



Waverley Drive Public School

September 2019



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Waverley Drive P.S. and welcome to those families who are new to our community. We have been enjoying meeting our new students and their families. Hopefully everyone experienced a relaxing and fun-filled summer, with some memorable time with family and friends. Our custodian, Ms. Marquardt, and her team have worked very hard this summer to clean our school and have it safe and ready for the school year. The Waverley staff also worked hard over the summer taking courses and preparing classrooms for the new school year.

As you may be aware, we begin the year based on enrollment projections from last spring. Depending on our fall enrollment we may need to re-organize some of our classes in early September. Staff are aware that classes and assignments may change if we have to re-organize. We will inform parents if classes need to be re-organized. Please see the UGDSB insert located on our website for more detailed information.

In an effort to cut down on paper and help the environment, we will not send home paper copies of the monthly newsletter after this September issue. Please visit the Waverley Drive P.S. website at www.ugdsb.ca/wav to view the newsletter and our continuously updated school calendar.

You can also follow us on Twitter at **@waverley_ps**.

We hope everyone has a great start to the school year and look forward to seeing you at our Open House on **Thursday, September 26th, from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Agendas (Grade 1 – 6 only)

Agendas are a fantastic tool for teachers to communicate with families and vice versa. It also builds responsibility in our students. We will be collecting \$5.00 for agendas from our grade 1 – 6 classes. *Unfortunately, we ran into a problem with the printing of our agendas and the Junior edition just arrived at the school this week. We will get them into students' hands just as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and our apologies for the delay.

Safe Arrival Program

Your child's safety while at school is of the utmost importance to us. Please contact the school, before 8:40 a.m., if your child is going to be absent or late. We have a telephone answering service, which allows you to call late at night or early in the morning. The phone number is **519-824-7742, General Delivery mailbox 100.**

If your child is absent and you have not contacted the office, we will attempt to contact you first at home, then at work and, if necessary, we will try to contact your emergency contact person. As a last resort, the police will be called. It is for this reason that your home, work, and emergency contact telephone numbers are kept up to date at all times.

Parking Around Our School

Please respect the no parking and no stopping signs posted on the city streets around our school. Parking enforcement officers will be issuing tickets to cars that park illegally. **The main school parking lot is out of bounds to parents dropping students off before school and picking them up after school.** Help us keep our students safe. Please ensure you do not block the driveways of our neighbours as you park to pick up students.

Newsletter Inserts

Please return the following as soon as possible:

- ✓ **Upper Grand District School Board Student Verification v.21** - white (**all Grades**): please review and update your child's information, sign it and return the form to the homeroom teacher. All sections must be completed (where applicable) including an emergency contact name and number.
- ✓ **Walking trip** - blue (**all Grades**): This is a blanket form that allows teachers to take students on walks about Guelph. Please sign and date this form and return it to the homeroom teacher.
- ✓ **Freedom of Information** - purple (**all Grades**): please read this information carefully. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school and return it to the homeroom teacher.
- ✓ **Lunch Form** - green (**grade 7 & 8 only**): If your child will be going home regularly for lunch please sign and complete the form.

Pizza Lunch

Pizza will continue to be available for purchase through School Cash Online. The options for pizza are cheese or pepperoni and the cost is \$1.50 per slice. It will be sold on a month to month basis. For example, to purchase pizza for the month of October, parents and guardians will place their order on-line during the first three weeks of September. Pizza will be delivered to the students in their classroom at lunch time on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Please be aware, that pizza cannot be purchased at the school with cash. There will be no refunds if a student is away on a day they have ordered pizza.

Money raised by pizza sales is used to support student trips, sports and special events. Pizza days will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. School Cash Online will be available starting **September 3rd and close September 20th**. The first pizza day will be **Tuesday, October 1st**.

Milk

We will continue to sell milk tickets through our Food Program. Tickets can be purchased at the 1st Nutrition Break, then cartons of chocolate or vanilla will be available at 2nd Break. The cost is \$1.00. Sales will begin on **Monday, September 9th**.

Smoke and Vape-Free School Environment

The Upper Grand DSB provides a smoke and vape-free environment for its students, staff and others while on Board property, in accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and Board policy 208. This policy refers to all forms of tobacco, and any processed form of tobacco that may be smoked, inhaled or chewed, including e-cigarettes.

