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### March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Intermediate Boys'  
Basketball Tournament  
SCS

### March 6<sup>th</sup>

Grade 4-8 Ski and Tubing  
Trip, Chicopee- tentative  
on weather

### March 8<sup>th</sup>

Parent Council Meeting  
6:30pm

### March 10<sup>th</sup>

Spirit Day-Pajama Day

### March 13-17<sup>th</sup>

March Break

### March 21<sup>st</sup>

Senior Kindergarten and  
Grade 8 Photos

### March 24<sup>th</sup>

Spirit Day- Twin, Triplet,  
Quadruplet Day

### March 30<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Brady and Mrs.  
Hewitt's students  
performing folk dancing  
and ukeles at the Senior  
Support Lunch.

## School Cash online...

**44% of our families have now signed up for School Cash Online**, a fee payment system that allows parents to use online banking for student hot lunches, drinks, class trips etc. This new system comes with glitches to work out so thank you for making us aware of ways in which we can improve this valuable service.

**April hot lunch and drink orders will be available online from March 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.**

Please enroll by registering online at:  
<https://granderie.schoolcashionline.com/>

Registered parents will receive notification when trips, hot lunches etc. become available for you to order and pay.

## Lights....Camera....Action!

The 2017 Talent Show is taking place in April.  
Stay tuned for more information on what is going to be an exciting show!

## A few school routines and safety reminders...

Thank you for having your children on the playground by 8:45am. This allows all students to line up and enter the school with their classmates as a regular routine. It also avoids interruptions to the classroom after the 8:50am bell.

Before your child leaves for school, please ensure that your child knows who is picking them up after school or how they are getting home. This will alleviate the stress on our students of not knowing who is coming to get them or how they are getting home.

Writing a note in their agenda/communication book is the most efficient and safest way to ensure that your children go where they are supposed to go. It also minimizes disruptions in the classroom. We understand that emergencies arise and a call to the school is necessary. We appreciate your support in making arrangements before school and not calling the school to make these changes on a regular basis. **Phone calls received between 2:30pm-3:10pm may not get to your child as this is a very busy time in the office. Please avoid calling the school at this time with messages for your child.**

## Spoons!

Students of all ages appear to have difficulty eating a cup of pudding or yoghurt without a spoon! When packing lunches with these items, please include a spoon.

## Nutrition Program

### **Pancake Goodness!**

A huge thank you to our Nutrition Program volunteers who served up pancakes for the entire school on Tuesday, February 28th. Students were treated to sausages and hot pancakes with syrup, and juice. A team of volunteers effortlessly whipped up the batter, cooked them on the griddles and delivered them to each classroom! Many thanks to Sherri Graham for organizing this event that was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Kerry's Eatery for donating the pancake mix and to our volunteers:

Jen Welsh, Linda Mayo, DJ Giles, Barbie Earnst Elaine Hagerman, Erin Howe, Kim Hines,

Jessilyn Horton and Courtney Herron. A huge thank you to our student volunteers who helped with the set up and delivery:

Max Welsh, Sydney Welsh, Grace Giles, Kelsey Giles and Payton Hines

### **Wildcat News**

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the **Junior Basketball team** played in their tournament at SCS. The team dropped the first 2 games, losing to West Lynn 10-7 and to Lynndale 12-11. They then rebounded to defeat Delhi 17-4 and Langton 22-2. This placed the team 6<sup>th</sup> overall. In the playoff round, Waterford defeated Bloomsburg 12-4, and Walsh 12-11. These wins put the team up against undefeated Lynndale. Waterford prevailed with a 22-13 win. This win put the team into the final against a very strong and well rested Lakewood squad. The ball did not fall for the Wildcats and they went on to lose 24-8. The team played exceptionally well all day and never gave up. Great job, Wildcats! Special thanks to Caley Roake for assisting throughout practices and the tournament, to our volunteer drivers, and to Mr. Brady for coaching this fine team. This strong finish will put them in good standing at the CAGE tournament on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Good luck team!

Congratulations to the **Intermediate Girls'**

**Basketball team** who took on the County on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. After 2 wins and 2 losses in round robin action, the Wildcats defeated Elgin PS to move to the quarter finals. The Wildcats held their own against Lynndale in a see-saw battle until the Lightning lit it up in the last half of the game to end the game with a 21-6 final score.

Miss Van Kessel would like to commend her players on their effort, enthusiasm and positive energy throughout the tournament. Thank you to our parent volunteer drivers, and to Miss Van Kessel who help make these opportunities possible!

### **Speech Competition**

February 8th was a very exciting day at WPS as selected students from each class in Gr 3-8 got to present their speech in the gym. Students were very well prepared and confident!

Congratulations to our school finalists:

#### Primary Division

2nd: Dobby Johnathon- Pow Wows

1st: Grace Herron – Guinness Book of World Records

#### Junior Division

2nd: Seth Woods– The history of Apple

1st: Grace Giles- The evolution of spectacles

#### Intermediate Division

2nd: Alexis Schnitzer - Childhood Obesity

1st: Abi Boatright - Trends

The top 2 competitors in each division were able to compete at the Legion Competition on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> with the following students coming out on top: Dobby Johnathon 1<sup>st</sup>, Grace Herron 2<sup>nd</sup>, Seth Woods 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grace Giles 1<sup>st</sup>. Grace and Dobby's wins enables them to compete at the Zone Competition at the end of March. Well done to all of our competitors.

Thank you to Mrs. Hewitt for organizing our school event and preparing for the Legion event.

### **Lost and Found Clothing**

Are your children's closets and drawers missing anything? Many articles of clothing have been collected over the winter months from above the coat racks in the hallway, change rooms and the playground. They have been displayed for many weeks in the front hallway. Clothing includes mitts, hats, hoodies and assorted tops.

Please feel free to come in before March Break to look through our collection. Unclaimed articles will be donated to a worthy organization.