



# West Oak Public School



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September 2009

### West Oak Public School

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### SCHOOL HOURS

8:45	Entry Bell
8:50	Opening Exercises
8:50	Period 1
9:50	Period 2
10:30	Nutrition Break
11:10	Period 3
12:00	Period 4
12:50	Lunch Break
1:40	Entry Bell
1:40	Period 5
2:40	Period 6
3:20	Dismissal



## Principal and Vice Principal Update

### Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 School Year!

This week, West Oak has welcomed 880 students and a staff of 50 teachers, 6 educational assistants and 8 support staff to our eighth year of learning and growing together. As the admin team, Nancy Rice and I are eager to lead such an enthusiastic group of learners. We look forward to communicating our journey of learning throughout the year via our monthly newsletter and website. Our newsletter will now be published electronically on the first day of the month and is intended to be our main form of communication regarding student and staff learning, safety, events, extra-curriculars, and HDSB and community information. This paper copy will be our final distributed paper copy. An electronic copy of each newsletter will be posted on our school website. Each month we will inform all families via the Home Notification e-mailing system that the Newsletter is posted and ready for viewing. We hope that it will continue to keep you informed of our life at West Oak. The last page of our newsletter will continue to be dedicated to West Oak's Upcoming Events. Please print this page each month.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new West Oak students and their families, and our new staff members Christine Schneider, Debby Anderson, Tracy Jarvis, Kim Jones, Tina McVittie, Miriam De Mille, Sarah Otter, Corinna Dolby, and Natasha Poo. You have come to an amazing school. We look forward to getting to know you as we journey through our first year together. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for a complete staff list.

With the excitement of the first week now behind us, it is evident that all staff members have once again returned with high expectations and a commitment to providing quality education for all students at West Oak Public School. We look forward to meeting you and sharing details of our school year on September 22nd at our annual Program Night and BBQ. Payment for this great dinner is to be made through [www.cashlesschools.com](http://www.cashlesschools.com).

Throughout the school year, we will continue to focus our energies on the continuous improvement of your child's academic achievement *and* learning skills. Learning skills that are focused and purposeful will ensure that our students continuously attain improved academic achievement throughout the school year. The West Oak staff is looking forward to working together with you to ensure that your children participate in all learning opportunities to their fullest as they approach each key learning expectation of the Ontario Curriculum.

Each year, learning is always the focus at West Oak, yet in order for meaningful learning to take place, we must ensure that our students are in a safe environment. We have addressed many procedures regarding safety on page 3 of this newsletter. Please review these procedures with your child so that everyone understands the routines that will provide the level of safety needed to maintain an environment in which learning is our focus. As part of our adherence and respect of routines and procedures, we ask that any forms sent home on Tuesday of this week be returned to the school by Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Many of these forms contain important safety information that need to be collated and filed in the office in a timely fashion.

Throughout the 2009 - 2010 school year, we will continue to encourage communication between home and school as the most effective way to provide your child with the confidence and support needed to become an independent learner. Specific information regarding communication is included in this newsletter. As we proceed through the year, we encourage you to please contact your child's teacher should you have any relevant information to share, which may affect his or her success during the school year.

So, as we begin our journey together into what promises to be another outstanding year of learning, we would like to once again welcome all of our West Oak families to the 2009 –2010 school year.

