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The Williamsburg Connection

Happy October WPS Families,

The first month of school flew by in a whirl of learning and activities and we are looking forward to more of the same this month.

We welcomed two new staff members to our school over these past few weeks. Ms. Jessica O'Reilly is our new Grade 3 teacher this year. She was with us last year and taught grade 5 and we are thrilled to have her permanently on staff. We are also pleased to welcome Ms. Meghan Jones as coverage teacher who will be supporting the kindergarten classes. Welcome to the WPS community.

Speaking of our staff, we thank all of our coaches who have been busy running practices with our students and arranging games and events at other schools. Cross country, junior flag football and volleyball have all gotten off to an amazing start. We know the students appreciate the extra time and support the teachers are providing for them to enjoy the sports while learning the important skills of being on a team and building leadership skills. We are excited to cheer on all of our WPS athletes!

Monday October 2nd was Custodian Appreciation Day and we are thankful every day for our amazing team— Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Green and Mr. Careford. We thank them for keeping our school clean, and safe and for always going the extra mile to help staff and students.

Friday October 6th is a PA day and there will be no school for students. Staff will be doing professional development that day.

We are hosting a Family Fitness night on Wednesday Oct. 18th from 6:00-7:00 pm. We will have some games organized in the gym and some smaller activities for our youngest students. We hope to see you there!

Hallowe'en falls on a Tuesday this year. We are going to have our annual Fall Dance-a-thon for the students to enjoy that day. We will be selling Grab bags ahead of time— \$5 each. Orders forms will be sent home in a few weeks. Thank you for supporting this school fundraising event.

This week marks our first long weekend of the school year. We wish all families and Happy Thanksgiving and hope you have time to spend with family and friends.

Ms. Spencer and Mrs. Johnson



Principal: Stephanie Spencer

Vice-Principal: Trish Johnson

Administrative Assistants: Amira Azar

Jodi Brawn

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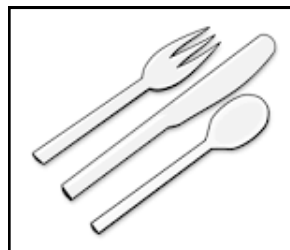
WPS Cross Country Team— our students have been busy practicing to get ready for the Area Meet on Oct. 5th. Thank you to our coaches— Mr. Schoonderbeek, Mr. Winters, Ms. Heaney, and Mrs. Cook for your time and support of the students. Have a great day and run Wolf Pack!



Water Bottles and Cutlery

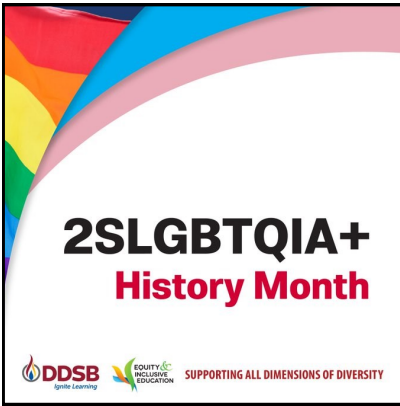
As many of you know, Canada is moving toward the removal of single-use plastic products to help protect the environment. Sourcing plastic spoons and forks is getting more difficult and we can't always provide them if students forget their utensils. Please do your best to ensure utensils are packed in lunch bags for students to use when eating lunch and snacks at school.

Staying hydrated at school is a must to do our best learning at school. All students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school every day. We have water bottle filling stations on both floors of the school and students are welcome to replenish whenever needed.



WPS Junior Flag Football Team

Our Junior Students have had the chance to participate in Flag Football again this fall. The team has met before school and during lunch to practise and prepare for their tournament on Oct. 3rd. Thank you to Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. Robert for coaching this amazing group of students. We know the team will enjoy the day and will represent WPS with their spirit of team work and dedication. Go Wolves!



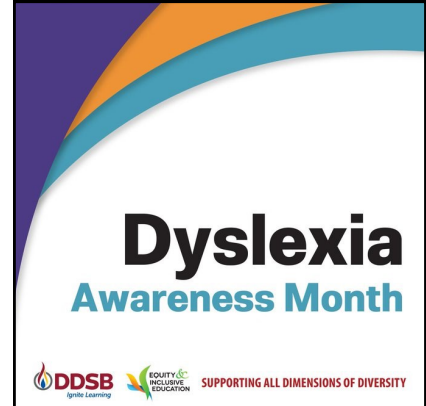
2SLGBTQIA+
History Month

DDSB Ignite Learning EQUITY INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SUPPORTING ALL DIMENSIONS OF DIVERSITY

A poster for 2SLGBTQIA+ History Month. It features a rainbow flag graphic in the top left corner. The text is centered and bold. At the bottom, there are logos for DDSB (Ignite Learning) and EQUITY (Inclusive Education), along with the tagline "SUPPORTING ALL DIMENSIONS OF DIVERSITY".

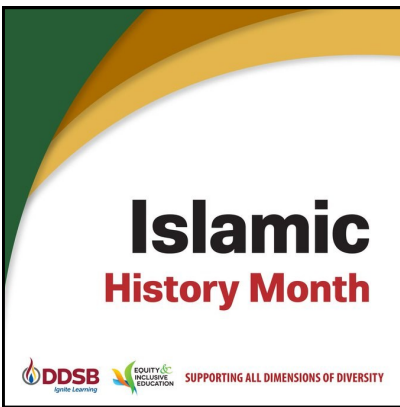
Disabilities
Awareness Month

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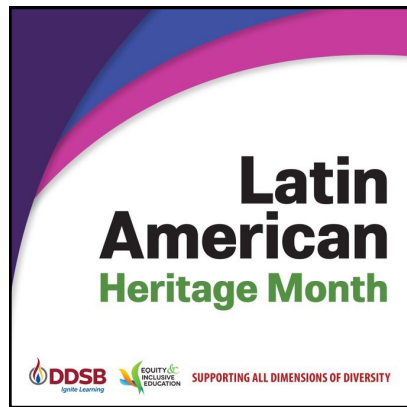
Dyslexia
Awareness Month

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Islamic
History Month

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Latin American
Heritage Month

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Learning Disability
Awareness Month

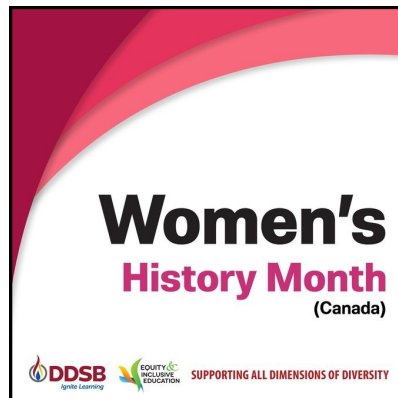
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Acknowledging
Neurodivergent Acceptance
Month



DDSB Ignite Learning

A poster for Neurodivergent Acceptance Month. It features a large, colorful infinity symbol in the center. The text is centered and bold. At the bottom, there is a logo for DDSB (Ignite Learning).

Women's
History Month
(Canada)

DDSB Ignite Learning EQUITY INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SUPPORTING ALL DIMENSIONS OF DIVERSITY

A poster for Women's History Month (Canada). It features a rainbow flag graphic in the top left corner. The text is centered and bold. At the bottom, there are logos for DDSB (Ignite Learning) and EQUITY (Inclusive Education), along with the tagline "SUPPORTING ALL DIMENSIONS OF DIVERSITY".

Anaphylaxis and Allergies

WPS has several children with allergies in classrooms throughout the school. As such, we are a **Nut Aware** building. Please read the information sent home by the classroom teachers if there are immediate concerns in your child's classroom. We are collecting updated medical information now from families to ensure our records are accurate. Staff do training each year to ensure all are familiar with emergency procedures and how to use Epi-Pens and Allerjects correctly. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you require further information. You can also check out Sabrina's Law on the DDSB web site.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Thank you for following the procedures WPS has put in place for the safe arrival and dismissal of all students at the school. This is always a priority and steps have been put in place to help us all remain safe. **The front of the school driveway is for Buses Only.** Please remember the only **Kiss N Ride loop is located at the back of the school during morning arrival.** Students can exit the vehicle, and then walk through the opening at the primary yard to go to their designated class line-up spot. At the end of the day, the loop is closed to allow all students to leave school property in a safe manner. Parents/guardians are welcome to meet their children on the school yard when they are dismissed from their classes.

VISITORS TO Williamsburg PS.

Visitors are always welcome at WPS. If possible, please call the school to arrange a telephone meeting when needed. If meeting in person is required, please come to the front door and press the buzzer and we will open the door. If you need to drop something off for your child, please follow the same procedure as above and we will deliver the item.

Picture Day is Coming!

*We are pleased to welcome back Edge Imaging to take our school photos for the 2023-2024 school year. Our school photo day is scheduled for **October 23rd**. An email will be sent to families next week with more information.*

It will be wonderful to have updated pictures of our students this year.

Get ready to smile!!!

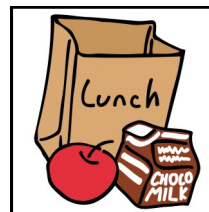


Bicycle Safety

Students are welcome to ride bikes to school in the nice weather. Please ensure bikes are locked up at the bike racks and helmets must be worn. Bikes must be walked on school property to keep everyone safe. We suggest scooters and skateboards be left at home and not brought to school.

LUNCH FACILITIES

Lunch research has clearly shown that it is healthier for students to go home for lunch, if at all possible. Children who stay at school for lunch are expected to behave in a courteous, respectful manner towards staff, supervisors and one another. Eating lunch at school is a privilege. Students who stay at school for lunch are not permitted to leave school property unless they have written permission from parents/guardians.



School Community Council

Calling all interested parents and guardians!

If you would like to work on the 2023-2024 School Community Council, please complete the nomination form that will be sent home with students and send it back to school to Ms. Spencer. Please include: your name, your children's names and grades, your interests in serving on the council and your phone number.

