From the Desk of Mr. Peck

I am very pleased that so many parents made the effort to attend the parent/teacher/student conferences last week. Parents who are involved in their children’s education are critical to their experiencing success. I guess the tough part is knowing how involved to be. Although it hurts to say it, we are successful parents if we teach our kids how to get along without us. For instance, my mom no longer makes my lunch (sometimes my wife does, but that’s a different story). As teachers, we want parents to be involved in a balanced and effective way. On one extreme we have parents who are not involved in their children’s lives at all. That is tragic. At the other end of the scale we have parents who are too involved and actually hinder their child from developing independence. As educators we urge you to be involved. Be involved at an appropriate level depending on your child’s age and maturity, and your family situation. We want to work together with you to help you develop children who not only do well at school under a teacher’s direction, but who also function with independence and good character out in the “real” world.

Breakfast Club – Special Notice:

Dear Friends and Families of WH Day:

We are in the process of getting our Breakfast Club program up and running. This year, it will look a little bit different. Instead of asking students to arrive at school early, we will provide each classroom with a bowl of healthy snacks that students can access throughout the day.

We have students who arrive at school with little or no food to get through the day. You can imagine how difficult it becomes to focus on learning when you are hungry. To that end, we would like to have more substantial food available that can serve as lunch to those students that teachers have identified as being in need.

While we do get some money through Eat Well to Excel, our need is greater. You can help by donating non-perishable food to our program. Some suggestions include:

- Granola bars (no nuts), Nutrigrain bars
- Small boxes of raisins, Small boxes of craisins
- Energy bars
- Handi Snacks (cheese)
- Microwaveable soups/stews/pastas

... and anything else you can think of!

We would also benefit from donations of disposable cutlery, napkins and paper towels.

Thank-you for your help!
Bus Cancellation Notification Process

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium posts all information regarding cancelled buses at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Schools should include the direct link on their school website homepages and parents should be reminded to bookmark the direct link to www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca into their website ‘favourites’ list. The Transportation Consortium also directly notifies media early on the mornings when school buses are cancelled. The message that schools are OPEN FOR LEARNING on bus cancellation days will continue to be emphasized. To reduce confusion and the volume of messages, bus cancellation and school event cancellation notices will not be posted on or distributed from www.scdsb.on.ca (info@scdsb.on.ca). A direct link to www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca is also posted on the homepage of www.scdsb.on.ca.

Sports at W. H. Day

Our intermediate Flag Football Team and our Cross-Country Team have recently competed at local and at area levels. Our students have completed with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm, and whether we lost or won, our coaches were proud or our students. Well done teams!

Holiday Greeting Card Fundraiser

On Thursday of last week, the order form and cards went home with our students. Please get those orders back as soon as possible so we can have the cards printed and returned in time for Christmas delivery. For those who chose not to create a Christmas card, please note that the inside of the card will be left blank.

Canadian Tire Money

We are still collecting Canadian Tire money and use it to buy outdoor recess toys and sports equipment for our students. Send the money to your child’s homeroom teacher and he or she will have it delivered to the office for safe keeping. Thank you.

Campbell Soup Labels

We have a parent volunteer who organizes the collection of our Campbell Soup Labels. These labels can be converted into various items which benefit our school. Send them to your child’s homeroom teacher. Thank you.

Pizza Sales and Toonie Tuesdays

Don’t forget to bring in a toonie per slice on Tuesdays. Pizza purchased on Tuesday is delivered a week later on Wednesday. In order to ensure that the toonies make it to the teacher, we suggest writing a note in the agenda indicating that you have sent in pizza money.

Some Important Upcoming Dates

- October 31: Halloween and Dance a thon Fundraiser
- November 6: Fire Safety Training begins for our primary classes
- November 9: Progress Report Cards; Movie Night in the Gym