*Margaret Cericola*

*and*

*Nancy Rice*

## **Staff List**

Grade	Teacher	Room
KB-1MO	Bev Armstrong	140
KB-2MO	Janet Dahlinger	149
KB-3MO	Emily Innis	148
KB-4MO	Heather Borland	143
KB-5MO	Wendy Horn	135
KB-6MO	Liz Novosel	153
KB-1TU	Bev Armstrong	140
KB-2TU	Janet Dalinger	149
KB-3TU	Emily Innis	148
KB-4TU	Karen MacLean	143
KB-5TU	Wendy Horn	135
KB-6TU	Liz Novosel	153
Primary Planning	Shaun Britt	152
LRT	Debbie Ruegg	7
Student Success	Jodie Trodd	152
1-1	Rachel Whittle	4
1-2	Naomi Morgan	6
1-3	Gail Pescod	5
1-4	Janet Homewood	3
2-1	Margaret Kelly	218
2-2	Denise Menard	219
2-3	Christine Schneider	220
2-4	Debby Anderson	221
3-1	Tracy Jarvis	225
3-2	Sharon Springett	1
3-3	Sharon Fillion	224
3-4	Liz Dren-Smith	2
4-1	Brian Jeffery	Port.1
4-2	Chrissee Maria	Port.2
4-3	Judy Rooney	Port.3
5-1	Lisa Markham	206
5-2	Jenn Kvederys	209
5-3	Kim Jones	210
6-1	Laurie Grandin	203
6-2	Brad Eadie	205
6-3	Kristine O'Shea	204
7-1	Eva Arita	213
7-2	Shari Patterson	125
7-3	Ryan French/Tina McVittie	211
8-1	Carmen Ferguson	122
8-2	Jelica Duric	212
8-3	Mike Gratton	155
ME-1J1	Jan Fisher	147
ESL	Miriam DeMille	150
ESL	Sarah Otter	150
Core French	Rosa Hay	231
Core French	Megan Letourneau	231
Core French	Denyse Gridley	231
Music	Shannon Jones	126
Music	Kate Herrow	126
SERT	Vicky Braun	7
SERT	Corinna Dolby	7
SERT	Lara Donnelly	7
Librarian	Mark Laister	227
Primary Planning	Christy Weleschuk	140
EA's	Paula Cunningham	Poppy Singh
	Gail Green	Dianne Manuel
	Natasha Poo	Anchita Liddle
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	Catherine Wilkinson	Ann Marie Doraty
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	Ted Smith	Victor Sol
Principal	Margaret Cericola	
V-P	Nancy Rice	
CYC	Jackie Drury	
Psy-Ed Consultant	Karen Curtis	

## Safety

### Walking and Parking

Safety is a very high priority at West Oak. Parents and caregivers are asked to continue to respectfully park in designated parking spots only and use the drop off zone in the morning as intended. Cars may not park or idle in this area in the morning. **Parents wishing to walk their child to the Kindergarten fenced area or the blacktop area MUST park in a designated parking spot.** Leaving a car unattended even for a few moments impedes the flow of traffic and prevents timely arrival for our 880 students. Please give your family plenty of time in the morning to enable your child to be on the blacktop prior to **8:45a.m.** This will give them adequate time to proceed to their line-up area when the **8:45a.m.** bell rings.

Please note that additional parking spots are also available on side streets. Alternately, we would like to encourage students to walk to school on a regular basis. Fresh air and exercise prepares our students for learning and promotes a healthy approach to the day.

### Anaphylaxis and Allergies

Sabrina's Law, An Act to Protect Anaphylactic Pupils, received royal assent in June 2005 making it law for each school in Ontario to provide an anaphylaxis management plan that will reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents (e.g., peanut/tree nut protein). Our school's anaphylaxis plan conforms to the HDSB policy. This plan is designed to ensure that students at risk are identified, strategies are in place to minimize the potential for accidental exposure, and staff are trained to respond in an emergency situation.

Here at West Oak, we have a significant number of students who have allergies, some life threatening, to a variety of food products and environmental allergens. Though we cannot control the environmental allergens, we are well within our means to reduce the chance of our students having an anaphylactic reaction to food products by continuing the practice of being an allergen sensitive school. **For those families new**

**to West Oak and those returning, we respectfully ask that you continue to be aware of this and continue to send lunches and snacks to school that are free of nuts and nut by-products.** Please read the labels carefully when shopping and encourage your children to be aware of and understand their role in continuing to make West Oak a safe place for everyone. If your child eats peanut butter at home before coming to school, please ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly before attending school. Truly, this is a life saving measure.

If your child has Diabetes, Asthma, Seizures or an Anaphylaxis Allergy, it is imperative that the required medical forms are on file in the office. Please contact the office if you have not received and completed these forms.

### Volunteers

Volunteers fill a vital role in the learning environment here at West Oak and thus we would like to encourage you to participate in your child's education by volunteering at our school. In order to do this, *all* volunteers must have a Police Service Criminal Record Check Form filed in our office. Thank-you to the many volunteers that have already taken the time to file their forms. For those of you still needing to complete the forms, this may be done at the local police station on Bronte Road. Please continue to sign in and out at the main office and obtain a volunteer badge whenever you are joining us as a volunteer.

### Security

All visitors, volunteers and support staff are required to enter the school via the main door, sign in at the main office, and wear an identification tag whenever in the building. This procedure enables us to be aware of all persons in the building and continues to ensure the safety of our students and staff with consistency.

### Morning Safe Arrival & Afternoon Pick-up

Student arrival may begin after 8:35am every morning. Students should proceed to the blacktop area where they will be supervised by West Oak staff.

Parents are always welcome to walk their children to school and wait on the blacktop until the morning bell rings at **8:45am.** At that time, we ask that you not enter the building via student doors with your child. Once students enter, our expectation is that they independently proceed to their lockers and prepare for the day under the supervision of their homeroom teacher. This procedure enables us to promptly take attendance and verify the safe arrival of all students in our building.

If you wish to communicate a message to your child's teacher in the morning, please do so via the agenda. Staff will reply to notes brought to their attention in a timely fashion.

In the afternoon, we ask that you kindly wait for your child on the blacktop. All students will exit the building at 3:20pm via the same door they entered in the morning. Kindergarten students will exit at 3:10pm.

### Late Arrivals

Punctual arrival is a key component of the responsible learning behaviours that we will encourage throughout the year from all West Oak students. Students entering class late disrupt the learning environment for both students and staff.

All students are expected to enter the building at **8:45am** so that our instructional day may begin promptly. With this in mind, please ensure that your child arrives on school property prior to 8:45am so that they may proceed to their designated homeroom line area and are prepared to enter the building at 8:50am.

From time to time, we realize that appointments or unforeseen circumstances may cause students to be late. On those rare occasions, **students are to bring a written explanation directly to the office** where they will sign in and their attendance is recorded in the school register. Agendas will continue to be stamped with a LATE stamp. By following this procedure, our intent is to maintain communication regarding your child's daily attendance routines so that together we may ensure their punctual and safe arrival on a daily basis.

### **Leaving the School for Appointments**

Kindly send a note in your child's agenda if they are to leave during the day for an appointment. We will continue to follow the procedure of students signing out at the office and signing in upon their return. All parents are asked to wait in the office area for your child to complete this process.

### **Nutrition Break Routines**

Accountability for all students is essential during both nutrition breaks. Therefore, student supervision is provided during both nutrition breaks. All students are to remain at school during the first break. During the second Nutrition Break/Lunch Break (12:50pm to 1:40pm), students may go home for lunch if a note is provided for that particular day or you have indicated on the Lunch Routine Form that they will go home on a daily basis. Students will not be permitted to leave school without written parental permission.

### **Prescription Medications**

If your child needs to take *prescription* medication (including inhalers) during school hours, we ask that you kindly come in to the office and complete the required HDSB paperwork. All medication must be sent in the original container/bottle labelled with the prescription. School staff may *not* administer over the counter medications.

Students who require epi-pens will require a separate set of Anaphylaxis Protocol forms, with a recent photograph, to be filled out. Please contact the office if you require these forms and did not receive them in your package earlier this week.

### **Bikes, Blades & Boards**

Starting the day with a bike ride to school certainly supports our approach to a healthy lifestyle and we would like to encourage our students to participate in all forms of healthy exercise. To ensure everyone's safety during arrival and dismissal times, riders are to walk their bikes on school property and roller blades are to be removed once students are on school property. Bikes should be walked to and locked in the bike racks and blades/boards/scooters must be secured in student lock-

ers. Please do not bring blades, boards or scooters to school if they cannot fit in the locker.

