



Weekly E-Bulletin

Character Matters focus for the month November:

Honesty: We behave in a sincere, trustworthy, and truthful manner.

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Monday, November 11th, 2013

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The Mission of Our School

The Mission of the York Region District School Board is that "we unite in our purpose to inspire and prepare learners for life in our changing world community."

In order to support the Board's mission, the mission of W.J. Watson P.S. is: "***We at W.J. Watson are committed to a safe, inviting learning environment in which we promote: a quality curriculum, development of self esteem and risk taking, the treatment of all with dignity and caring, responsible citizenship, goal setting and learning.***"

History

W.J. Watson P.S. is named for "Whipper Billy" Watson, a well known philanthropist in Georgina and a director of the Ont. Society for Disabled Children. Mr. Watson was also a wrestling star in the 1940's, 50's and 60's.

Our school mascot is the "Watson Wildcat".



Safe Arrival Program

Please remember to phone the school to report that your child is going to be **late or absent**. When leaving a message please state your child's name, spell your child's name, teacher's name, duration of the absence and the reason for the absence. **The school office can be reached at 905-476-1618 any time day or night.** If a future absence is planned (such as an appointment, vacation or religious holiday,) please call the office and leave a message advising us of the absence.

Students arriving late for school must check in at the office for a late slip before going to their classroom. In the event that your child is absent from school and the reason is unknown, the office will attempt to reach your home, work, cell and emergency contact numbers. Failing that, for your child's safety, we will contact the York Regional Police. So please help us keep your children safe by keeping us informed!

Leslie Crossley Principal	Kim Taylor Reed V-Principal	Kellee Giglio Elementary Office Administrative Assistant	Beth Wood Secretary
Superintendent: Dianne Hawkins North Community Education Centre 130 Carlson Drive, Newmarket (905) 895-5155	Trustee: Nancy Elgie (905) 476-4184	School Council Chair Mary Sears Please contact W.J. Watson and request a call back	

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Georgina Against Bullying Coalition – Register your attendance for Saturday, November 23rd!

Raising Resilient Children – Triple P Parenting Evening Workshop

Faith Days

Tuesday, November 12th - The Birth of the Baba'u'llah – Baha'i Faith Baha'u'llah was born Mizra Husayn Ali into one of the leading noble families of Persia in 1817 C.E. His name is a title in Arabic meaning "the Glory of God". He is the founder of the Baha'i faith. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.

Wednesday, November 13th - Ashura – Islam – Falls on the 10th day of Muharram. The 10th day commemorates the martyrdom of Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad (phuh).

Sunday, November 17th - Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji – Sikhism – The founder of the Sikh faith was born in 1469 C.E.

Event	Details	Date / Time
Remembrance Day	Assembly – 11:15 a.m.	Monday, November 11th
Georgina Pioneer Village Trip 🏡	Grade 3 Students Time 9:15 AM – 3:15 PM Subject Grade 3's to Georgina Pioneer Village Location Civic Centre Rd. Grade 3's to Georgina Pioneer Village	Tuesday, November 12th
Heart Healthy Kids Presentation 🏡	Time 9:30 AM – 11:45 AM Subject Heart Healthy Kids Presentations Presentations will be done by the Heart and Stroke Foundation in the library Mrs. Judd/Mrs. Kelly: 9:30 - 10:00 am Ms. Williams/Mr. McPhail: 10:10 - 10:40 am Mr. Moore/Mrs. McCulla: 11:15 - 11:45 am	Tuesday, November 12th

Watson Family Movie Night	Time 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM Subject Watson Family Movie Night Location GEM Theatre School Council Event. Tickets are \$3.00. Movie Coordinator Mary Sears. The Movie is Turbo.	Wednesday, November 13th
Pizza Lunch	Students who have ordered	Thursday, November 14th
Kindergarten welcomes paramedics	Time 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Subject Kindergarten Ambulance Visit The Kindergarten classes will be getting a visit from a paramedic and a tour of an ambulance. Don't be alarmed when you see an ambulance outside of our school that day!	Thursday, November 14th
Progress Reports Go Home with Students	Students receive report cards at 3:30 p.m.	Thursday, November 14th
Student-Led Conferencing	Students and parents meet to review academic and learning skill progress	Evening of Thursday, November 14 th and PA Day – Friday, November 15th
PA Day	School is open in am for Student Led Conferences No School for Students	Friday, November 15th
Anti-Bullying Week	Time 11/18/2013 9:00 AM – 11/22/2013 3:30 PM Subject Anti Bullying Week Students, staff and community focus on Anti-Bullying	Monday, November 18 th - Friday, November 22nd
Vision Screening Senior Kindergarten	Time 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM Subject Vision Screening with the Lion Club All Senior Kindergarten students with permission from parents participate. This takes place in the Conference Room	Monday, November 18th
Positive Climates for Learning Committee Meeting	Time 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Subject Positive Climates for Learning Committee Meeting Occurs the third Monday of every Staff, Parents, Community Members are welcome to attend	Monday, November 18th
Picture Retake Day	Time 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Subject Picture Retake and Staff Photo Day	Tuesday, November 19th