Smudging is the tradition of using sacred smoke from sacred medicines (e.g., tobacco and sage) that forms part of the indigenous culture and spirituality. Smudging is allowed in schools under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. Parents will be informed using the school's usual forms of communication when smudging is going to occur in our school. Participation by staff and students is optional in a smudging ceremony. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal.

Open House

Please join us at our Open House on **Thursday, September 26th from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Classrooms will be open and you can meet your child's teacher and enjoy visiting with everyone. Mark this important date on your calendar so that you do not forget to join us September 26th.

Administration of Medication

In order for your child to receive any medication at school you must complete a "Consent for Administration of Oral Medication" form. All medications (except puffers and epi-pens) must be kept in the school office (including non-prescription items).

Please contact the office should you require this form.

Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions

UGDSB Policy 518: Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions, outlines the roles and responsibilities for all in the educational community to support students with possible life-threatening medical conditions. The prevalent medical conditions covered under this policy are Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Epilepsy/Seizure Disorders. If your child has one of these, or any other life-threatening medical condition, please visit: www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy (and look for Policy 518) or contact the office as soon as possible. We will work with you to develop a Plan of Care to support your child.

Life-Threatening Allergies

We have children in our school with potential life-threatening allergies (called anaphylaxis) to various foods and other materials. Anaphylaxis is a medical condition that can cause death within minutes. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. Although this may not affect your child's class directly, we are letting you know so that you are aware that we aim to create an allergy safe environment at our school. If your child is in a classroom with an anaphylactic child, or your child has anaphylaxis, you will be informed by the classroom teacher. Our school has procedures in place for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If your child has health concerns of any kind, please tell your child's teacher or the office and we will take the necessary health protection steps.

Thank you for your understanding in ensuring an allergy-safe environment for all of our students.

Student Accident Insurance

Parents or guardians are responsible for expenses related to student injuries on school premises during school activities. Accidents can and do happen and the costs involved might not be fully covered by Provincial Health Care or employer group insurance plans.

The Upper Grand District School Board is empowered under the Education Act to offer Accident and Life Insurance for students.

Information was sent home with respect to Student Accident Insurance offered by the Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. You should receive the Director's letter, an Acknowledgment to be signed by parents (and returned to school) and a Student Accident Insurance application form (to be mailed directly to Reliable Life). Reliable Life Insurance Company offers a variety of options, including family rates and multi-year plans, at affordable prices. The cost must be paid by parents or guardian.

Safety on the Playground

Our playground is designed for users ages 12 and under and we do not provide supervision, maintenance and inspections outside of school hours. Board policy determines that the equipment is off limits from December 1 to March 31, and at other times as determined by the school administration. This includes periods of freezing temperatures, when there is freezing rain, if the ground cover is frozen, or if there is a buildup of snow and ice.

School Emergency Response Training and Annual Drills

Below you will find some information regarding emergency drills that we will be conducting this school year.

The safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority. Although we hope that an incident that requires response from emergency personnel will never occur in our school, we must be prepared to respond quickly and effectively in case it does.

Each year our school must conduct drills to ensure staff and students are prepared in the event of a real emergency.

The following number of drills are required each school year:

- Three (3) fire drills in the fall and three (3) fire drills in the spring
- Two (2) lockdown drills
- One (1) tornado drill
- One (1) bomb threat drill

For each of these drills, there is an education component to explain why they are necessary. All drills are conducted in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of our students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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Children that eat well, learn well. A variety of food provides the energy and nutrients needed to pay attention, learn, grow and be active! Try to include at least one food item from each of these 4 categories in your child's lunch every day.

- Vegetables**
- Fruit**
- Protein-rich Foods** (beans, lentils, chickpeas, cheese, eggs, meat, fish, plain yogurt, plain milk)
- Whole Grains & Starchy Vegetables** (whole grain pasta or bread, potatoes, corn)



Additional tips:

- Send a re-usable water bottle with water every day.
- Involve your kids in planning and preparing – it takes two to mango! Kids are more likely to eat food that they were involved in making.
- Be a positive role model. Kids are smart and always watching, so if you're eating the veggies, they'll likely eat them too!
- Check out UnlockFood.ca for school lunch tips and recipes.

Watch our new YouTube [video](#) for recipe inspiration and tips (Visit: <http://bit.ly/2it19CG>). For more information visit www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca