



Watt's Happening

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Watt Public School is rocking October! Our student leadership team, 'Watt Movement' is busy Planning the "We Scare Hunger" Food Drive to support the local food bank; our grade 7/8 class is completing in the Muskoka Intermediate Soccer tournament at the Gostick Soccer Fields and our Cross Country runners have been training for the Morrison Meadows Mud Run as well as the GLO Hallowe'en Jaunt! Watt is a small but mighty school and I am very happy to be back!

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As I get to know the staff and students, I am amazed by the continued kindness that I see. It is always very inspiring to see children taking the initiative to compliment, help, and be kind to each other. There is something very gentle and empowering about children helping children. I am grateful to be joining this team at Watt Public School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you and our staff to help your child be the best that they can be!

Erika Skala Black

Acting Principal

Math Facts and Multiplication Tables are Important!

A student who masters their math facts and multiplication tables has a much easier time persevering with math problems in school. A solid recall of multiplication tables builds a student's confidence and decreases their cognitive load which allows them continuity of thought when solving problems.

Help your child learn their skip counting, math facts, and multiplication tables through card games, quizzing in the car, and posing questions when grocery shopping. We all memorize through repetition. Learning their facts now will help them immensely in years to come! By the end of grade 3, students should know their times tables up to and including 7×7 , and by grade 7, their 12 times tables.

Talking about money is also important. Ask your child to round off the cost of items and estimate the total of your shopping basket. The more conversations you have about money (e.g., Is \$10 enough to pay for everything? How much change will you get?) the more comfortable they will become working with numbers.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parent(s)/Guardian(s); Please remember to contact the school in the event that your student(s) will be away/late.

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Quick Facts

- Only 21% of Ontario children in grade 3 report that they read together with a parent or guardian "every day or almost every day".
- Only 38% of grade 6 students say they talk to a parent or guardian "daily or almost every day about school activities".

Help students succeed by talking about school, having high expectations, and building positive attitudes. Fifteen to thirty minutes of daily reading is encouraged!!

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER:

The next meeting of the Watt School Council takes place on Tuesday, December 3 in the library starting at 6:45pm. All are welcome!

Council is underway and is pleased to cover bus transportation costs to the Mud Run, the Glen Orchard Halloween Fun Run, and the Grade 7/8 participation in the Gostick Park Soccer Tournament (approx. \$700).

For regular updates from the Watt School Council, follow us on [Facebook.com/wattschoolcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/wattschoolcouncil) and message us there with questions or concerns.

You can also leave a message in the office for the Chair.

2019 / 2020 School Council Committee

CHAIRPERSON	Kate Monck
VICE-CHAIR	Greg Goulter
TREASURER	Jennifer Novak
SECRETARY	Amber Gordon

OCTOBER - DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCT 2 Gostic Park Soccer (7/8)
- OCT 2 SK Vision Screening
- OCT 3 **Pizza Day**
- OCT 8 **YEARLEY** - 5/6 (1of2)
- OCT 9 **YEARLEY** - 5/6 (2of2)
- OCT 10 **Mud Run** (Running Club)
- OCT 10 **Pizza Day**
- OCT 14 **THANKSGIVING MONDAY**
- OCT 15 Girlz Unplugged (5/6 Girlz)
- OCT 17 **Pizza Day**
- OCT 18 Bus Emergency Plan Mtg @ 8:30am
- OCT 22 Girlz Unplugged
- OCT 23 **GLO Run** (Glen Orchard Halloween Jaunt) (Running Club)
- OCT 24 **Pizza Day**
- OCT 25 PA DAY
- OCT 25 GLO RUN (Glen Orchard PS Run)
- OCT 25 Pizza Day
- OCT 26 P.A. DAY
- OCT 29 Girlz Unplugged
- OCT 31 Halloween Costume Parade



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PRINCIPAL: Erika Skala Black
SECRETARY: Laurie Johle
MUSKOKA LAKES TRUSTEE: Louise Clodd
SUPERINTENDENT: Paul Goldring

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School Reminders

Edge Proofs!

Photo proofs are being distributed to the school later this month.

Retake day: Thursday, Nov. 7th

Edge # 1 (866) 707-3343

Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club is hosting its annual

Ski Swap and Sign-up Day on Sunday, October 20 at Arrowhead Provincial Park.

This is a great opportunity for people to get deals on nordic ski equipment, and to sign up for our winter programs (Jackrabbit etc).

Watt is our 'Home-Away-From-Home'

Please remind your child(ren) to pick up after themselves, look after their own belongings, treat the washrooms with respect and to put all garbage in the garbage cans. We all need to do our part to keep our home-away-from-home clean and tidy!

Thank you!

Bhrrr ... it's getting CHILLY!

Please listen to the weather forecast in the morning and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately! Winter is fast approaching and our students spend a minimum of 50 minutes outside. Even if they don't 'feel cold' in the morning, if they have the items with them, they can put them on when they do! Thank you!

REMINDER: Wash your Paws!!

Encourage your child(ren) to wash their hands regularly! Let's work together to avoid getting sick and spreading germs.

Your Child's Immunization Record:

The Ontario Immunization of school Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up to date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough) Measles, Mumps and Rubella (must have two does after the first birthday) Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after the first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7 Varicella (chickenpox) ***only required for those born 2010 and after.

The health unit does not receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices.

Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

Milk

White and Chocolate milk are sold daily during 2nd Nutrition Break for **\$1.00** by the office.



October Pizza Orders

Completed October pizza orders must be returned to school office with payment by:

Wednesday October 2, 2019

Please note our pizza options are Cheese, Deluxe and now we offer *gluten-free!*