## **Communication**

### **Use of Agendas**

People with good organizational skills are able to make effective use of their time. When students possess these skills along with good study habits, they develop independent learning behaviours necessary for academic success. With this in mind; each student in grades 1 through 8 has been given an agenda this week. This weekend, I am asking that you please review with your child, the handbook portion of the agenda. Students will spend the last few minutes of each class updating their agendas with their teacher. Please review and initial your child's agenda daily so that you will be aware of their daily learning and homework commitments. Thank-you for supporting your child's learning with the daily review of their agenda.

The agenda however is not only meant to be a tool for your child to organize their schoolwork but is also intended to be an important venue for communication between school and home. We ask that you kindly communicate changes to your child's daily routines or your requests for a telephone/face to face conference via the agenda. Please remind your child to bring these messages to their teachers attention in the morning.

The cost for the agenda is \$5.00 through [Cashlesschools.com](http://Cashlesschools.com).

### **Use of School Phones**

The use of the office telephones is for school related calls and emergencies, and may not be used for personal calls by students. Therefore, when sending your child off to school in the morning, please make instructions very clear regarding appointments, after school events and routines. We do realize that arrangements can change from time to time; however, calling to leave a message to have students go to a different location is unsafe. Please send written instructions if your child will not be following his/her normal routine. Students, particularly the younger ones, can become surprised or maybe even upset when plans are changed. As telephone re-

quests can come from anyone, we are apprehensive about giving these messages to students. This is not a secure method of communicating – **a written request is important and the best for of communication to ensure your child's safety.**

### **Use of Cell Phones**

We recognize that cell phones provide parents with a legitimate and important means of communication to ensure your child's safety when outside of school. Cell phones however are disruptive if they go off in class and even when set to the silent mode, they distract your child's attention away from their primary focus, learning. For this reason and in accordance with the policy of Halton District School Board, all cell phones must be turned off and not used within the school building during the school day. **Students are to keep all phones and any other electronic communication devices in their locker from morning entry until afternoon dismissal.** We ask that you review this procedure and the policy noted below, with your child as we have already done so this week. Thank-you for your support of this and all West Oak policies and procedures.

### **HDSB Policy**

**It is the policy of the Halton District School Board that cellular telephone, pagers and similar types of communication devices owned and/or carried by students are to be turned off and not used by students within the school building.**

### **Dress Code**

Like all schools in Halton, West Oak has a reasonable expectation regarding student clothing.

Students are expected to come to school dressed appropriately for school activities. Students who are not dressed in this manner will be asked to change, cover up or call home for different or additional clothing. Examples of inappropriate clothing are:

- spaghetti straps, exposed under garments, low cut tops or blouses
- short shorts, short skirts (shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh when seated)

- low riding pants or shorts
- rude language, phrases, and graphics on T-shirts or other clothing
- exposed midriff
- chains on pants; studded bracelets; hats in the school; bandanas; head kerchiefs

### **Gym Clothing & Footwear**

West Oak's commitment to physical well-being will continue this year on a daily basis. In order for your child to participate fully, they will require a pair of gym shoes and gym clothing at school **every day**. Students in grades 3 to 8 will change into gym clothes (T-shirt, athletic shorts).

These may be ordered on-line at [www.cashlessschools.com](http://www.cashlessschools.com).

Sizing will be available at the school on September 22nd. Safe, non-slip footwear is essential in order to actively participate in all physical education classes and our 20 minute Daily Physical Activity times. **For this reason, we ask that you not send your child to school in flip-flops.** Thank-you for ensuring that your child is always prepared.

### **Locks for Lockers**

All students in grade 4 to 8 **must** have a combination lock on their locker. Combinations are kept on record by the home-room teacher. Locks that require a key to open them are not permitted. We recommend a sturdy Dudley lock. These tend to last the year and are generally consistently reliable when opening.

