

# WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Monday, October 3, 2016



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The staff and I are excited about this new school year! We have a student population of 323 from Pre- Kindergarten to Grade 6, with 20 teachers, 4 aides, 6 day care educators, 2 caretakers and 2 secretarial staff...we are a busy place. As always, our focus remains on student achievement and quality teaching and learning. We have enjoyed excellent success in the areas of English, Math and French, and we still are maintaining our 60% English and 40% French programming.

For more information about the school, please check out our website at: <http://wakefield.wqsb.qc.ca>

This year, we are also looking forward to many activities that enrich school life, such as outdoor education programming with Mr. Earwaker, culture in the school art projects, lunch hour activities, regional sports, and board-wide events like debating, French public speaking, Destination Imagination and Music Makers. There is so much to get involved with!

Thanks so much for your patience with the construction zone in the month of September. Our first phase of the playground is almost complete- the two staff parking lots and the retaining wall and fencing. For now, the ground has to settle before any structures can be moved and installed, but we look forward to using the space as soon as we can and the continuation of the work next Spring.

## PHOTO DAY

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is photo day. Please see attached information from Photomania. We will begin at 8:15am.

## GRADE 6 GRADUATION MEETING

There will be a Grade 6 parents' meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room to discuss graduation fund raising and activities.

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## **THANKSGIVING**

The school and daycare will be closed on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## **GOVERNING BOARD**

There will be a Governing Board meeting on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports for K5-Grade 6 will be sent home October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **PD DAY**

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> is a PD day. The daycare will be visiting Saunders Farm.

## **FROM K4**

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> is Black and Orange day in our K4 class.

**Please remember if you are sending in Halloween treats that we are a NUT FREE school. We have several students with severe, life-threatening allergies.**

Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup> is the end of Term 1.
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## **WE Scare Hunger Campaign**

Wakefield School's ME2WE group (a WE Schools Member) needs your help! Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to The Wakefield Food Pantry. There will be designated food items each week, but of course, a donation of any kind helps! Please send non-perishables in with your child, as we will be counting items per class! Below, are the items that will especially help at your local food bank:

**October 3-7** canned vegetables and crackers

**October 10-14** granola bars and soup \*bonus item: pasta sauce

**October 17-21** cereal

**October 24-28** canned meat and peanut butter \*bonus item: cookies

**October 31** chili or stew in a can

WE thank you so much in advance!

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