



Walden Public School

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

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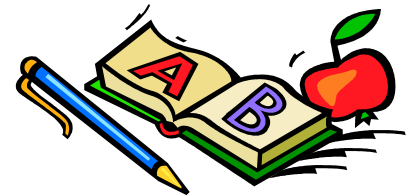
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Welcome Back!

We sincerely hope that all of our students and families enjoyed a safe, relaxing summer and are eager to start another great year. I want to thank the wonderful staff members who have put in many hours preparing their classrooms to receive students. A special thank you to our custodians and cleaners who cleaned the school over the summer. We are all looking forward to a great year!



Character Traits



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The Rainbow District School Board promotes character education in its schools. The 10 character traits are listed on the Board's website and can be found on the back of every student agenda, including the icon which represents the trait. The traits are: co-operation, courage, acceptance, resilience, courtesy, integrity, responsibility, empathy, honesty and respect. For the month of September, Walden P.S. will focus on the trait of Respect. Announcements, assemblies and classroom discussions will focus on the monthly trait and help our students to enhance their great character!

School Agendas \$5

Students in Grades 1 to 6 received their agendas today. Teachers will be helping students to develop skills in planning, goal setting, time management, and study strategies. While we encourage visiting classroom websites for keeping up-to-date, the agenda remains the most consistent and effective tool to track homework and assignments, and it can be very useful in facilitating communication between school and home. Regular use also encourages responsibility and accountability. We are asking for a \$5 donation which will help us to cover some of the total cost. Please send the money to your child's homeroom teacher prior to Friday, September 16th.

Visitors to the School

When visiting the school, please sign the visitor sign-in sheet inside the office. Please check with the secretary for assistance.

School Organization

Our school received staffing in accordance with the number of students enrolled at Walden Public School at the end of June. Primary classes (JK-3) cannot exceed 20 students. Please note that if our enrolment changes in September and we exceed 20 students in any of the primary classes, we will be re-organizing the classes to meet the primary class size caps. We encourage you to prepare your children for the possibility that classes may not stay the same as the first day of school, depending on the changes to enrolment in our school between September 6th and September 30th.

Walden P. S. Official Grand Opening, Open House and Barbecue

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 14th.** as we formally celebrate the addition of Walden P.S. to our community! Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with Opening Ceremonies by RDSB and community officials, followed by our traditional Open House and Barbecue on **Wednesday, September 14th.** It is an evening for parents to come to the school and meet their child's teacher. The barbecue will run from 5:30–6:30 p.m. followed by an opportunity to meet the staff in the gymnasium. Classroom visits will take place between 6:45–7:30 p.m. The barbecue will be hosted by M & M Meats and complimentary hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Water or coffee will be sold for \$1.00 each. Should you wish to discuss your child's progress, leave your name and phone number with the teacher and you will be contacted for an interview. The evening concludes at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join the Walden Team—Be a Reading Volunteer!

As educators we know that children learn to read given the opportunity to practise at their own level and to think deeply about what they have read. Volunteers play an important role in reinforcing the skills taught by teachers, in turn advancing the reading levels of students in Grades 1, 2 and 3! We need a number of volunteers, so that our students may read every day at their “just right” level. Do you have a block of time to volunteer? Ninety minutes, once per week or more is what is needed to allow us to continue this valuable program.

You need:

- an updated criminal background check
- to attend a brief “how to” presentation
- a minimum of 90 minutes each week
- a willingness to listen to a child read and exchange his or her book

If you are interested in volunteering, please come to the school on September 15 at 2:00 p.m. for a brief Volunteer Orientation session with Principal Fisher, followed by the Reading Volunteer Meeting with Mrs. Rowell.

Student Information Update

Over the next few days, we will be sending home Office Index Cards. Please check these over and if any of your personal information has changed over the summer (phone number, address, custody of children or person to call to pick up your child when you cannot), ***please make the changes and send the form back to school.*** If there are further changes throughout the school year, please contact the school office at (705) 692-3602 or e-mail Mrs. Heikkila at heikkit@rainbowschools.ca or Mrs. Villeneuve at villenj@rainbowschools.ca. Your assistance in maintaining accurate files is much appreciated.