## **Learning at West Oak**

### **Student Learning**

Student learning is defined by the **key learning expectations** that the Ministry of Education has identified for each grade level. Teachers, though grade team collaboration and under the advisement of the Program Department of the HDSB, have interpreted this information into long-range plans and units of study. These plans are available on our website in the format of Program Booklets for your information and will be discussed at program night.

When planning for learning, teachers plan by asking the following three questions:

1. What do I want my students to learn? (key learning expectation)
2. How will I know what they have learned? (evidence of knowledge, thinking skills, communication, application of key learning)
3. How will I respond to students who are not learning?

When compiling assessment and evaluation data at the completion of each unit of study, teachers will determine the final grade by identifying the most consistent level of achievement that your child has demonstrated in the areas of **KNOWLEDGE, THINKING, COMMUNICATION AND APPLICATION**.

I would encourage you to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions regarding their most consistent level of achievement in any subject area or in their learning skills.

Teachers will be providing an overview of the year's learning plan at our Program Night on September 22nd. All parents are encouraged to attend and continue to be a part of their child's learning.

### **Staff Learning**

Last week, the staff of West Oak had the opportunity to participate in two full days of professional learning. Our focus for the learning sessions included Curriculum Mapping, Special Education, English As A Second Language, Mathematical Processes, Quality Daily Fitness, and School Effectiveness Planning. These sessions were intended to support staff in planning for improved student achievement and engagement in the upcoming school year.

We were very fortunate to have our own staff lead several of the session. These West Oak leaders included Debbie Ruegg, Kristine O'Shea, Jenn Kvederys, Mike Gratton, Laurie Grandin, Laurie Donnelly, Vicky Braun, Corinna Dolby, Miriam DeMille and Sarah Otter. We are truly fortunate to be able to call upon these staff members to lead professional development opportunities for our teachers and Educational Assistants. In addition, HDSB consultants Mike Cavis

and Jackie Bradley Brown lead two of the session.

Our thanks goes out to all of these folks who have supported the learning of our teachers.

## **Information Items**

### **Band News**

Tryouts for the 2009-2010 West Oak Concert Band will begin in the second week of school. Further details can be found on Mrs. Jones's website and on the music room door.

**Start Practicing!!!!**

### **Pizza Lunches**

Tasty pizza lunches will continue this year for our students. Once again, Mrs. Speedie and her team of volunteers will organize the pizza days.

Like all great events at West Oak, volunteers are a crucial component. If you would like to volunteer on pizza days, please call the school office at 905-469-6119. Many hands make light work.

### **Tuck Shop**

Back by popular demand! Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Graham, along with a couple of Grade 8 helpers will once again open the Tuck Shop for sale of cookies and treats during Wed. & Fri. lunch periods. All items are \$1.00

### **World School Milk day—September 30th**

On the last Wednesday of every September, schools around the globe celebrate the importance of drinking milk daily.

Since the first successful World School Milk Day(WSMD) in September 2000, it has grown to become an annual event celebrated in over 40 countries around the world, providing that interest in school milk is universal. This year's WSMD marks it's 10 anniversary and will be celebrated on September 30, 2009.

Milk is full of nutrients that kids need to stay active, healthy, alert and ready to learn. In fact, no other drink comes close to providing the 16 essential nutrients found in white and choco-

late milk. Best of all, it tastes great!

In 2008, Ontario held one of the world's largest WSMD celebration. 800,000 students in 2,430 schools across the province received a complimentary serving of milk. This year, West Oak will participate in WSMD with over 910,000 students in 2,699 across Ontario.

That's right, free milk for all students on Wednesday September 30th.

### **Program Night & BBQ**

The West Oak School Council and Staff would like to extend an invitation to all parents and students to attend our annual Program Night & BBQ on September 22nd, beginning at 5:30pm.

