

This Week at WMES - January News

Dear WMES families:

Welcome back and happy 2025!

- Our January can be found [here](#).

Staffing updates for 2025:

We have some new staff members to welcome who have joined our team this January:

- Ms. Cheilidh is our new School Counselor until June, and will be here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Ms. Saulnier is filling in for Mrs. Dey in the Library for a few months and will be here on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Smith will be filling in for Mrs. Johnson until the end of March in Grade One.

Please join us in wishing them all a warm Waverley Memorial welcome.

Spring Musical Update:

- Students in Grades 3-5 will have an opportunity to participate in our Spring Musical beginning this week. A notice is coming home with interested students in Grades 3-5 and we have added a link on our website which we will keep up to date with pertinent information. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

The performance date is May 6th - so mark your calendars. 😊

Important weather reminders

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or

- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bused students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On [our website](#)
- On [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- On [Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations.

February is Registration Month:

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's soon time to register!

Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE; ·
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill,

internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract);
and ·

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child **beginning on February 1st** through PowerSchool Enrollment!




Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

Cell phone policy: Reminders (update re. smart watches):

Beginning last September, every student was expected to have their personal cell phone turned off and stored during instructional time. Students in Grades PP - 5 are to turn off and store their cell phones for the entire school day, including non-instructional times and on the bus). Exceptions may be made to address students' individual needs (medical/ability) when determined in consultation with the Student Planning Team, that includes parents/caregivers.

Some students are starting to wear smartwatches to school. It is important to ensure that students understand that the cell phone policy applies to these devices for texting, calls and internet use during school time. If your child has a smart watch we appreciate you having these conversations at home with them so that they understand the policy and expectations. **Thanks for your support.**

January 19-24 is literacy Week at WMES:

19	20	21	22	23	24
Week 2 It's Literacy Week! 	"Read My Shirt" Day <i>Flashlight reading in the gym</i> 	"Poem in my Pocket" Day	Bring your favorite book to share with a friend today <i>Flashlight reading in the gym</i> 	"Thankful Thursday" Choir at Lunch	Comfy/Cozy Reading Day Author Visit Janice Walsh-Cruddas

Monday- **"Read my shirt"** day! (School appropriate messages please). We'll also be doing flashlight reading in the gym. Bring a flashlight if you can (we have some).

Tuesday- **"Poem in my Pocket"** Day (Share your favorite poem with us today).

Wednesday- Bring your **favorite book** to share with a friend today. More Flashlight reading in the gym.

Thursday- Thankful Thursday - We are going to write positive notes to share with our School Community today!

Friday - It's Comfy/ Cozy Reading Day today. Wear your comfy clothes today and maybe bring a stuffie or blanket for some cozy reading time today. (PJ's, or whatever you feel comfiest in)

Family Literacy Day is Monday, January 27th!

Did you know? January 27 is Family Literacy Day! This special day is meant to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

This year's theme is "Learn to be Green, Together!" Make a pledge as a family to learn ways to be greener. Use less electricity, commute together, and reuse items. Being green together is a fun way to learn as a family while being kind to the environment.

Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, will be celebrated on January 29. It marks the beginning of the Year of the Snake, an animal sign that symbolizes wisdom, intuition, and renewal. It's a time for families to come together, honour their ancestors, and welcome the new year with hopes of prosperity and happiness.

PTC Family Movie night is Thursday, February 13th.

- We are showing: DC League of Super Pets.
- Bring your own cushion/blanket or camp chair if you like
- Admission is free
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- Doors open at 6pm. The movie starts at 6:30pm
- You can bring your own snacks, but we will also have concessions (Snack box with a drink, popcorn and a treat for \$5)
- Check out the [flyer](#).

Upcoming Dates for your calendar:

January 8 - Musical Auditions

January 9 - PTC 6pm & SAC 7pm

January 10 - Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail - visiting author for 1/2K and 1J

January 13 - GPV staff visiting to meet with Grade 5 students

January 24 - Janice Walsh-Cruddas - visiting author for P/1D and PBM

January 20- 24th - Literacy Week at WMES

January 20 - Band Trials for Grade 5 students

January 27th - Family Literacy Day

January 29th - Lunar New Year begins

January 31st - John Read - visiting author for 4/5S and 5vM

February 12 - Family Meeting for Grade 5 families at GPV 6-7pm