



# William E. Brown Public School

## FALL IS PROOF THAT CHANGE IS BEAUTIFUL!

Wainfleet is so beautiful in the fall. We are enjoying the changing colour of the leaves, the cooler temperatures and the wildlife in an around the Feeder Canal. We continue to try to hold classes outside in order to provide mask breaks and take advantage for the nice weather while it lasts.

Thank you so much for your support of “Terry Fox Day”. We were thrilled to be able to raise \$1295.00 to further cancer research. The students enjoyed their walk that day and were pleased to be doing something kind for someone else.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY - Nov. 6**

Focus will be on kindness to one another on this day, during class time, nutrition and fitness break and on the bus.

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY - Nov. 11**

Several grade 8 students have been planning for a special virtual assembly for our students on Wednesday, Nov. 11 around 10:45 am. We are looking forward to this presentation.

#### **PD DAY – Nov. 18**

There is no school for students on Wednesday, November 18. WEB staff will be engaged in professional learning activities on that day.

#### **REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER INTER-VIEWS - November 19 and 26**

Communication Of Learning (JK/SK) and the Progress Reports (grade 1-8) will be sent home on November 19. Parents will be offered a chance to discuss the reports over the phone with their child’s teacher on November 26 .

#### **ONTARIO SKILLS PRES. - Nov. 20**

Our students in grades 6-8 will be participating in a virtual presentation looking at a variety of occupations available through skilled trades on Friday, November 20.

#### **ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK - Nov. 16-20**

There will be a focus on anti-bullying during this week with activities in classrooms.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - Nov. 25**

Our Virtual November School Council meeting will be happening on Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### **VIRTUAL ALL STAR ASSEMBLY - Nov. 27**

Our monthly All Star Assembly will be happening on Friday, November 27 in the morning.

#### **LOCKDOWN DRILLS**

During the month of November, the staff and students will be practicing several lockdown drills. There is additional information contained in the newsletter regarding this.

**The Annual Wainfleet Food Drive will be happening on Saturday, November 14 from 9—noon at the Meridian Credit Union. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.**

## STUDENT SAFETY

Each year, all DSBN schools engage in several activities to ensure student safety. Fire drills were discussed in the September newsletter and we have held our first fire drill. During the months of October and November, we will be practicing with our students the protocols outlined below:

### Lockdowns

At WEB, we practice two lockdowns every year. Lockdowns are used when there is a threat of some kind either in or outside of the school. These can include police action in the community. During a lockdown when the students are already inside, students are asked to assemble away from the locked classroom door and sightlines. Teachers email their attendance to office staff. In the event that the students are outside, staff blow a whistle to signal them to come inside and the students follow the procedure described above once they are in the classroom. Our lockdown drills will occur during the months of September and October.

### Shelter in Place

“Shelter in Place” is used in response to an environmental or weather related situation when it is necessary to keep all staff and students within the school to protect them from an external situation. Some examples are a chemical spill, blackout or extreme weather conditions.

### Hold and Secure

We used “Hold and Secure” when we need students to remain in their classroom for a brief period of time. Teachers are to carry on their lessons, but not allow any students to leave their classroom until they are signalled to do so. Sometimes this is used when there has been a spill or accident in a hallway. Students are moved out of Hold and Secure as quickly as possible.

Please take the time to discuss these with your child to help alleviate any concerns. Thanks for your assistance with our safety procedures.

## ALL STAR RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for “Responsibility” at our All Star Assembly at the end of October.

### JK/SK—1

Avery B., Callum C.

### JK/SK—2

Kinsley C., Trenton S.

### Grade 1

Audrey O., Brooklyn B.

### Grade 1/2

Aidan M., Mackenzie D.

### Grade 2/3

Aryanna M., Pyper R.

### Grade 3

Jace B., Lilah M.

### Grade 4/5

Harlow A., Chloe B.

### Grade 5/6

Bethany S.

### Grade 6/7

Brody R., Kate K., Clayton C.

### Grade 7/8

Ava and Alexis T.



## PROGRESS REPORTS FOR GRADES 1-8

On November 18th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, principals and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

## NEW SCHOOL UPDATE



As many of you already know, in July, the Ministry of Education announced that they would be funding a new joint elementary school in Wainfleet. The schools of William E. Brown and Winger Public Schools and Saint Elizabeth will all come under one roof in a new facility.

Currently the public and catholic school boards are working collaboratively to establish a timeline and process to move forward on this project. The anticipated opening of the new school is September, 2023. We look forward to working together to see the evolution of this new school.

## GRADUATION HOODIES

In September, our grade 8 students chose their grade hoodie design and the sweatshirts have been ordered. The students should receive their graduation hoodies during the third week of November. We know that they will enjoy wearing them for the rest of the school year.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING



The School Council will be running fundraisers leading up to the holiday season.

We will once again be selling Poinsettias and Little Caesars Pizza kits.

More detailed information about each of these fundraisers will be coming home later in the month.

# HALLOWEEN WAS A BLAST!