A 'Welcome Back BBQ' flyer was sent home in your information package on Tuesday of this week. Kindly place and pay for your orders on:

Cashlesschools.com by Thursday, September 17th. Your tickets will be distributed to students on Monday, September 21st.

As you may well imagine, organizing dinner for over 1000 folks is a huge undertaking and timely remittance of the orders is needed so that our small army of volunteers has everything in order for this great West Oak event. Due to the large number of attendees, all food items must be pre-ordered.

We are looking forward to seeing all West Oak families at this great annual event. Please contact Bev Sakaki, our School Council chair at 905-469-9578, if you would like to assist in the processing of the orders. Lick's staff will be onsite to prepare and cook all orders.

### **Clothing Orders**

Samples of West Oak clothing will be made available at our Program Night/BBQ evening on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a great opportunity to select the most appropriate size for your child. We will continue to offer gym shorts/t-shirts, and sweatshirts.

Show your school spirit by wearing a West Oak gym uniform, t-shirt, or sweatshirt!

### **Bus Transportation**

Students may be eligible for transportation who reside more than 1.6 km from their home school.

**The "Courtesy Seat" Procedure** may allow students who are not eligible for transportation and/or students who are eligible but wish to access the bus from an address other than their residence (provided the alternate address is located in a bussed area of the home school) to access the bus at an existing bus stop, if room is available on the bus. No new stops or route changes will be made.

If your child does not qualify for the school bus, applications for a courtesy seat can be picked up at the school office, during the month of September. Parents will be required to fill out and sign the application form. Courtesy seats will be filled with priority consideration given to the age of the rider and distance they must walk. If a seat is required for an eligible student, permission may be withdrawn at any time. Courtesy seats will be assigned in October. Please contact Ms. Rice with any questions you may have about this process.

Remember: the following items are not allowed on the bus: large objects, animals, skis, scooters, snowboards or skateboards. Skate blades should be properly covered.

**Always make sure that a parent/caretaker is waiting at the bus stop in plenty of time to meet the bus.**

Tips:

\* Always have a backup plan for emergencies. Have your child memorize their bus stop and route# until they can repeat it back to you.

\* Remind them each day what their schedule is and make sure the teacher/school knows.

Have them buddy up with another class mate.

\* Talk to your child about what they should do if no one is there to meet them at the bus stop.

\* Make sure your child knows not to get off the bus if no one is there to meet them and have them tell the driver.

### **Picture Day**

West Oak school photos will be

taken on Monday, October 26th and Tuesday, October 27th. Class and individual photos will be taken on these dates. Graduation photos for our grade 8 graduates will be taken February 4, 2010.

### **National School Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 25th**

It's Terry Fox time of year again, and West Oak has always done its part in the fight against cancer. We hope that this year will be our most successful fundraiser to date. Terry Fox was a great Canadian who set incredible goals and struggled relentlessly to achieve them. His dream continues through us and gives everyone a chance to participate in his Marathon of Hope. Last year we raised well over \$8,000! Remember that you may pledge on-line at [www.terryfoxrun.org](http://www.terryfoxrun.org). Be sure to include the participant's name and class number. Please look for the pledge sheet to come home with this newsletter. Thanks for getting involved. Go Wolves!

### **Volleyball**

The beginning of September signals the start of school as well as the start of an exciting and action-packed volleyball season. Tryouts for the boys volleyball team will begin during the second week of September with specific times and dates to be announced. The inter-school volleyball games typically begin after the Thanksgiving break and run until the end of November. We look forward to our Wolves having a wonderful volleyball season!

### **Cross Country**

All students in grades 3-8 can come and join West Oak's cross country team! Practices will be every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school from 3:20pm—4:00pm. Practices start on Tuesday September 15th and end on Thursday October 15th. Volunteers are needed! Go Wolves!

### **Eco News**

Welcome back to our Silver Level Eco-School! We will be receiving our certification at a celebration in October. The Eco-teams will continue to promote past initiatives such as:

proper use of blue boxes, "GOOS bins" (stands for Good on One Side), take it back Tuesdays and energy and waste management. We want to not only maintain our Silver status, but strive to achieve Gold certification this year.