Junior Kindergarten Classroom Observations ▲	JK Kindergarten Observations	Tuesday, November 19 th – Thursday, November 21 st
Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament	Members of the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team North Area Tournament Sutton High School	Wednesday, November 20 th
Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament	Members of the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team North Area Tournament Sutton High School	Thursday, November 21 st
Glenn Marais Kick Off Concert	21 Day Challenge Begins Acts of Kindness focus for all Anti-Bullying Week K-8	Wednesday, November 20 th
Pita Lunch	All Students who have ordered	Thursday, November 21 st
JK Observations	Parents and Guardians visit kindergarten classrooms to observe child in their learning environment	Tuesday, November 26 th to Thursday, November 28 th
Pizza Lunch	Pizza is served to students who have ordered	Thursday, November 28 th
School Council Meeting	In Library All Parents and Guardians are welcome and invited to attend	Thursday, December 5 th

Important Safety Messages:

Parents, Guardians and Child Care Providers are reminded **that dogs are not permitted on school property.** Some children are frightened by dogs and many are allergic!

The parking lot in front of the daycare and kindergarten yard is for Daycare use only. Please do not drop children off in the parking lot. Please park your vehicle on Carrick Ave and walk your child to the schoolyard to ensure a safe entry to school for all. We also ask that families refrain from using the staff parking lot as space is limited.

Please instruct your child(ren) to cross at the cross walk with our crossing guard.

Administrator's Message

Mrs. L. Crossley
Principal

Ms. K. Taylor Reed
Vice-Principal

We look forward to seeing parents and guardians at Watson PS this week for Student Led Conferences. Progress Report Cards will be sent home at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14th. The Elementary Progress Report Cards are designed to show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's **general progress** in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects. The Progress Report Cards are intended to become a **central part of rich discussions** with students and their parents in the context of a variety of communications that will help to establish a positive tone for the remainder of the school year. The key difference between the new Elementary Progress Report Card and the previous Term One Report Card is that it focuses on **progress towards expectations**, during a cycle of learning rather than achievement of expectations at the end of a learning cycle.

Student-Led conferences provide the forum for positive learning conversations between the students and their parents and guardians. Celebrating a successful start to the school year and setting goals for future learning are important steps for students who are becoming more responsible for their own learning. Learning skills are located on the first page of the progress report as they are the skills needed towards improved academic success. Learning skills are a wonderful topic for dinner conversations as there is always room for growth in these areas for people of all ages.

And with Snow in the forecast.....

<h3>School Bus Cancellation Notice</h3>
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To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM				
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM	
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.

Rainbows

W.J. Watson Public School is pleased to announce that we are a Rainbows site. Rainbows is a program that assists young persons who have suffered a loss. When something significant (parents separating, parents divorcing, or the death of a parent/guardian) happens in a family, the entire family is affected.

We have sensitive, caring trained adults who have said “yes” to helping these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family.

A session will be beginning soon for one of our Rainbow age based levels. Please contact **Ms. Taylor Reed at extension 183**, for more information or potential participation in the program.

Raising Resilient Children

November 26th, 2013

6:00pm-8:00pm

Lakeside Public School

213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick Ontario L4P 1J1

Please see attachment

Heart and Stroke Foundation - Heart Healthy Kids Presentation

As part of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's mission to promote healthy living, a representative will be making a 'Heart Healthy Kids' presentation to our Grade 3 to Grade 6 students on Tuesday, November 12th. The goal of the presentation is to educate children about healthy living in a fun and interactive way. Students will learn about their hearts, including their structure and function. They will also discuss as a group how to be a heart healthy kid - eat healthy, get regular exercise, and breathe smoke free air.

School Council Corner

*School Council will be having its next meeting
on*

Thursday December 5, 2013 in the Library from 6:45pm to 8:30pm
Everyone is welcome and invited to attend

Thank You...

School Council would like to send a special ***Thank You*** to Mrs. S. Bartlett for making our 20th Anniversary Cake and to Mrs. Croucke for baking 500 carrot muffins for all our students and staff.

Also, thank you to parents and volunteers for all your support, donations, and help before and during our 20th Anniversary celebration.

Watson Family Movie Night

November 13th at the GEM Doors open at 6pm Tickets are still available \$3.00 each

“TURBO”

Fundraising News.....

