



Something To Hoot About!

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Upcoming Dates

Reports Cards sent home
Monday, Feb. 9

Pancake Treat Day
Monday, Feb. 9

PA Day
Friday, Feb. 13

March Break
March 16-20

Grad Photos
Feb. 18

Mono Cliffs Trip Gr. 6
May 13-15

Fun Fair
June 4

Grade 6 Grad
June 19

Staff Parking Lot

Please remember that the parking lots off Tyrell are for staff parking only. Drop off areas for students are marked on Tyrell and Winona Drive. Parking is also available on some side streets.
Thank you!

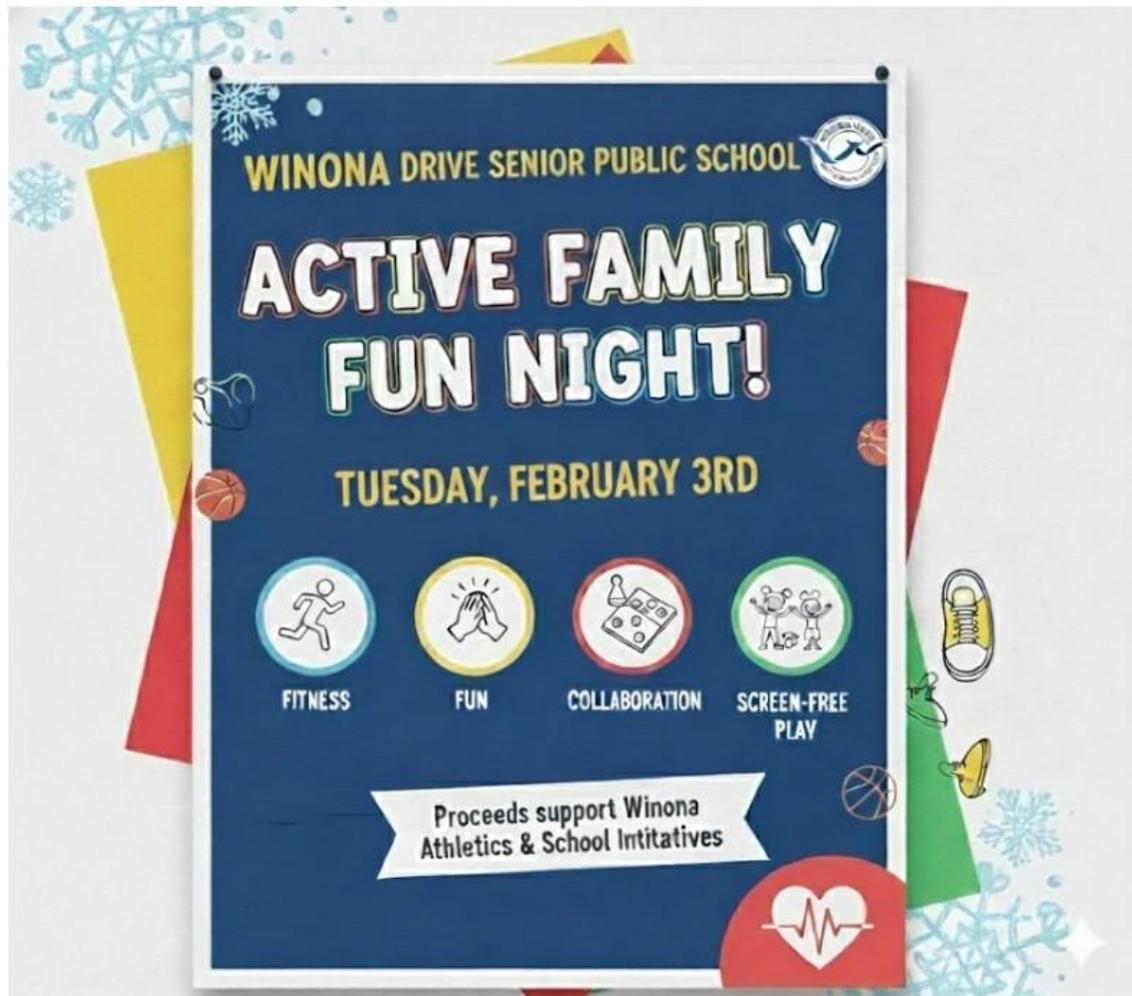
January News

January has been cold and snowy but it doesn't stop our students from playing! Please remember to send students dressed for outdoor play everyday.



Picking up early

We are only able to call down your young person when you arrive at the school. If you need to get to an appointment, please give yourself enough time for your young person to get ready. **Please do not call in advance to ask the office to call your young person down** – it causes confusion and adds to the workload of our office staff and sometimes it leaves a young person sitting at the office waiting for pick up instead of being in class learning. When you arrive at the school please buzz the front door and we will call down the student. We thank you for your partnership.