Medication

Any student requiring medication must have a current medication form filled out and signed by the attending physician. Forms are available in the school office. The form is valid for the current school year only. It is necessary to notify the school office immediately if a prescription is expired, discontinued or modified. Medication must be brought to the school in the original container, which is appropriately labelled, and will be kept in a secure location. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school.

Transportation

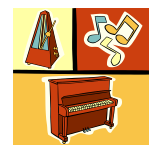
Parents/guardians are asked to call the Sudbury Student Services Consortium directly at 521-1234 to make arrangements for any changes to school bussing. Such changes would include changes of regular address, changes of sitters' address and alternate pick-up or drop-off. Please note that the Consortium will not make short term or temporary changes for pick-up and drop-offs during the school year. You may also choose to contact the Consortium by fax at 521-1344 or by e-mail at trans@sssc.ca for service. Consortium staff are available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday throughout the school year. We expect that this procedure will continue to enable us to make changes to bussing arrangements more efficiently. For the first week, busses will take longer to get your child to and from school until the drivers are familiar with the stops and their runs. **Please note that the Consortium cannot accommodate changes before the week of September 19.**

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, and 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.

Piano Lessons at Walden Public School

Piano lessons will be offered once again at Walden Public School. Lessons are 1/2 hour, once a week, during class time. A suitable schedule will be made with the teachers and the principal. These are private lessons and cost \$20.00 a week. If your child is interested, you can register by calling Legh Sipprell at (705) 670-1319. The number of students is limited, so don't delay!



Ms. Debbie Morrow is also offering piano lessons on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Walden Public School. If you are interested in lessons, the cost is \$17.00 per half hour. Please contact Ms. Morrow at 692-5052.

Student Accident Forms

A Student Accident Insurance Package is being sent home for your consideration. The Rainbow District School Board encourages the purchase of this insurance. It costs very little and provides coverage for the entire calendar year. The application form should be mailed directly to Reliable Insurance.

Scouts Canada

1st Waters Scouting Group is looking for boys and girls and Adult Leaders for:

Beaver Scouts—Ages 5–7; Cub Scouts—Ages 8-10; Scouts—Ages 11-13. Registration is September 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym at Walden Public School. For more information, please call Don at 692-4885.

Students Bringing Lunch and Litterless Lunches



Parents and children are reminded that eating lunch at school is a privilege. If the rules are not adhered to, a student may lose this privilege, and the parent will have to make alternate arrangements for the child.

We have a number of students at Walden Public School who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, nuts and/or nut products. Please keep our students safe by not sending peanuts/nuts or 'may have come in contact with nuts' warnings on the label.

We encourage students to think about the environment. One way to demonstrate our respect for the environment is an initiative to promote waste reduction and litterless lunches. This is achieved by sending home unconsumed lunch items and wrappings at the end of the school day for disposal. We do not have the capability to offer composting at school, but we do know that many families are pursuing composting at home. The key to success appears to be washable containers for each food/drink item.

Finally, for more information about litterless lunches, nutrition blocks or the balanced day, please refer to the student handbook which is included in this year's agenda. Junior and Senior Kindergarten students have all received a separate handbook.

Safety

Walden Public School students will be involved in routine fire drills and lockdown practices throughout the school year in order to ensure that safety practices are in place. Please help up reassure your child that these are Rainbow District School Board routine safety drills and there is no need to be alarmed.

Bus Safety

When riding the bus, remember to ...

- Follow the directions of the driver
- Keep hands, arms, head, etc., inside the bus at all times
- Refrain from creating a disturbance
- Use appropriate language
- Hold books, knapsacks, etc., on your lap
- Ensure that you do not disturb the driver
- Leave the windows alone unless authorized by the driver to open/close them
- KEEP SAFETY IN MIND AT ALL TIMES.



