From the Desk of Mr. Peck

This is the final newsletter of this school year. It seems that not very long ago I was writing the first newsletter of the year and my first newsletter as principal of W. H. Day. Much has happened here since September of 2010. I’ve made some mistakes and have learned from them; your children have been learning too. As I write this letter, planning is underway for next year. We are “winding down” 2010/2011, but starting to “wind up” 2011/2012. I look forward to being here next year, and will do my best to make decisions which improve learning for your children. I always welcome your suggestions and feedback in this regard.

On behalf of the staff at W. H. Day, I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer. Enjoy a break from the pressures of school schedules and homework. I hope that each of you are able to make space in your busy lives for some quality family time over the summer.

W. H. Day Fun and Spirit Day

Despite the nasty weather, our Spirit Day was a great success. Numbers were down, but those parents and students who came out had a great time in the jumping castle, on the rock wall, on the putting greens and with the face painters. It wasn’t meant to be a fundraiser, and we didn’t raise any funds – success! Thanks especially to the mom and dad volunteers who worked together to make the day happen.

Report Cards

Report Cards come home with students on Tuesday, June 28th at the end of the day. Please remember to complete the feedback form and return it to the school the next day.

Good Bye and Good Wishes – all the best in your new journeys

We are sorry to announce that some teachers at W. H. Day will be leaving us at the end of June. Some of have been here for a short while, and some have been here for some time. Each has made a valuable contribution to the school; they will be missed by the students and staff.

Mr. Hopkins’ long term assignment here is completed.

Mrs. Cappadocia is moving to Hewitt’s Creek Public School.

Mrs. Mayers is moving to Cookstown Central Public School.
Mr. Fitton is retiring.

Mrs. Kelly’s long term assignment here is completed, and Mrs. Kelly is also starting a family. (People like Mrs. Kelly help to keep our schools in business!)

Mrs. Juffermans is retiring.

**Is Your Family Moving**

If you know you are moving out of our attendance area before September 2011, please let the office know as soon as possible. This information helps us plan better here, but will also give us time to help you transition your child(ren) to his or her new school.

**Who is my child’s teacher next year?**

That’s a good question. Staffing is not finalized until the middle of September. So, students will find out who their teachers are on the first day of school in September. And even then, changes can occur if our student numbers are up or down. Sorry we can’t be more definitive.

**Meet the Teacher Night and First School Council Meeting**

Meet the Teacher Night will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2011. More details will follow in our opening newsletter in September, but please mark the date on your calendar. First School Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 29th.

**Balanced Day at W. H. Day – a new schedule for 2011/2012**

The balanced day schedule will begin on the first day of school in September. Please note the following changes. The school council approved these changes, and I will be requesting their feedback as the year progresses. This is the scheduled format used by the majority of Simcoe County schools. Changing to this schedule will help address several issues. Of course, it will take some getting used to, especially for those students who go home for lunch. Start and end times are not affected. Here’s what you need to know as parents:

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| **LUNCH Break**     | **12:55 to 1:15**
|                     | THIS 40 minute block will be designated as the time to go home for lunch for those who wish to. |
| **LUNCH Recess**    | **1:15 to 1:35** |
| School Day Ends     | 3:15 PM         |
Gifted Screening Process

Your child may display an unusually advanced degree of general intellectual ability (gifted). In consultation with parents, school staff determines which of our students are gifted through the “Gifted Screening Process”. Parents who will have children in grades 3-8 next year, and who feel their child should be considered for screening, please contact Ms. Robinson at the school before the end of this school year.

Student Searches – a message from the School Board

Lockers and desks are the property of the Board and are on loan to students. In keeping with their duties under the Education Act to maintain order, discipline and safe schools, the Principal or vice-principal who has reasonable grounds to do so, may search student lockers, desks or backpacks.

Milk Orders

Part way through the year we changed the ordering for milk. Several parents who had ordered milk for the year were affected. As food orders are for fundraising, those of you who would like to consider money owed as a “donation”, thank you. If you would like a cheque from the school to make up for the difference owed to you, please contact the office and we will look after your request. Ordering information for next year will be shared in September.

Head Lice

You may have received a letter from the school to give you a “lice alert”. Head lice cannot spread any disease, but they may cause embarrassment and misunderstanding. We have been in contact with the local health unit as our lice problems are unusually bad for this time of year. Please check your child’s hair CAREFULLY and THOROUGHLY.

Checking for head lice:
- Sit your child in a well lit area near a sunny window or a bright light
- Divide the hair into sections and look carefully, one section at a time
- Look carefully in the hair, behind the ears, at nape of the neck, and hairline
- Check the heads of everyone in the family
- If you find live lice, then you need to treat your child's head (treatments are available at the pharmacy; instructions must be followed religiously)
- If you don’t see head lice, continue to check the head two times a week

Opening Day – September 6, 2011 – 8:55 AM

Please have your child here at school by 8:45 AM on the first day back. If your child is starting Junior Kindergarten, you will be receiving information in the mail. Your very first day of school will be September 12th for A Day and September 13th for B Day.

The school office will open on Monday, August 29th. If over the summer you happen to get new neighbours with school-aged children, please direct them to the W. H. Day office during this week.