indoor shoes for use at school. This prevents the students from tracking in dirt and ensures that they can participate safely in physical activities at school. Also, we are noticing black marks on the gym floor. Please check to make sure that the indoor shoes have 'non-marking' soles.' Thank you!

## Hallowe'en Celebration

On Monday, October 31st, we will be having our Hallowe'en celebration at 11:40 a.m. in the gym. Please apply any make-up at home in the morning as there will not be an opportunity to do this at school. If students need assistance with their costume and can wear it safely on the bus, they may do so. Specific information will come from your child's teacher later this month. If the costume includes weapons, **please leave these at home**. If you are choosing to send treats for the students, please ensure they are peanut, nut, and nut product free. We look forward to have a spooky, fun-filled afternoon!



## Walden Cross-Country News

Walden Heat Cross-Country Running Team was on fire on September 29th at Laurentian University. Our Junior Girls placed first overall and our Junior Boys were a close second. Our girls dominated the podium with Jaclyn G. placing first, Marlee H. placing 2nd and Lily H. placing 4th. Jacxsen C. blazed through the finish line capturing first for the boys. Over 350 girls and boys competed in the 1.8 km. race! Each and every runner on our team ran a strong race making Walden proud. Walden Heat Can't Be Beat!

## FSL Homework Toolbox

The new FSL Homework Toolbox website is now live. French Immersion students have also been provided with the brochure to accompany the website. Please visit <http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca>. This site has excellent supports for students in our English program as well, Grades 1 to 12.



## Newsletter via e-mail

We are still in the process of compiling our e-mail list but we urge everyone with an e-mail address to sign up and receive delivery of the newsletter via e-mail. It is quick and it saves valuable paper resources. Please forward your e-mail address to Mrs. Heikkila at [heikkit@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:heikkit@rainbowschools.ca).

## Giving Campaign

At our first School Council meeting, we approved a “**Giving Campaign**” as an alternative to participating in various fundraising activities. If you do not wish to be involved in fundraising and would rather give a “one time” donation of \$25 or more, you may do so by writing a cheque payable to the **Rainbow District School Board**. You will receive a charitable tax receipt and the money will be transferred from the Board to our Fundraising account.

## Conference Evening

Please mark the evening of October 20th on your calendar. Starting at 3:20, interviews are scheduled in 10 minute blocks in order to allow the teacher to meet with all parents to discuss the Progress Report. The Progress Report will go home October 19th and will include the time of your interview. If you are unable to make your scheduled time, please contact the school office to reschedule (705-692-3602).

## Join Us For A High-Energy, Interactive Workshop For Parents

**When:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 – 7 pm to 8 pm

**Where:** Auditorium – Lockerby Composite School

*Want to gain insight into the mind and behaviour of your child?*

*Want to learn informative ideas on partnering with the school for student success?*

The Rainbow District School Board Parent Involvement Committee invites all parents to a fast-paced presentation with dynamic speaker Allan Johnson.

Parents will receive practical, fun, student-proven tools for creating motivation and success at home and school while also reducing power struggles and negative behaviour in the home.

Allan Johnson is an internationally recognized motivational speaker who has made presentations to over 10,000 adults spanning five continents. Please join us on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for this **NOT TO BE MISSED** presentation.

You will leave this practical session both energized and inspired.

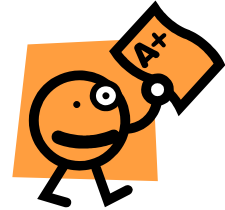
# How Is Your Child Doing In School?

## A Message To Parents/Guardians About Report Cards

Sharing information with parents/guardians is an important part of student learning. When parents know how their children are doing in school, they have even more opportunities to support their success.

Once again this year, there will be a Progress Report and 2 Report Cards for elementary students.

1. Progress Report - October 19, 2011
2. Provincial Report Card - February 22, 2012
3. Provincial Report Card - June 28, 2012



The **progress report card in October** is designed to show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as the student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects. As part of the progress report card, you will be invited to a parent-teacher conference to receive an update on how your child is doing in school. This assessment for learning will provide feedback on your child's progress leading up to the provincial report card.

The **provincial report card in February** will provide an evaluation of your child's learning from September to January as well as the development of learning skills and work habits during that period. A parent-teacher conference may take place at the parent's request or the teacher's request. This is another opportunity for feedback.

The **final provincial report card in June** will provide an evaluation of your child's learning from February to June as well as the development of learning skills and work habits during that period.

All schools in Ontario, including Rainbow Schools, are using a report card developed by the Ministry of Education. Parents/guardians will be able to follow their child's progress regardless of which school they attend.






A sample of the report card is available at [rainbowschools.ca](http://www.rainbowschools.ca) under the Parents section or by clicking in the following link : <http://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/elemReportCard.php>

For more information about report cards, please contact your child's teacher or principal.



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9	10 	11 First Pizza Day 	12 Walden Cross-country Race Naughton Trails	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 RDSB Road Race Falconbridge <b>Progress Reports Go Home</b>	20 <b>Parent/Teacher Interviews Book Fair 9:00 - 8:00</b>	21	22
23	24 First Milk Day 	25 Picture Day 	26	27	28	29
30	31 