Publicity Consent and School Council Forms

Please ensure that you sign and return the consent form indicating whether or not you will allow your child to be photographed or videotaped at school or school-related events. School Council forms were also sent home. Any one interested in serving on this year's council is asked to complete the nomination form and return to the school as soon as possible.

Pick-up and Drop-off of Students

If you are dropping your child off at school in the morning, please be aware that there is *no supervision in the school yard prior to 8:35 a.m.*

If you need to pick up your child after school, we request that you arrange for your child to meet you in the main foyer following the bell or in the pick-up/drop-off lane in the parking lot if your child is in the junior grades. We need to avoid congestion in the hall which can disrupt instructional time and prevent us from monitoring who is coming into the building. If your child is usually a bus student but is being picked up, please sign him/her out at the office.

If you need to pick up your child prior to dismissal, please sign in at the office and the secretary will page the student to come down to the main foyer. *Please do not go directly to your child's classroom.* Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attendance

Regular attendance is a requirement for success. Should your child be absent, please call the school before 8:30 a.m. and inform Mrs. Villeneuve or Mrs. Heikkila or leave a message on our answering machine. This will reduce the number of calls the secretary will need to make to verify the whereabouts of absent or late students. Arriving on time is also a life-long skill that students require. Should you require the support of our attendance counselor, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Parent/Teacher Communication

Regular communication with your child's teacher is a valuable way to monitor your child's progress. We encourage you to check and sign your child's agenda on a daily basis to keep informed about homework and upcoming assignments. Junior and Senior Kindergarten students will have a 'homebook' rather than an agenda. Should you wish to have an interview, please contact the school and set up a time that is mutually convenient.

Milk, Pizza and Wraps

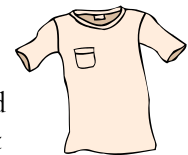
Order forms will be sent home shortly for milk, pizza and ham and cheese wraps. We hope to begin both milk and food delivery by the first week of October.

Lockers

Our elementary school lockers have 3 hooks and a shelf to accommodate up to 2 students per locker. Please note that we do not allow locks on the lockers. We discourage students from buying "accessories" for their locker which take up a lot of space and we expect students to keep them neat and clean, therefore no stickers are to be placed on them.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day

September 15th has been declared "Stand Up Against Bullying Day." All students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt that day. The idea of the pink shirt comes from a student from the East coast who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school one day. In response, a group of students wore pink to show their support of their fellow student.



Electronic Mailing List



If you wish to receive future newsletters electronically, please send your e-mail address to Mrs. Heikkila so that she can add you to the mailing list. Mrs. Heikkila's e-mail address is heikkit@rainbowschools.ca. This convenient form of communication will allow you to receive valuable correspondence in a flash and help conserve resources as well.

FREE* KIDS EYEGLASSES

*Frames and prescription lenses free! Month of September only. Kids ages 4-10 years old. Prescription must be within 90 days. Your choice of any \$19-\$29 kids frame. Coatings extra. One pair per child. See Optician for more details.



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Classes for 2011-2012

All classes are tentative until September 30th when the Rainbow District School Board must submit their enrolment numbers to the Ministry of Education. If we exceed 20 students in any of the primary classes (JK-3), we will be re-organizing the classes to meet the primary class size caps. **We encourage you to prepare your children for the possibility that classes may not stay the same as the first day of school, depending on how many students move into our area (or out of our area) between September 1st and September 30th.**

Based on our current enrolment, we anticipate that our staffing will be as follows (**subject to change, based on information above**):

Primary Classes

English Program

JK—Mrs. Bartolucci
JK—Mrs. Campbell-Friesen
SK—Ms. Kiviaho
SK—Ms. McCauley
Grade 1—Mrs. Keyes
Grade 1—Mrs. Mulligan
Grade 2—Ms. Isard
Grade 2—Mrs. Santala
Grade 3—Ms. Bryan
Grade 3—Mrs. Rowell

