

# P.W.W. News

March 2024

## March Events

- 1 Grad Photo Re-takes
- 4 Home & School Mtg.  
@6:30 p.m.
- 8 Wacky Hair Day
- 11—15th March Break
- 21 Crazy Sock Day

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### ***Principal's Message***

#### **From the Principal's Pen**

Spring has been with us for many weeks despite the calendar indicating it was February and now early March. The yard is dry and muddy at times, but the sun is finally shining. The children are finding new activities to engage in at recess thanks to the Parkhill West Williams Home and School in collaboration with family fundraising. Thank you for the soccer, basketballs and volleyballs. The children are finding their physical outlets to play with others on the yard.

#### **Kindness**

The upcoming month we are focussing on 'kindness.' Being kind is defined as being friendly with no expectations of anything in return, generosity, and consideration. We have noticed children demonstrating this trait. They share kindness by opening doors for others, complimenting one another on a job well done, positive feedback on the field and court, or they help someone in their class or on the yard. Ms. Miles models this daily for the children with her invitational welcome, asking the children how they are, and noticing when a child needs help. Mr. Goure models kindness by asking the children how they are doing at school. Taking a genuine interest in the children and supporting them is an area where our whole staff shines. Thank you to our staff and students for all they do at PWW! Join us as we continue to model kindness, welcome our differences, and learning.

#### **Mathematics**

Our children continue to learn more and more math concepts as the year progresses. I've had the opportunity to attend intermediate math classes and learn with the students. The school through TVDSB subscribes to Knowledgehook and Mathology as part of our resources at school. There are some websites that offer free support. The following website called nRich has student practice modules and family engagement activities. Check this out! It's exciting!

<https://nrich.maths.org/parents>  
<https://nrich.maths.org/parents/primary>

TV Ontario has free online math tutoring for Ontario students.

<https://mathify.tvolearn.com/>

Mrs. Rose Walton  
Acting Principal  
PWW Public School

## **EQAO**

As we look forward to EQAO (Ontario assessment of primary and junior mathematics and language) our families at PWW may wish to learn with us. You will find at EQAO for sample questions to try with your children. EQAO is an Ontario Ministry of Education electronic assessment and the educators have been busy working with the children to support using the platform. Your support and extra time at home to navigate the system is appreciated. <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/primary-division/> <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/junior-division/>

## **Supporting Bus Drivers**

Special shout out to our bus drivers who transport our children to and from school. We can help our drivers by

- Remaining seated throughout the drive to and from school
- Quiet voices so we do not distract the driver
- Not eating on the bus due to possible choking and allergies
- Greeting the driver with a smile and 'hello.'

## **Use of Cell Phones**

Use of Cell Phones at School According to TVDSB website, [t]he Board's Information Technology Appropriate Usage Procedure says "handheld audio and video devices (e.g., cameras, MP3 players, cell phones) may be used in the classroom and other designated areas of the school for instructional purposes with the permission of the school administration."

Thames Valley's practices are in keeping with the Ministry's guidelines restricting the use of cell-phones during instructional time at school – with exceptions being made for health and medical purposes, to support special education needs, or for educational purposes as directed by an educator."

Classroom agreements are in place to support the use of cell phones and provide routines and rules for cell phone use at school. We have seen an increase in the use of cell phones at the school and will continue to support and focus on learning.

## **Tacos**

Thank you to grades 6,7, and 8 for participating in the Taco Lunch. We had a wonderful time cooking and making tacos. Food somehow brings adolescents together and the fun they had was immeasurable.

## **Let's Get Cooking**

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for providing their expertise to grades 4 and 5 as they teased our sense of smell and taste buds. What a great way to celebrate being in grades 4 and 5!

## **Mystery Project**

Get ready for more fun this month as we celebrate being together in grade 3. Children in the class will be leaders and share their knowledge with their peers throughout the process. Each grade 3 student will need to bring a paper cup and popsicle stick/tongue depressor Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

## Graduation Buzz

Graduation buzz is in the air as the intermediate students begin to think more and more about high school and leaving their elementary class behind them. Ms. Kuipers will be meeting with families to consider fundraising opportunities as well as preparations for the big event in June. Please consider supporting this initiative and providing Ms. Kuipers and the students with your support.

## Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten children who have registered for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to attend a Welcome to Kindergarten session Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 9:15-10:00am in the school gym.

## March Break

Enjoy time with friends and family March 11-15, 2024.

## School Council and Home and School

We will be having our meeting on March 4th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

THANK YOU to Home and School for the donation of soccer, basket balls and utility balls for our classrooms. The students are very thankful to have them to play with at recess!



## Library Learning Commons

Spring is almost here...Hooray! With the arrival of Spring, we have the finish to our Forest of Reading Program. Our primary classes will be voting on their favourite Blue Spruce title, and our junior and intermediate students will decide on their favourite Silver Birch or Red Maple books. There are still a few weeks left, so all participants are encouraged to keep reading! I look forward to celebrating with our Forest of Reading Voting Party, and finding out what books will be crowned the winners! A special thanks again to our Home and School for their continued support of this great reading program. Stay tuned to find out this year's winners!

Until next time,  
Happy Reading!  
Mrs. Hayter

## School Volleyball Teams

Our boys' and girls' volleyball teams have both had amazing seasons! They worked hard during practices and games during the past two months. Your coaches are very proud of all your efforts and dedication this year! A special congratulations to our boys' team on their gold medal win in our regional tournament! Way to go Panthers!!

## Canada Day Celebration!

It seems like it is so far away, but our Canada Day celebration will be here before we know it! We want to get the word out now, that we are looking for small prize donations for our events that day. If you are doing some spring cleaning, please keep PWW in mind! We are accepting new and gently used items, such as small toys and stuffies, to add to our prize bin.

Thank you for your continued support for these special events at our school! We appreciate it!



## Grade 7 Immunizations

Middlesex-London Health Unit will be in on Wednesday, April 3rd for the Grade 7 immunizations.

If you have any questions please contact the Health Unit at 519 663 5317.

## Grade Photo Re-Take Day

Edge Imaging will be in the school on Friday, March 1st in the morning if you would like to have your child's graduation photo re-done or they missed the original day. This is for our Grade 8 and SK students.

## Crazy Sock Day

Students are encouraged to wear crazy socks on Thursday, March 21st in support of World Down Syndrome Day.

The idea was created **because chromosomes are shaped "like socks" and people with Down syndrome have an extra chromosome.** People all over the world wear colorful, attractive, crazy socks on WSDS to get noticed. March 21 is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome.

## Spirit Days for the remainder of the year

March 8 -Wacky Hair Day

March 21 –Crazy Sock Day for World Down Syndrome Day

April 5 -Canadian Tuxedo Day—Denim Everything!

April 26 - Favourite Book Character/ Superhero Day

May 10 -Decades Day

May 24 –Twin Day

June 14 - Backwards Day

June 27 –Red and White Day



## Hot Dog Day / Hot Lunch

Home and School is having a hot dog day on Wednesday, March 27th. This will be our hot lunch for the month of March. Thank you to Home and School for doing this and a form will be going home on Monday, March 4 for orders. Since it is a Home and School event please send EXACT change along with order form. Thank you for your support.

## Grade 7 & 8 Year End Trip Fundraiser

Quick and delicious! It's Pizza Time! Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining! Buy several kits and stock your freezers! Perfect for after school snacks, quick meals, sleepovers and birthday parties. Kids have fun making their own pizza creations.

You can pick from 5 different bundles of four 11" thin pizzas, with two crust options( regular and cauliflower Gluten Free Crust ):

Bundle # 1 Canadian, Meat Lovers, Hawaiian and Deluxe

Bundle #2 BBQ, Chicken, Wing-A-Licious, Sweet Spicy Thai and Spice BBQ Chicken

Bundle #3 Veggie, Summer Blend, Greek and Bruschetta

Bundle #4 Cheese, Pepperoni, Cheesy Bacon and Pepperoni & Bacon

Bundle #5 Dill pickle, Creamy Buffalo, Chicken Bacon Ranch, Big Daddy Mack

You can also go back in and order many times.

***DELIVERY DATE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH.***

Proceeds will go towards the Grade 7 and 8 year end Toronto Trip.  
Thank you for your support!

