



# Watt's Happening

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Watt Families –

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The start up of this year has been a new and interesting adventure for us all. I want to thank you for all the support that you have given us, as a school staff as we've muddled our way through this school year. Everything has gone well and students have been amazing at processing and understanding all the changes to what school looks like. Thank you also for reaching out with all your questions and concerns as it helped us think through some things that we may not have considered.

As I started to look at what we might put in the newsletter, I realized how many things we've continued to do, just in a different way. We have participated in the Terry Fox Virtual 40, Orange Shirt Day and Take Me Outside Day. We have had our first spirit day which helped us to kick off our new virtual way of collecting gotcha points for our house colours. We asked for support to get logs at the school for outdoor learning and activity posts installed for students to have activities at recess and during their physical education time and our Watt community stepped up and supported getting those things done! We also had the opportunity to vote on a new school logo that had been designed and donated to us and now have a new updated school logo. Our first school council meeting has also taken place and they have already actively started working towards helping. We have music Fridays, online announcements and students are now able to work offline and online whenever needed. Students have taught us new ways to greet each other and are adjusting the games we all love as well as created new ones that are COVID safe. It has been wonderful to watch things unfold, change, adjust and become a new normal for us all.

We know that mental health is still a concern and we continue to look for ways to support students and families in this area. If you have concerns about your child, please reach out as we do have some supports that we can put in place fairly quickly. We will continue to work in this area as we continue to move ahead.

As always, your suggestions, comments and continued support are always welcomed and appreciated. I look forward to continuing to work with you in support of our Watt students, families and community.

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## SAFE ARRIVAL:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s); Please remember to call and/or email the school in the event that your student(s) will be away/late. If you have any questions and/or concerns, email us at [infowat@tldsb.on.ca](mailto:infowat@tldsb.on.ca).

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## Halloween Safety Tips:

Avoid gatherings with people outside of your household.  
 Stay home if feeling ill even if you have mild symptom, or if you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19  
 Only go out with members of your direct household.  
 Only trick or treat outside.  
 Both trick or treaters and people handing out candy should wear a face covering. A costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering and should not be worn over a face covering as it may make it difficult to breathe.  
 Consider building your face covering into your, or your child's, costume.  
 Do not congregate or linger at doorsteps. Line up two metres (six feet) apart if waiting.  
 Avoid high-touch surfaces and objects.  
 Whether collecting or handing out treats, wash your hands often and thoroughly or use hand sanitizer.  
 Do not leave treats in a bucket or bowl for children to grab.  
 Consider using tongs, or other similar tools to hand out treats.



## STAY CONNECTED!



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WatMedia -YouTube

## COUNCIL CORNER:

The next official School Council meeting is  
**Tuesday, December 8 @ 6:45pm.**  
 All are welcome!

### 2020 / 2021 School Council Committee

CHAIRPERSON	Kate Monk
VICE-CHAIR	Miranda Britton
TREASURER	Jennifer Novak
SECRETARY	Amber Gordon

## OCTOBER – DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT 30 – Orange, Black & Halloween PJ Day!  
 (sorry no costumes or accessories please)

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween

NOV 1 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

NOV 4 - Building a Dream Digital Career Discovery  
 Expo (Grade 7 & 8 Girls)

November 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day

NOV 13 - Report Cards go home today!

NOV 17 - Legion Poster & Literary Contest deadline!  
 (\*Grades 3 – 8)

NOV. 20 – PA Day!

And ...our new Watt Logo is!!!



Thank you to Rally Cry Communications for the creation of 4 fabulous logos. Our Watt family has spoken; we thank you to all that participated.



**PRINCIPAL:** Dianna Petrie  
**SECRETARY:** Laurie Johle  
**MUSKOKA LAKES TRUSTEE:** Louise Clodd  
**SUPERINTENDENT:** Paul Goldring



# School Reminders

## Feed All Four

### WHY SELF-CARE?

Self-care is like saving up for a rainy day! It's about nurturing yourself so that when difficult situations happen, you will have the energy and strategies to help you get through it! It can feel hard to practice all of the self-care tips that we know are important, pick a few to focus on, congratulate yourself on what you're able to accomplish and continue to set goals for yourself. Here are some we have focused on so far:

**Eat, Sleep, Hydrate, Move,  
Enjoy and Connect**

Check out: [Self-Care 101](#)

For resources/supports: [School Mental Health Ontario](#)

## When Your Child is Sick ...Return to School

If your child has either a fever or chills, a cough, shortness of breath, or decreased or loss of smell or taste, your child must remain home and you will need to contact your healthcare provider to determine whether your child needs a COVID-19 test or has an alternative diagnosis.

If your child exhibits only **ONE** of the following symptoms:

- Sore throat
- Stuffy nose/runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Fatigue/lethargy/muscle aches/malaise

they must be monitored for 24 hours. If symptoms improve, your child may return to school. If they worsen, then you must seek advice from your healthcare provider to determine if they require a COVID-19 test or whether there is an alternative diagnosis.

If your child exhibits **TWO** or more of the above then you must seek advice from your healthcare provider to determine if they require a COVID-19 test or whether there is an alternative diagnosis.

The [attestation form](#) must be complete prior to return.

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## Some Important Links

[COVID-19 Screening Tool](#)

[TLDSB Return to School](#)

[Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit – COVID-19](#)

[OPHEA COVID-19 Considerations](#)

## New Math Curriculum

[NEW Mathematics Curriculum \(2020\)](#)

[Information for Parents about the Math Curriculum \(2020\)](#)

[A Parent's Guide to the Fundamentals of Math - Grades 1 to 8](#)