To save paper our newsletter will only be available on the West Oak Public School website.

Let's all eat, play and work green!

**Wanted:  
All-Star Reading Coaches**

If you are interested in helping a child learn to read, coaches are needed for students in the primary grades (2-3). Please contact Mrs. Donnelly. There will be a training session in October. Many Thanks!

**Lunchroom Supervisors**

West Oak Public School needs your help during the 2009 – 2010 school year! We are looking for supervisors to assist staff in watching over children during their nutrition break and lunch break. Currently, we are looking for community members to sup-

port us in a "supply" role. These are paid positions, (or volunteer if you wish). Please speak to Ms. Rice for details or call the school office at 905-469-6119.

**Community**

**Medic Alert's No Child Without Program is at Our School**

The **No Child Without** program offers a free Medic Alert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child had a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a Medic Alert membership through this program.

Your child's voice in an emergency, Medic Alert membership:

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their Medic Alert bracelet or necklet
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Elec-

tronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**

- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed

Medic Alert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a free brochure or visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call Medic Alert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

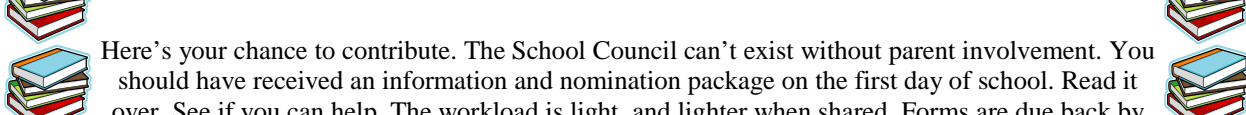
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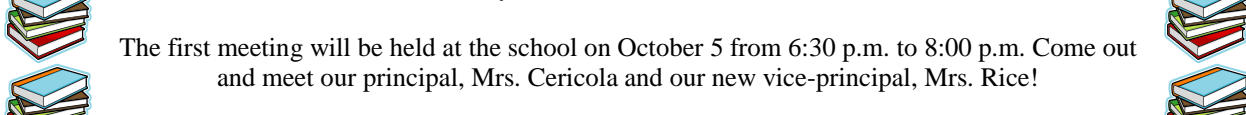
**Your School Council**



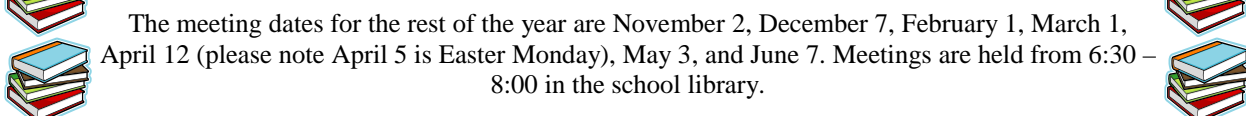
Welcome to 2009-2010! It's time to get School Council working again for the benefit of all of our children. Did you know that research has shown that having parents and guardians involved in their children's education has a positive impact on improved student learning and helps to create a sense of community at school? Last year's School Council accomplished many things including putting on the annual barbeque; working with parents to provide input to the Board regarding Ward 4 accommodations; providing input to the board regarding principal placement; and raising money to fund the purchase of many items including learning resources, and tournament and festival fees.



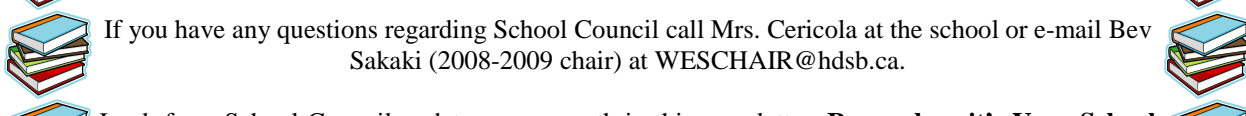
Here's your chance to contribute. The School Council can't exist without parent involvement. You should have received an information and nomination package on the first day of school. Read it over. See if you can help. The workload is light, and lighter when shared. Forms are due back by September 14 at 4:00 p.m. If you don't see yourself as a member of the Executive, just come to some meetings, hear what's going on and offer your two-cents-worth. **We need you!** Meetings are open to everyone in the school community. You don't need to hold an executive position. (Note however that only members of the executive have a vote.)



