



Wallaceburg District Secondary School

NEWSLETTER

Home of the Tartans

APRIL 2009



DATES TO NOTE

- April
30 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-6 p.m.
- May
01 **PD DAY**
04-08 **EDUCATION WEEK**
05 School Advisory Mtg. 6 p.m. Tartan Hall
06 Anti drinking/driving Assemblies P3& 4
07 **World Culture Day and Evening 6-8 p.m.**
Time capsule to be opened
12 Residential School Assembly P2
14 Gr. 7 Scavenger Hunt
18 **VICTORIA DAY**
26 Physics students to Canada's Wonderland
28 Tin Man– a.m. Charity Day- p.m.

- June
02 School Advisory Council—6 p.m.
04 EQAO Math till June 19th
11 ABLE/DD Graduation
12 Grad BBQ
18 Exams begin p.m.
19-25 EXAMS
24 Exam Review Day
25 **Commencement 7 p.m.**
26 PD Day

PLEASE NOTE:

The 2009-2010 school year begins on September 1, 2009 - 4 days prior to Labour Day. To see a 2009-2010 School Calendar, please to go to the LKDSB website @ www.lkdsb.net

Safe Schools Survey for Parents, Guardians, and Community Members - 2009

Parents are asked to complete a survey regarding safe schools. The survey can be found at the following website:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=RUjdnvuvvborFz_2fcVnjHw_3d_3d

Need to Contact Us?

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627-3833 Fax
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(direct line for attendance inquiries and reporting student absences)



Chatham Regional Office: 354-3775
Sarnia Board Office: 1-800-754-7125
Website: <http://wdss.lkdsb.net>
Transportation Website: www.schoolbusinfo.com

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to working together, contributing in a responsible caring way toward a pleasant learning environment for our students that will provide enjoyable experiences, the development of knowledge, skills, personal growth, respect for others and pride to enable them to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

FAMILY STUDIES

Parenting classes are currently using the electronic babies in the "Baby Think it Over" program. The babies are programmed to act like a real infant, with feeding and diapering as need be. Students get to know how much work looking after infants is.

The fashion classes are preparing outfits and some students are designing clothing for the themselves. The fashion classes will be taking a trip to "Fabricland" in Chatham to shop for fabric and to do costing of different fabrics for their projects.

Mrs. BridgeArnold is making plans to take her HNC 301 - grade 11 Fashion class to the "Stitch in Time" needlework exhibit at the C-K museum and to go to RB Fabrics to learn about the latest technology in sewing machines.

The Food and Nutrition classes prepared refreshments for the Arts Fest on Thursday, April 24th. We thought we'd try something different : Mexican Ice Cream Parfaits with Fresh Fruit Salsa and Cinnamon Tortilla Chips.

April 30th, Jenelle Getty, Public Health Dietician will facilitate a Canada's Food Guide workshop with the Grade 10 Food and Nutrition classes. Jenelle has been a very informative and supportive resource person for our department.

Our "Airliner" has arrived, providing us with a bit of up-to-the-minute computer technology for engaging students in the classroom. (smartboard technology)

On June 4th, Mrs. Tew's Food and Nutrition classes will be preparing and serving a Mexican Dinner for staff. This gives students an opportunity to participate in a workplace related experience as well as raising some funds for our department. The menu includes: South of the Border Style Roasted Chicken, Spanish Rice, Mexican Tossed Salad, Taco Bread, and Ice Cream Parfaits with Chocolate Cinnamon Sauce.

Languages

The four W.D.S.S. students participating in an exchange this semester will soon be returning from their host countries -Spain, Switzerland and Italy.

The experiences they are having and the friends they have made will have greatly enriched their lives. Summer exchanges are available for interested students. See Mrs. Newby for more information.

Those interested in becoming more fluent in French have several options. "Explore" offers the opportunity to see another part of Canada and to improve your French. A bursary is available for this program. Go to www.myexplore.ca for more information. Also, the Summer Work Student Exchange program allows students to work in their second official language. Go to www.summer-work.com for more information. Second language learning is invaluable. Did you know that more than half the world's population is bilingual.

At a time when the world is becoming increasingly interconnected, learning another language is a step towards joining a global community. Second language study benefits everyone in our society. The study of another language leads to greater cognitive development in the areas of mental flexibility, creativity, divergent thinking, higher-order thinking skills, a better understanding of one's own language and culture, and enhances career opportunities.

Ms. Richmond's Ojibwe class is busy creating a calendar in the Ojibwe language that will be used for the remainder of the school year. They are looking forward to creating dream catchers with local artists, welcoming guest speakers and attending the upcoming Residential School Survivors event in May.



ARTS DEPARTMENT

The visual art department has selected 12 to 20 senior works to be considered for the county's annual student art show in May. The "High Class Art Show" draws all art students together from all secondary schools for one public show at the "Thames Art Gallery" in Chatham. The show will open around Mother's Day and works will be on display for a month. This year the show is juried and only the best work will be displayed.

Here at school, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Babbitt and Mr. Livingstone presented "Arts Fest" on Thursday, April 23rd. Students showcased their artwork and presented plays and music to the community.

Field trips are planned to the "Art Gallery of Windsor". Students will be attending the post modern drawing show and the University of Windsor graduate show, and will participate in a sculpture workshop.

We are currently working with senior students on their portfolio submissions and we continue to work with them to develop their portfolio for awards, and for interviews with Universities and Colleges across the province.