

Wellington Heights Wolverine Newsletter!!

February 10, 2010

Wellington Heights Secondary School would like to welcome several new staff to our building—Ms. McHugh and Ms. Trahan are both in the Math department and Ms. Marr will be teaching one period of Drama and one period of History.

WHSS would also like to wish all the best to Mr. Klemp and Ms. Sergeant and wish them well. Mrs. Bell, Mr. Senyshyn and Mrs. Huszarik are not with us this semester but will return in September 2010!!

Mrs. Carberry was in a serious car accident but she is making a slow and steady recovery—as a result she will not be with the CELP programme at the start of semester. Since she was unavailable to submit Report Card comments we have inserted the comment, "Due to unforeseen circumstances no comments are available." Staff and students wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

*Everyone is Welcome!!
Join Us! Be Inspired! Celebrate!
Planetize the Movement!*

Wellington Heights Secondary School is thrilled to announce that we are hosting a community **Ecology and Justice Celebration** on Thursday, **March 25th**, at 6:30 p.m. This evening is an opportunity for our students, parents, friends and families, including Wellington County businesses and organizations, to learn about community resources and/or to 'show and tell' their ecologically friendly/social justice products and services! It is a great way for everyone to share and celebrate together!

On this evening, at 7:30 p.m., we also will welcome **Drew Dellinger**, spoken-word poet, professor, author and activist from Poets for Global Justice and Planetize the Movement Press. Mr. Dellinger's performance/lecture on this evening will include a showing of the short film, "The Awakening Universe", written by Neal Rogin and Drew Dellinger, and short lecture/poetry. For more information on Drew Dellinger visit www.drewdellinger.org Admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the door, partial proceeds to WHSS student programs CELP and ME to WE. Everyone is Welcome!!

To reserve a booth (local Business Booths can be reserved for \$20) or for more information please contact Phyllis Small at Wellington Heights Secondary School at 519-323-3430.

UGDSB recognizes February as Black History Month

Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, during Black History Month.

Black History Month exists to remind us all of the rich contributions within our society from people of African and Caribbean descent, and of their ongoing struggle for equity and social justice. This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

Keeping Our Kids Safe at School Act (Bill 157) was introduced February 1st, 2010. According to this Act all school personnel are to report incidents of bullying and any other occurrences which may result in suspension or expulsion. In order to help students/parents, guardians etc. to report incidents of bullying more easily, Wellington Heights now offers a bullying extension—558 on our phone system. This extension will be monitored by the school administration.

From the Guidance Office:

On Feb. 3 students had an opportunity to tour departments and listen to a brief outline of all the courses offered in their grade level. Option sheets were filled out and taken home to be signed. We kept carbon copies in the event the originals are not returned. Students and parents need to realize the importance of wise choices as our section numbers are based on courses selected. Please encourage your son or daughter to think ahead to ensure pre-requisites are covered for courses here and/or post-secondary schools and apprenticeships.

Timetable changes are now complete. Please be aware that grade 11 and 12 courses can be dropped up to **5 days** after mid-semester reports cards and not be part of the Ontario Student Transcript. After 5 days the mark as of the time of withdrawal is reported on the transcript.

We are concerned that a large number of grade 12 students have not submitted their Community Service Hours booklet. Remember - this is a graduation requirement and will impact on offers made by colleges and universities as well as receiving a high school diploma.

Upcoming Drama Events and Productions:

WHSS will be well represented at the Sears Drama Festival hosted by Erin D.H.S. on Feb. 23rd when they perform **2B WUT UR** by Canadian playwright Morris Panych.

The Improv Team is also madly rehearsing for the Canadian Improv Competition held the first week of March.

Watch for our combined show when these two keen groups of thespians showcase their entries after March Break.

Please also plan to attend our upcoming May musical production of **The Boy Friend**, a madcap British musical set in the twenties.

Public Health Unit–Dental Care

February 2010 Health **Update** Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health **Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health provides FREE urgent dental care** to children and youth, age 17 and under. The Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) program can provide urgent dental care for tooth or mouth pain, infection, large cavities, bleeding gums, or mouth injuries. If you do not have dental coverage for your child and can't afford dental care, call Dental Health at 1-800-265-7293 for more information.

Public Health Unit–Immunizations

Please make sure your child's shots are up-to-date. Take a look at their yellow card or you may call your doctor. Students who need shots will get a letter in February. High school students who do not have completed immunization records can be suspended. We will hold immunization clinics at your school in March. More information will be sent home shortly. Visit our website at www.wdghu.org or call 1-800-265-7293 ext.4746

Warm Winter Wishes Wrap-Up

The Business Leadership class's Warm Winter Campaign for Christmas 2009 was the most successful to date—raising \$20,000! It certainly required a lot of dedication and hard work by the management team, but with very rewarding results. Beautiful, personalized, and much needed gifts of warm clothing, as well as fun books and toys, were purchased for over 100 children from 7 community schools. In addition, each family received grocery gift cards to local businesses. All members of WHSS played a part in the success of WWW and are very proud of such an impressive team effort.

Upon returning from the much needed Christmas break, the leadership class rewarded the two top fundraising classrooms (Mrs. Bell & Mr. Snoddy's classes) with a delicious, all-you-can-eat breakfast. A VIP pizza and ice cream party was also hosted for students and staff who went "above and beyond" during the WWW campaign.

On the last day of classes, the business leadership team celebrated their success by watching the WWW movie which captured all of the fun and excitement that took place at WHSS in November and December. Meanwhile, they enjoyed a do-it-yourself ice cream sundae party. On a more serious note, the students listened to voice messages and read emails and letters of thanks received from the elementary schools, as well as a very touching (and tearful) letter from parents who received Warm Winter Wishes expressing their gratitude.

To finalize WWW 2009, under the direction of Josh McGuire (WWW Public Relations Manager), all of the remaining money (approx. \$7000) will be distributed to the schools and families. We have decided to purchase additional grocery gift cards which will be distributed, with the help of the principals, to further support each of the recipient families. The balance will be divided between the feeder schools (based on school population) to purchase school/project supplies, additional clothing, and/or fund nutrition programs, based on individual school needs.

As the teacher of this course (*Mrs. B. Cowen*), it was a pleasure to work with an amazing group of young leaders, and to experience the extreme generosity and sense of community we have at WHSS, as well as, the continued support of our local communities & businesses.

Late Bus – Our most recent sponsors for the Late Bus are **Alltreat Farms** and the **Arthur Optimist Club**, each for one month. Other sponsors to date for this school year have been **Musashi Auto Parts Canada Inc.** for four months and the **Arthur Lions Club** for two months. This service would not be able to run without the generous support of our community.

Upcoming Events

Smart Start–February 18th (see page 4 of newsletter for details)

OSAID Assembly–February 23rd

Sears Drama Festival –February 23rd

Math Contests–February 25th

Interim Reports–March 2nd

Immunization Clinic–March 4th

Parents' Night–March 9th

Student March Break Trip to Germany Leaves–March 10th

March Break–March 12th–March 19th

OSSLT

(Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test)

Smart Start After School Program

- Free **15 hours** of activities designed to help students achieve successful results
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays** (late bus available) for **1.5 hours** including break
- Activities and examples match what students will see on the actual test
- Pick up a **registration form** in the office beginning **this Friday, Feb. 12**
- Program starts next **Thursday, Feb. 18th**
- Friendly and relaxed environment
- Any questions can be directed to Mr. McInnes 519-323-3430 (ext. 532)
- **Be prepared and attend!!**