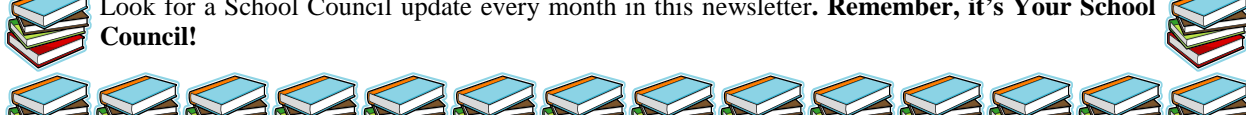
The first meeting will be held at the school on October 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come out and meet our principal, Mrs. Cericola and our new vice-principal, Mrs. Rice!



The meeting dates for the rest of the year are November 2, December 7, February 1, March 1, April 12 (please note April 5 is Easter Monday), May 3, and June 7. Meetings are held from 6:30 – 8:00 in the school library.



If you have any questions regarding School Council call Mrs. Cericola at the school or e-mail Bev Sakaki (2008-2009 chair) at [WESCHAIR@hdsb.ca](mailto:WESCHAIR@hdsb.ca).



Look for a School Council update every month in this newsletter. **Remember, it's Your School Council!**



# West Oak's Upcoming Events

## September

2nd	Professional Development Day	
3rd	Professional Development Day	
22nd	BBQ and Program Night	5:30pm - 8:00pm
25th	Terry Fox Run	
30th	World Milk Day	1:00pm

## October

1st	Grade 4's at Halton Water Festival	
5th	Hepatitis B #1 (Gd 7) and HPV #1 (Gd 8 girls)	
6th	Junior and Senior Cross Country Meet @ Sherwood Forest Park (storm date Oct 7)	
8th	Int'l Walk to School Wednesday	8:20am - 8:50am
9th	Gr 4's to Mounts berg	9:00am - 3:00pm
12th	Thanksgiving	<b>No School</b>
22nd	Grade 3 Crawford Lake	9:00am - 3:00pm
26th-27th	Picture Days	
27th	Grade 4's at the landfill	9:00am-11:00am

## November

13th	PA Day	<b>No School</b>
30th	Men C (Gr 7) & HPV #2 (Gr 8) Girls	9:00am

## December

1st	Men C Gr 7 Students	Vaccination administered at West Oak P.S. by Halton Health Department
1st	HPV # 2 Gr 8 Girls	Vaccination administered at West Oak P.S. by Halton Health Department
2nd	Report Cards Go Home	
4th	PA Day	<b>No School</b>
7th-9th	Holiday Concert	7:00pm - 8:00pm
December 21st - January 3rd, 2009—Christmas Break...Happy Holidays! - <b>No School</b>		

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calendar



## Student Practices, Rehearsals and Clubs

Concert Band Practice	Tuesday & Thursdays	7:30am - 8:50am (starts Sept 17)
Intermediate Choir (soprano)	Mondays	12:50pm-1:15pm (starts Sept 28th)
Intermediate Choir (Alto)	Tuesdays	12:50pm-1:15pm (starts Sept 29th)
Intermediate Choir (full choir)	Wednesdays	8:00am-8:45am (starting week of Sept 28th)
Band Sectional	Monday– Friday	10:30am-11:10am (starts Sept 28th)
Senior Boys Volleyball	Monday– Friday	12:50pm - 1:40pm (starts Sept 9th)
Eco Wolves	Tuesdays	10:30am-11:10 am (starts Sept 22nd)

