

Waterloo Elementary School

November Newsletter 2022

Dates to Remember

November 1	PPO meeting
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 14	Term 1 Report Cards (on Mozaik)
November 15-18	Professional Development (no class)
November 16	Parent-Teacher interviews (3pm-5pm & 6pm-8pm)
November 29	Governing Board Meeting @ 6pm



Dear Waterloo Elementary School Families,

It's time to say goodbye to October's ghosts and ghouls, and hello to the crisp cool air of November. This is a special time of year when everything is settling in – the trees have shed their leaves for winter, and our students are comfortably adapted to the rhythm of the school year.

One of November's main events is Parent-Teacher Interviews, which will be held on November 16 in two sessions: from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. If you have any questions about when to arrive, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher. They should be reaching out as well!

- Planning for our Remembrance Day ceremony is underway. It is important to us that we help teach students the value of remembering the sacrifices that were made to provide the quality of life we enjoy today. Keep an eye out for more news as the 11th draws closer.
- Our excellent staff are making a big effort this year to organize activities during recess and lunch time for students to participate in if they aren't sure what else to do. These include events at the bistro, games outside, access to the COMPASS rooms, or even just supervised freeplay. We hope this initiative will encourage students to explore their autonomy, all in a safe environment.

As the first term winds to a close, we are happy to report on all the great activities that took place in October, and to announce those upcoming in November!

Please take the time to go through the rest of this newsletter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I am always happy to meet with you.

Regards,

Adriana Lyons (Principal)

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What's New & Happening

School Photos took place on **October 18th**! It's always a pleasure to see everyone looking so good with great big smiles! We are also happy to announce the **return of siblings photos** for the first time since the start of the pandemic. We hope you enjoy the results!

Parent-Teacher interviews will be taking place on **Wednesday, November 16th**. All parents are invited to visit with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) at school in their classrooms. We have organized **two time-slots** this year: from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, and 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Keep an eye out for more details from the teachers!

****Please note that we strongly encourage all parents to take advantage of these interviews as they provide a great opportunity to have a one-on-one discussion about your child's education.****

Sports programs are on the rise at WES this year! We are proud to announce a supercharged **after-school program** organized by our very own Mr. Gabriel. Students involved have already tackled cross-country and soccer, and are moving on to basketball this month. Not only does this program focus on physical fitness, it also embraces sportsmanship, self-esteem, and overall socio-emotional development. And did we mention blending your own smoothie with bike-power? Pretty cool! We are also very proud of our students who participated in last month's **soccer tournament** and **disc golf** experience.

Halloween was as fun and exciting as ever this year. For the first time, we opened the doors of our **haunted house** to parents and community members. That's not to mention the annual **costume parade** in the gym, the spooky **photo booth**, and even a **dance** hosted by our Grade 5-6s on Saturday, October 29th. We'd also like to say a special thank you to everyone who contributed to the **"trunk-or-treat"** tailgate party on the 31st.

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The Governing Board held its first meeting for the new school year on **October 18th**. You can find highlights on the next page. Congratulations to Sandy Tremblay who was re-elected as chairperson!

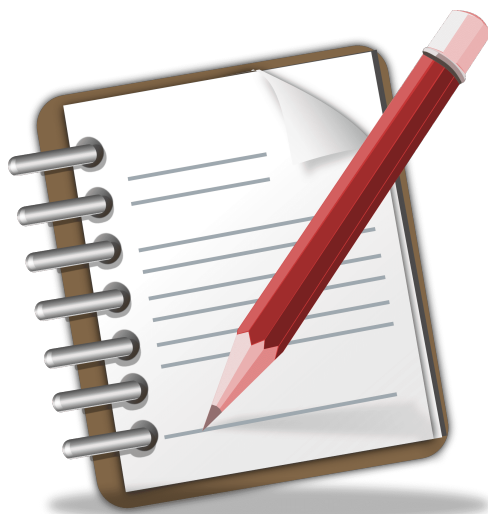
October WES Governing Board meeting highlights:

- Sandy Tremblay was elected as 2021/22 WES Governing Board Chairperson
- Lysa Fournier was named as 2021/22 secretary
- The Principal presented on the Waterloo Elementary School Mission and Vision
- The Principal presented the Governing Board Mandate and Rules of Operation
- The Principal, Teacher, Daycare/Cafeteria reports were given.
- Resolution #1-2022-23 - 8.1 was passed approving the code of conduct of Members.
- Resolution #1-2022-23 - 8.2 was passed approving the authorization of field trips between meetings to be deferred to the school principal.
- Resolution #1-2022-23 - 8.3 was passed approving the some fundraiser and donations account changes and movement of funds, for accounting purposes.
- Resolution #1-2022-23 - 8.4 was passed approving the use of monies from the Funds on Deposit accounts to be used for: Playground project, PPO, Housekeeping, Literacy Centre, K5, Compass Centre, Ski program, and Student Health and Wellbeing.
- Resolution #1-2022-23 - 8.5 was passed approving the following fundraisers: K5 colouring book and calendars, Cycle 1 cookbook, Cycle 3 haunted house, Halloween dance, Parent Teacher interview bake sale to help with the costs of classroom materials and end of year trip.
- The Governing Board was consulted on the Deed of Establishment.
- Resolution #1-2022-23 - 8.6.1 was passed approving the PPO's Mandate for the coordination of school fundraising.
- Resolution #1-2022-23 - 8.6.2 was passed approving the PPO's Chocolate bar fundraiser to raise funds for end of year trips/carnival, and Scholastics Book fair fundraiser to raise funds for the Literacy Centre.
- Resolution #1-2022-23 - 10 was passed approving the Governing Board full year calendar.

** These meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. This year's meeting dates: November 29, January 31, March 21, May 30, June 20 at 6:00 pm in the Waterloo Elementary school Literacy Centre Bistro. All participants, who are not elected members, must remain quiet during the meeting until the designated question periods. If there are any items you wish to have added to our November meeting agenda, please email your Governing Board Chair: Sandy Tremblay (sandytremblay@hotmail.com) - If they are Governing Board matters, they will be discussed at our next meeting.

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Reminders

Water Bottles are strongly recommended for each student. Our new water fountains are equipped with bottle fillers so that students have easy access to filling their own bottle.

Cooler weather is on the way so we ask that you please send your child to school dressed for the weather, which can be chilly in the mornings and warmer by noon. If possible, layers are best and let's not forget now that we are into November: hats, mittens/gloves, boots, and coats to stay warm and dry are a must when enjoying the outdoors.

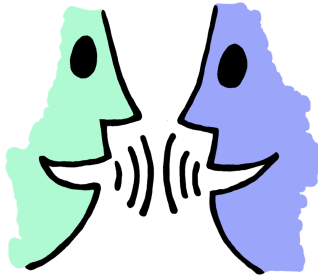
The School Day runs from 7:45am to 2:35pm daily. Students need to be in class and ready to learn by 7:55am with dismissal at 2:25pm. A free breakfast is available for all students at 7:45am, thanks to our generous group of parent volunteers who donate their time to this important part of school life. Please note that parents are responsible for supervision outside school day hours (before 7:45am and after 2:35pm).

- If your child will be **PICKED UP**, he or she will wait in the cafeteria. Parents are required to come to the cafeteria door to pick up their child, but please wait outside. For safety reasons, your child will not be allowed to leave the school if you are waiting in the parking lot or in a vehicle.
- If your child **RIDES THE BUS**, he or she will be greeted by supervisors at their bus.

****If an emergency arises and you must inform us of a change to your child's travel plans after 2:00pm, please call the secretary immediately, and we will try our best to accommodate your request.****

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Keeping in Touch

The Newsletter & Facebook are our greatest means of communication. Each month we will send home a newsletter telling you what's happening at Waterloo Elementary School. It will also be available on our school website <http://waterloo.etsb.qc.ca/>.

Feel free to check out and follow our Facebook page to celebrate the great things happening at our school. www.facebook.com/WaterlooSchool.

The [ETSB website](#) and [Facebook page](#) are places where you can find breaking news, such as when school is closed due to stormy weather. The [bus delays page](#) is where you can find up-to-date information about transportation delays or cancellations.

Questions or concerns regarding your child?

1. Contact your child's teacher via **"Class Dojo"** first to ensure you have all the information and work with them at finding solutions for your child.
2. Contact your school principal:
 - a. by phone at (450) 539-0162
 - b. by email at wesinfo@edu.etsb.qc.ca;
 - c. or on Class Dojo.

****If you are contacting the school or principal regarding an act of intimidation or bullying, please visit our website to download the needed forms required for follow-up and return them to the school via your child's mail bag, or drop them into the white box just outside the office.**

Forms may be found here: <http://waterloo.etsb.qc.ca/bullying-report-forms/>