French Immersion

JK—Mme Dewit
JK/SK—Mlle Cotesta
SK—Mme Gibeault
Gr. 1- Mme Sabel**
Grade 1/2—Mme Wrinn
Grade 2/3—Mme Pietrandrea
English to Grade 3 FI—Mrs. Lacko* (p.m.)
English to Grade 4 FI—Mrs. Stott (p.m.)
Special Education—Mrs. PiuZZi
Physical Education—Mr. Frantz
Ojibwe—Mrs. Young

Junior Classes

English Program

Grade 4—Mrs. McLaughlin
Grade 4—Ms. Adams
Grade 5—Ms. Stinson
Grade 5—Mrs. Lammi
Grade 6—Mrs. LackoMrs. Raymond
Grade 6—Mr. Hubert

French Immersion

Grade 3/4—Mme Groom
Grade 5/6—Mme McAfee

Principal—Ms. Fisher
Vice-Principal—Mrs. Kett
Secretary—Mrs. Villeneuve
Secretary—Mrs. Heikkila
Educational Assistant—Mrs. Tastula
Educational Assistant—Ms. Dixon-Rogers
Library Clerk—Mrs. Wood
Custodian—Mr. Gerry Hughson
Core French—Mme St. Pierre
Core French—Mme Fleming
Music/The Arts—Mrs. Foy

*replacing Ms. Knight who is on Mat. Leave

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WALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Memo to Parents

2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

All Walden students in Grades 1 through 6 will receive a Student Agenda, which is to be used as a daily planner to help organize their work and assignments for the year. We see it as a very useful tool. As a school, we will be using the agenda daily to model how to use it as an organizational tool as well as to highlight the "Green 365" educational messages. We are convinced that the agenda can be a helpful tool for all three partners in education: students, teachers, and parents.

For STUDENTS it is a tool that will help them organize themselves and be successful in their studies and other activities in the school.

For PARENTS it can be a useful way of monitoring the work and effort their child is putting into their school work. It can also help them determine the area(s) in which their child may need their help. The agenda also serves as a tool for communication between home and the school.

For TEACHERS it is a way to communicate with parents so that they know what their son or daughter is expected to do.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS:

Check the Agenda daily to see what homework their child has, and check their notebook(s) to see that it is done.

1. Check the daily and monthly calendar for major projects, tests and presentations.
2. Check for important dates, such as parent/teacher interviews and report cards.

News Release

Join Us in Lively on Sat. Sept.10th ...For Our 5th Annual Fall Fair at Anderson Farm Museum!

The Anderson Farm Museum Heritage Society & Councilor Barbeau invite you to come to Lively for our 5th Annual Fall Fair, Sat. Sept. 10th at the Anderson Farm Museum.

There is something for everyone on our 14acre site from 10am-4pm!

Live Entertainment on our Outdoor Stage
Over 70 Art/Craft Vendors, Displays & Demonstrations
Farmers' Market Area
Small Farm Animals: goats, sheep, a calf, rabbits, chickens, quails
FREE Rides by Wagon Wheel Ranch
FREE Cart Rides by 'Whinnying in Life' Miniature Horses
Therapy Dogs & Therapy Llamas
Children's Area: Face Painting, Fish Pond, FREE Cotton Candy
Dog Agility Demonstrations
Pulling For The Cure...Tug-Of War Contest
FREE Hand'-On Art/Craft Activities
Classic Cars & Antique Tractors
Traditional Weaving & Spinning
GS Volunteer Firefighters & Fire truck
GSPS Rural Response Unit & Cruiser
Walden Citizens on Patrol Volunteers & Vehicles
Museum Tours/Exhibits/Videos
A BBQ
And much more!

For details see www.Walden-CAN.com or www.greatersudbury.ca

Call Fall Fair Co-Chairs Andrea 692-1493 or Gwen at 692-3021

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Welcome				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day	6 First Day of School—No Early Dismissal	7	8	9 QSP Magazine Campaign Kick-off Assembly 11:30	10
11	12	13	14 BBQ and Open House 5:30—7:30 p.m.	15 Stand Up Against Bullying Day	16	17
18	19	20	21 Grade 3 Children's Water Festival Anderson Farm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 3rd Annual Laurentian University Cross-Country Challenge	30 Professional Activity day No School For Students	