

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe November is around the corner. November is about Empathy and it guides everything we are doing! This includes a Remembrance Day assembly, on Monday, November 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Gym. Wellness Week will take place from November 25-29 and the focus is self-regulation. Progress Reports will be going home on Tuesday, November 12 and Parent/Teacher Conferences are the evening of Thursday, November 14 and the morning of Friday, November 15. Teachers will be contacting families by letter or phone to organize conferences.

Sports at Winchester

Cross Country

What an awesome season of cross-country running! Thank you to Albert Ngai for his volunteer coaching and to all the parents for helping us coordinate rides, and tents and snacks.

A special congratulations to Yamen Dahdalin grade 7 who came 3rd in the Conference finals and 13th in the City Finals!!

Here's to all of our awesome athletes who started off their sports year at Winchester with a bang!

Blen Gidey	Liam Kenyon
Clara Janker	Clara Dhargalkar
Keira Pincus	Sam Kerr
Paulina Featherstone	Santiago Ortiz Tobler
Soledad Scott	Sydney Shannon
Ahmed Hassan	Alexander Stoop
Evan Shannon	Amari Rosales-Ha-Nguyen
Hoonmin Kim	Anatole Chatziliias
Jekyoung Pyun	Hugo Morier
Korbin Schantz	Jack Buchanan
Zeke Shannon	Ayby Laokhee
Annelies Vandervlist	Mathias Carucinschi
Ava Stipe	Yamen Dahdal
Charlotte Fisher Holy	Sumayah Rahman
Iqro Yusuf Mohamed	Lukas Vandervlist
Isabella Belcher	Clara Dhargalkar
Juhi Joshi	Zoen Fejer
Leela Kulkarni	Adonai Dar

Lily Finkelstein	
Lucille Morier	
Siena Smallwood	
Taya Vestby	
Yujin Pynn	
Arlo de Montbrun Johnson	
Eli O'Reardon	

Volleyball

The senior and junior boys volleyball teams have been practicing 4 times a week to prepare for their upcoming rankings tournaments in late November.

Girls Grade 4/5/6 and 7/8 Soccer

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to both girls soccer teams. You came out to every practice and while we didn't win the tournaments they were and great opportunity to practice and grow as an individual and as a team. Moreover you showed amazing perseverance and support towards each other. It was a pleasure coaching you all! Thank you for your dedication and hardwork. Looking forward to the next season.



Boys Soccer

This was a great but short soccer season! We are excited to have adopted so much great talent from our new students in the intermediate grades! It was exciting to watch the team grow and work out the kinks. We won the quarter finals, then we won our spot on the semi-finals roster and were finally beat out by a very competitive team for our chance at the conference finals!

Way to come together crew:

Arah .206 penman
 Jeffrey 207 Kopun
 kamal 207 Kopun
 Osiah 205 bishop
 Yamen 207 Kopun
 Mouhammad h 205 Bishop
 John 205 Bishop
 Wadia 207 Kopun
 Kishan 206 penman
 Jafar 207 Kopun
 Emad 206 penman

Visaal 206 penman
Lukas library Carling
Prarit 207 Kopun
Pradyott 205 Bishop
Rabindra 205 Bishop
Adonai 205 Bishop

EcoClub News

Hello Winchester!! This is an eco club update. We have some really awesome new things going on this year. They include: a new way to organize data from our audits, a new reward system, and challenges for the school. We're really excited for a new and fresh year at eco club. It's going to be awesome!

Winchester Musical

Guess what? The musical is back! Similar to last year, we have a theme ready and are starting on the writing process. We are meeting Mondays at lunch and Wednesdays after school from 3:30 - 4:30. Mme. Penman, Mme. Iantomasi, the cast, crew, assistant directors and parent volunteers are all pumped and excited to show you our creation in January. Hope that you enjoy this year's musical as much as the last!

Library Corner

So much is continually happening in the library on a daily basis! I'm always looking for parent volunteers to lend a hand with shelving/organising/labelling etc! Reach-out anytime: annette.carling@tdsb.on.ca. A huge thank you to Brenda Martins who is an integral part of keeping me sane and keeping our library organised!

Coming up: December will be Scholastic's book fair! More info to come.

We raised over \$1000 worth of books from our last bookfair with www.ellaminnow.ca. Thank you for supporting the library!

We have some of the most beautiful books on the shelves these days! In order to keep the book love circulating, please remember to send your child back with their books to return and exchange for new ones!

Guidance Corner

Thank you to the families of Gr. 8 students who attended a Beyond 8 High School Information Night. All presentations are now complete. If you were unable to attend a presentation or would like to view the content of the presentation again, you can view the slides and download the handout from my google site - Mr. Long's Guidance Corner: <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/mr-longs-guidance-corner/home>.

High School Open Houses are now starting! Families are encouraged to explore a variety of high school options by attending evening open houses, reading about schools on the internet, and talking to students who currently go to the schools. For information about home schools, optional attendance, specialized programs, and high school open house dates, please visit my google site - Mr. Long's Guidance Corner.

Student Council News

SAC Fall Fundraiser: There's Still Time to Donate!

A very heartfelt thanks to those who have donated thus far, together we've raised just over \$1,890. If you haven't had a chance to donate, there's still time! The last day to submit a donation is Tuesday, November 12. **Each contribution**

helps, whether it is \$2, \$5, \$50, or \$500. Please lend your support by making a gift that is right for your family:) 100% of donations collected from SAC events go directly towards educational supplies and activities that enhance the school experience for every child.

There is a direct link for donating online, as well as details on what we've bought with \$ from fundraisers in the past, posted on Class Dojo. If you didn't receive a donation envelope, there are extras in the office. Don't forget to include your ideas for spending SAC \$ on your envelope or in the comments section online! If you have any questions, please email Thea at tsywulich@gmail.com.

Interested in joining us on the SAC? There are lots of committees that need your help — from fundraising/event planning to school safety and so much more. Come to a meeting and sign up to be a voting member and let us know how you'd like to help. The next 2 meetings will be held on November 21, and January 22. If you'd like to sign up to receive SAC communications, you can do so here <http://eepurl.com/bNqEcr>.

November SAC Meeting: November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library

Keeping Kids Safe

Drivers are reminded to do their part to keep children safe near school buses. Drivers should follow these tips:

- Stop and never pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing.
- Leave space around school buses and avoid blocking school bus loading zones so children can enter and exit safely.
- Be prepared to stop for a school bus at any time, not just during school hours.
- Always obey the rules of the road and watch for children, especially in school zones.
- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and school crossings.

Parents can also help keep their children safe by reminding them to be aware of their surroundings when they are on or near school buses.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them.
- Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- If you can not accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk
- If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
- With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- Set time limits when children should return home.

Empathy is the character trait for November.

Empathy means showing that you understand and share

someone else's feelings