



GENERAL WOLFE SCHOOL

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Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 4	PAC Meeting	6:30 pm in the library
Wednesday, October 5	Student Photos	All Day
Monday, October 10	Thanksgiving	School Not In Session
Tuesday, October 18	Goal Setting Conferences	2:00 pm Dismissal
Wednesday, October 19	Goal Setting Conferences	2:00 pm Dismissal
Thursday, October 20	The Great Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill	10:20 am, will be finished by recess
Thursday, October 20	Trout Lake Cross Country Meet	1:00 pm at Trout Lake
Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21	Family Photo nights	In the library-see below for session times.
Friday, October 21	District Pro D Day	School Not In Session
Friday, October 28	PAC Halloween Dance	In the Gym
Wednesday, December 7	Winter Concert	More information to come

September 30, 2016

Dear Wolfe Parents and Guardians:



The first month of school is now completed, and many activities are now finished or well under way. We have been very lucky with the weather, especially for our Welcome Back Evening and for the very successful Walkathon that happened today. Many thanks to Kristy Whittaker for all her leadership on this event, and also thank you to the many parent volunteers.



Our Terry Fox run was on Thursday, September 8th, with a donation of about \$2,900 going to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your continued generous support of this very worthwhile cause.



Soccer and Cross Country are both well underway. Our Senior Girls soccer teams are having a very successful season with the support of Ms. Walker and Ms. Collins, their coaches. Interested athletes in grades 3 - 7 have completed 2 zone Cross Country mini meets with 2 more to come, and are looking forward to the final district meet on Thursday, October 20th at Trout Lake. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather for us!



Thank you to all the parents who have completed and returned the verification sheets that were sent home. We would appreciate the return of any outstanding forms as soon as possible. Due to the VSB's accounting procedures we would appreciate it if families did not combine school supply fees for siblings, as each teacher has to account for the fees received from their class.

Many thanks to Stephanie Willox and the hot lunch team for getting hot lunch up and running again. The students seem to be greatly enjoying the menu choices. If you are interested in having your child participate in hot lunch, the link is cestmoncafe.com. Ordering and payment is all done on line.

Every year we review and update our safety plans. We have an off-site assembly place organized in case of a gas or sewage leak, or other event that makes it necessary to leave the building before all parents/guardians can arrange for student pick up. **Our off site assembly area is General Brock School, 4860 Main Street.**



Friday October 21st is a Province-wide Professional Day. It is the day that many of the teacher specialist associations hold their conferences and workshops. The staff will be engaged in a variety of learning activities on this day; students do not attend.

Goal setting Conferences are Tuesday October 18th and Wednesday October 19th. Students are dismissed at 2:00 pm on both of those days. You will be receiving information from your child's teacher as to the format at times closer to the date.

Our next PAC meeting of the year is next Tuesday October 4th at 6:30 pm in the library. There is child care available. All Wolfe parents and guardians are members of our PAC, and this is another important way that you can support the school.

Thank you

Susan Nichols

Principal



Choir begins again on October 26th!

(After Soccer Season Ends)

Where: the Music Room

When: Every Wednesday @ 8:15am until May

Who: Kids in Grade 2 and up

Why: To have fun learning new songs for school assemblies!



Beautiful spring bulbs from Florissa!! Order by September 30.

Attached is the flyer-there's a good selection and variety. We earn about 50% of the profits for this fundraiser. Delivery has been booked for Thursday, October 6 before the long weekend and we will have pick up at the end of the school day on the north side of the gym entrance. To order, please print the attached form, fill it in, attach a cheque for General Wolfe Elementary School and return the form and payment with your and your child's name and division on an envelope to the office by the **September 30 deadline**. Thanks for your support.

If you have any questions, please email Alana at wolfecamp2017@gmail.com

October's Social Responsibility topic is **Goal Setting**

Goal setting: wanting to do or get something, and the steps you take to make it happen.

Make sure your goals are **SMART**:

SPECIFIC

MEASURABLE

ACHIEVABLE

REALISTIC

TIMELY

Family Photo:

Fowle Foto is back once again to provide you with beautiful photos of your family.

Sessions are on **Thursday, Oct. 20 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm** & **Friday, Oct. 21 from 3:35pm to 8:35pm**. Each portrait session is 10 minutes. 3 to 6 different poses taken with a variety of props. You can view your proofs online the next day. One session per family, please. Your session fee of **\$15.00** includes a free 8 x 10 of your choice.

Spots are filling up fast so don't delay to book your session time on the sign up sheet outside the office on the window beside the door.



Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important for the progression through the educational program. The students' regular attendance ensures they receive the proper mix of instruction, practice and review to master the skills and material at each grade level. Absences such as family emergencies and illnesses are unavoidable, and teachers will work with the students and their families to catch up on missed instruction.

Family holidays scheduled during instructional time are another issue. These holidays are often important times to connect with each other, distant family members, and friends. They can also expose students to new experiences and cultures, which can be very valuable. When considering a trip during instructional time, families must weigh the value of the trip against the missed instructional time. Teachers cannot be responsible for providing exercises and work to complete the curriculum when a family is on holiday. For students in younger grades, keeping a journal, doing daily reading and working on real life math skills will generally support the child's learning during an absence. In older grades, students may wish to email a buddy to find the math concepts that are being taught and work on these areas. As well, reading and keeping a daily journal will also help support their learning.

We appreciate being informed of when you are going on holiday. If there are themes or concepts that are going to be worked on, the teacher may be able to share them in advance, but please do not ask the teacher to provide assigned work during these absences.