Want to get involved in fundraising for your school?

Here's a simple and delicious way you can help...

W.J. Watson Public School is enrolled in the School Earn back program at the Keswick Boston Pizza. Families and friends simply write W.J Watson PS on the back of each receipt and hand it to their server, or put in the designated box at the front of the store. A portion of the total goes back to the school in cash. It can add up fast. For example, if 200 families make two visits each, spend \$40 per visit and receive 10% back, they will have earned \$1,600 for their school.

*W. J. Watson will be having its first Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, December 12, 2013. We are looking for **donations** of all goods (except clothing, large items i.e furniture and safety items) so that the students can purchase them at a very minimal cost to be given out as gifts during the holiday season. Please drop off in room #102 or connect with school council for a pick up."*

TEACHER	GRADE	INTERCOM -
Black, Kari	6/7A	201
Demczuk, Faye (Kendall,	FTJSA	110
Green, Tammy	8A/Library	205
Havard, Karen	8B	204
Judd, Amy	23A	194 / P4
Kaarto, Judy & (Poste,	FTJSB	109
Keilhack, Janet	1A	113
Kelly, Patty	34A	214
Lewis, Lisa & (Markson,	FTJSC	111
McCulla, June	5/6A	213
McPhail, Jim	4/5A	215
Moore, David	5/6B	212
Reid, Jane	2A	115
Saunders, Moira	7A	203
Sedore, Seanna	6/7B	202
Spear, Patricia	2B	192 /P2
Viggers, Rob	1B	114
Williams, Jennifer	3/4B	211
SPECIAL EDUCATION	SERT=Special Education Resource	
Bartlett, Shannon	SERT - SSCB (ISSC)	216
Cole, Sandra	SERT - CCMA	108
Geenen, Michelle	SERT - SSCA (JSSC)	217
Gibson, Nadine	SERT - CCAA (Community Class)	112
Spehar, Angela	SERT – CCAB (Community Class)	206
RESOURCE TEACHERS		

Donnelly, Sarah	RR/Prep	187
Green, Tammy	Library/Gr8A/Prep	280 / Lib 208
Neumann, Ursula	Prim. Prep	191 /P1
Phillips, Jenna	8A/French	209
Woods, Tanis	Music/Prep	106
Wright, Tracy	French	210
CLASSROOM SUPPORT		
Barr, Jennifer	Educational Assistant - Health	108
Berger, Alice	Educational Assistant - C.Y.W.	209
Box, Yvonne	Educational Assistant - Health	108
Crozier, Jennifer	Educational Assistant - ADH	102
Griffin, Karen	Educational Assistant – Special	112
Kendall, Aimee	DECE – Designated Early Childhood	110
Markson, Michelle	DECE – Designated Early Childhood	111
Moody, Lorraine	Educational Assistant - A.D.H.	206
Poste, Daina	DECE – Designated Early Childhood	109
Timmins, Gina	Educational Assistant - A.D.H.	108
Walterhouse, Kristin	Educational Assistant - CYW	112
Watt, Mary Jane	Education Assistant – Special	102
Whitcombe, Ann	Educational Assistant - A.D.H.	102
Crossley, Leslie	Principal	182
Taylor Reed, Kim	Vice Principal	183
Giglio, Kellee	EOAA - Elementary Office Admin	181
Wood, Beth (Mon/Wed Alt.	SAS A – School Office Secretary	180 / 0
CARETAKERS		
Phillips, Paul		188
Hill, Pat		105
Hill, Patty		105
Peck, Bob		105

JK/SK FDK A	F.Demczuk/A.Kendall	Grade 6/7 A	K. Black
JK/SK FDK B	J. Kaarto/Daina Poste	Grade 6/7B	S. Sedore
JK/SK FDK C	L. Lewis/M. Markson	Grade 7A	M. Saunders
Grade 1 A	J. Keilhack	Grade 8A	T. Green and J. Phillips
Grade 1 B	R. Viggers	Grade 8B	K. Harvard
Grade 2 A	J. Reid	SSC/SERT JA	M Geenen
Grade 2 B	P. Spear	SSC/SERT JI B/Literacy	S. Bartlett
Grade 2/3 A	A .Judd	Community Class AA	N. Gibson
Grade 3/4 A	P. Kelly	Community Class AB	A. Spehar
Grade 3/4B	J. Williams	Community Class MA	D. Wilcox
Grade 4/5A	J. McPhail	French	T. Wright
Grade 5 A	D. Moore	French/Grade 8A	J. Phillips
Grade 6 A	J. McCulla	Library/Grade 8A	T. Green
		Reading Recovery/Prep	S. Donnelly
		Primary Prep	U. Newman
		Music/Prep	T. Woods