The SCC helps to make WPS a better place for learning by discussing ideas with the administrators and running activities to raise funds for our school events. It has been a few years since we have had a full-time SCC and we look forward to a positive turnout this year.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday October 11th at 6:30 pm. We look forward to welcoming new and returning members. We will hold our SCC meetings in person at the school .



Kids Clothing & Toy Sale

Fall/Winter Sale
Saturday October 14th, 2023
Scugog Community Centre
(1655 Reach St., Port Perry)

Come and shop a HUGE selection of gently used brand name items!
Sorted by gender and size!

- Children's clothing (newborn to size 16)
- Shoes
- Toys, puzzles and games
- Huge selection of books
- Halloween costumes
- Bikes
- Sports equipment
- Plus baby gear including bedding, strollers, high chairs, swings, maternity clothing and more!



Event Hours

8:00am-9:00am (Priority Shopping, \$5 admission)
9:00am-12:00pm (\$2 admission)

Children are free!

**NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS: Debit and Credit (Service Fee applies).
Please bring your own reusable bag(s)

New consignors welcome!

Student volunteer hours available.

Our sale is proud to support



northdurham.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/kidsclothingandtoysale
Follow us on Facebook: Scugog Kid's Clothing and Toy Sale

Foodless Celebrations!!

As we have numerous allergies in our school, it is difficult to celebrate holidays and events with cake and treats. There are many different ingredients in foods and some are not always listed. We want our students to be safe while here at WPS. A great way to recognize your child's birthday is to donate a book to his/her classroom with a nice inscription including his/her name and date!

Please refrain from sending in treats for the whole class for parties at holiday times as well. We will honor special events with Foodless Celebrations.

BASKETBALL HOUSE LEAGUE

CARRUTHERS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL- 1 GREENHALF DR, AJAX



BOYS FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL HOUSE LEAGUE STARTING
FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH
BOYS 13- 16 YEARS OLD (U16 DIVISION)

SINCE WE WILL BE IN YOUR GYM WE ARE OFFERING A
DISCOUNTED RATE FOR CARRUTHERS CREEK STUDENTS

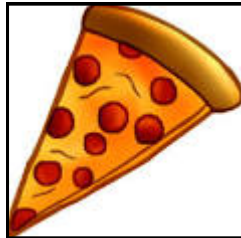
WE ALSO HAVE OUR OTHER HOUSE LEAGUE PROGRAMS FOR
GIRLS AGED 9- 16 YEARS OLD & BOYS 9-12 YEARS OLD WHICH
WILL BE ON SATURDAYS AT AUDLEY RECREATION CENTRE.

CARRUTHERS CREEK STUDENTS WILL STILL RECEIVE A
DISCOUNTED RATE AS THE COACHES KIDS ATTEND & ATTENDED
CARRUTHERS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: INFO@KIDBALLERS.COM

School Pizza Lunch is back

We are pleased to be able to provide pizza lunch again this year as a school fundraiser. We will hold them on Tuesdays, with our next one being Tuesday October 10th. Orders will be placed via School Cash On-Line beginning Wednesday September 13th. We will provide cheese, cheese and pepperoni and students will have the choice to order a juice box as well. Prices will increase slightly this year due to an increase from Domino's. We appreciate the support for our students and the various school initiatives we provide for them this year.



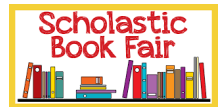
Welcome Back to School Event at WPS

Mark Your Calendars!

This year, we are holding our official Welcome Back/Meet the WPS Staff event on Wednesday October 4th from 5:30-7:30 pm as we have completed our class re-organizations for September. Classes are open to visit with teachers from 6-7 pm.

We will host the Scholastic Book Fair in the gym that evening as well which is fun and serves as a fundraiser for the school librarian to add more resources to our collection.

We will have cookies and popcorn on sale in the front foyer during the event as well as a school fundraiser.



Dates To for October

Oct. 2	Custodian Appreciation Day
Oct. 3	Flag Football tournament– Junior
Oct. 4	Welcome Back to School Event
Oct. 5	Area Cross Country Meet
Oct. 6	PA Day– school closed for students
Oct, 9	Thanksgiving Holiday– school closed
Oct. 11	First SCC Meeting– 6:30 pm
Oct, 18	Family Fitness Night
Oct. 23	School Photo Day
Oct. 31	October Dance-a-thon Fundraiser



Walk or Wheel Every Day!

Active transportation is a great way for kids to get their recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Active transportation can include walking or wheeling (e.g. biking, inline skating, skateboarding, and scootering) to get to and from places such as school, parks and community centres.

Many kids do not walk or wheel to get to and from school. Those who do can get up to 45 more minutes of physical activity each day. They can also benefit from increased fitness, academic achievement, time spent with friends, and reduced stress.

As a parent you can:

- Encourage your kids to walk or wheel to and from school.
- Talk with other parents and older kids to arrange supervised walks to and from school (e.g. walking school bus).
- Park your car a short distance from the school and walk the rest of the way.

For more information visit durham.ca/physicalactivity



durham.ca



If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

“A thankful heart is the greatest virtue.”
Cicero