Winona Drive Senior Public School would like to invite **Grade 6** students and their families to ACTIVE FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Date: Tuesday, February 3

Time: 5:30 – 6:30

Cost: \$5 cash and the door

All proceed will go to supporting Winona's athletics programs.

Athletics Update

Mr. Perretta

Boys Basketball (Coach: Frank Perretta)

Our grade 5 and grade 6 boys basketball teams have been working hard to develop their skills in preparation for their upcoming tournaments. Go Owls Go!

Grade 5 Boys Basketball Tournament - February 10th at Carlton Village

Grade 6 Boys Basketball Game - Regal Road at McMurrich on February 11th
(4:00pm start)

Girls Volleyball (Coaches: Mr. Davis, Ms. Burgher, Ms. Tomlinson)

Good luck to our girls volleyball team who will be participating in tournaments in February. Go McMurrich Go! Special thanks to Ms. Burgher, Ms. Tomlinson, and Mr. Davis for coaching this year.

Grade 5 Girls Volleyball Tournament - Tentatively February 18th

Grade 6 Girls Volleyball Tournament - Tentatively February 11th

Ball Hockey (Coaches: Ms. Barkin and Ms. Sydney)

Special thanks to Ms. Barkin and Ms. Sydney for coaching our All Gender Ball Hockey Team. We have an enthusiastic group of students keen on showcasing their skills in their upcoming tournament. Go Team Go!!

Grade 5 Ball Hockey Tournament - February 11th at Chester

Grade 6 Ball Hockey Tournament - February 12th at Carlton Village

All Gender Volleyball and All Gender Badminton

We will be conducting tryouts for All Gender Volleyball and Badminton in early March. Students in grades 4 to 6 are invited to participate. More details will be shared in late February.

Safe Arrival Information:

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the school if your child is going to be absent. Notifying our Office Staff can be done in one of the following ways:

1. Safe Arrival Phone: 1-833-250-2290

Our Safe Arrival Phone is available 24 hrs and can be called at any time.

Parents/Guardians are asked to follow the prompts and leave a message with information if your child will be absent for a full day.

2. School Messenger App - [Click here to download the APP](#)

Families also have the option to use the School Messenger app for a faster and easier way to report absences and receive communication sent by the TDSB and your school.

EARLY PICK UP

If you need to pick up your young person early for an appointment, please avoid arriving during recess time as you will need to wait until the end of recess. We are not able to redeploy staff supervisors to track down students!

AM recess: 10:10 – 10:25

Lunch recess: 11:55 – 12:35

PM recess: 1:55 – 2:05

TDSB Property and Dogs

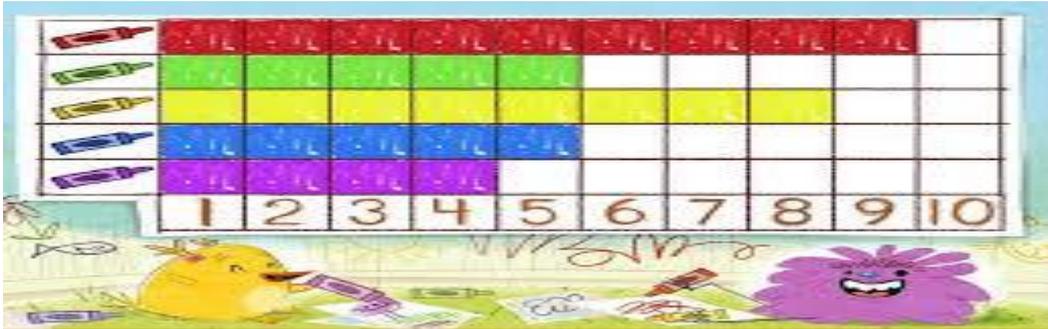
Please remember that dogs are NOT allowed on TDSB property unless they are a certified service animal with proper documentation and apparatus.

If you bring your dog when picking up or dropping off, please ensure that you have someone with you who can wait outside the fence with your furry friend.

Many of us have dogs and we love them however we do want to respect the By-Laws in place to create a safe, hygienic, and welcoming environment for all students.



Real Life = Real Math: Exploring Data Together



Dear Families,

Math is everywhere, and one of the best ways to support your child's learning is by talking about it at home. Here are some simple activities to help children practice **collecting, organizing, analyzing, and communicating data** in real-life contexts.

Fun Data Activities

1. Family Survey

- Create a question (e.g., *What is your favourite dinner?*) and survey family members and friends.
- Record results with tallies and then create a graph/ table.
- Discuss: *Which choice is most popular? How can this information help you?*

2. Graph of the Week

- Track something for a week (e.g. weather, screen time, or favourite activities).
- Create a graph and discuss patterns or changes over time.

3. Data Detective

- Find one real graph (from a newspaper, flyer, website, or textbook).
- Discuss: *What do you notice about the data? What is one question you still have about the data? What patterns do you notice?*

Encourage your child to explain **what the data shows and what it does not show**. These conversations help strengthen your child's math thinking, communication skills, and confidence.

McMurrich's Math Committee

