

December 2019 Waterloo Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It feels like not very long ago, we were welcoming all of you back and now here we are, busy with preparations for another Christmas. My heart is warmed by so many blessings in our school. We have such an outpouring of love and support from our community – the village readers, our Joyful literacy volunteers, the RTI volunteers, our wonderful librarian, Lee, clubs being run by parents and teachers, donations being given to us just as we need them, our precious breakfast program and our tireless PPO. I am so thankful to all of you. You make our slogan, “Hand in hand, together we can!” a reality. I truly believe it takes a village to raise a child and I hope that all of you realize the impact you have on our students. Being a part of school is being part of something great and so much bigger than ourselves. We have the power to change lives and make each day just a little better for our students and families. Merry Christmas to all of you and thank you for being a part of our school community.

Changes in end of day pick-ups: If you need to change your child’s pick-up routine, it is really important that you *phone Linda*. She records end of day changes in a book that is then used by the teachers on duty. *If you can’t reach Linda, please leave a message on the answering machine.* Changes to end of day routines need to be made in the morning. Linda is away from the office at lunchtime from 11:15-12:05.

WES Bedtime Stories and Facebook Page: We now have weekly bedtime stories for our students. I usually share them with you on our Facebook page on Sunday nights, but you can also access them on our youtube channel, so your child can watch and re-watch them.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WaterlooSchool/?ref=bookmarks>

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA1dbcnUicMIgv8MqcxvNww/videos?disable_polymer=1

Traffic safety in the parking lot: We continue to monitor our parking lot for student and driver safety. Please do not stop for more than a minute in the ‘drop off’ zones. If you need to help your child or bring him/her to the door, please park your car in one of the parking spaces. We’ve also observed parents/guardians entering and exiting the parking lot too fast. In an effort to keep *all of our students safe* we ask that you please drive with care.

Anxiety Workshop at Knowlton Academy: Please note that there will be a free workshop about helping your child cope with anxiety. It will be on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. Please email Renalee Gore to reserve your spot: gorer@etsb.qc.ca

Student tardiness: This has been an ongoing issue here at W.E.S. As a school community we value others’ time and the importance of planning ahead and the life skill of being responsible and on time. With daily lates ranging from 2-5 students (arriving after the 7:55 a.m. bell), we are concerned with the message students get from frequent tardiness, and also the disruption to their day, the teacher’s instructions and other students’ learning.

School closure due to bad weather: Periodically, schools are closed due to emergencies, power outages or because of heavy snowfalls. Only the transportation department in partnership with the school board can make the decision to close schools. Decisions are usually made by 6:00 a.m. and are often based on the ability of school buses to cover their routes safely. For the most current updates, go to the E.T.S.B. website and listen to local radio stations in the mornings. You can also check out our Facebook page.

Christmas Show: The Christmas show will be on **Thursday, Dec.12th at 6:00 p.m.** (we changed the time). Please drop your children off at 5:45. K4 and K5 students will go to their classrooms to meet their teachers. We hope many of you will be able to come and share the Christmas spirit with us on this wonderful evening.

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Choir dates:

- Monday, December 9th @ 1:00 Legion
- Wed. December 11th @ 1:00 Primavera
- Sat. December 14th @ 6:45 St.-Luc Church
- Wed. Dec.18th @ 1:00 Courville



Ski dates: January 22, 28, February 3, 11, 25



Friday, December 20th is the last day of classes prior to the Winter Break. Have an excellent Winter Break with your friends and family and we will see you back at school on Tuesday, **January 7th, 2020.**

Upcoming Events

Skating programs for K5, Grade 1 and Grade 2
8:30 -10:00

December 2nd

Skating 12:30-2:00

December 10th

Christmas Shopping for Kids
Christmas Concert
PPO Christmas Dance

December 9, 10, 11th
December 12 @6:00
December 13th

Christmas Dinner
All School Skate
8:30- 10:00

December 17th

Geordie Production (a play for our students)

December 19th

Christmas Breakfast/Mayor and author visit our school and read to the children

December 20th

Santa Visit

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Colder Temperatures – There is no denying that winter is upon us. Unless it is very cold, we go outside for recess each day, so please ensure that your child comes to school each day dressed for the weather. We have many students who don't have mittens. If you have any extra that you no longer need, we could really use some. Please also ensure that your child's belongings are *labeled with his/her name* where possible, so belongings don't end up unclaimed in the lost & found.

Lost and Found – The lost and found in the playroom has an assortment of items, particularly clothing. If your child is missing something, please encourage him/her to go and check the lost and found.

Christmas Vacation – The last day of school for 2019 is Friday, December 20. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Have a safe and relaxing vacation and a Merry Christmas to you all!