



WESTMINSTER CENTRAL WHIRLING WORDS JANUARY 2019 NEWS LETTER



Our 2018 – 2019 School Goal is “Students will develop a greater understanding of number sense and operations through concrete tools, visual representations and meaning/properties of operations to improve student problem solving skills. Our Teachers will become more efficient in teaching a wider variety of strategies in all math strands.”

Principal: W. Rabbitts

Secretary: C. Heene

Superintendent: P. Sydor

Our Goal @
Westminster Central . . .



is to improve our Math
Problem Solving Skills!

Principal’s Message

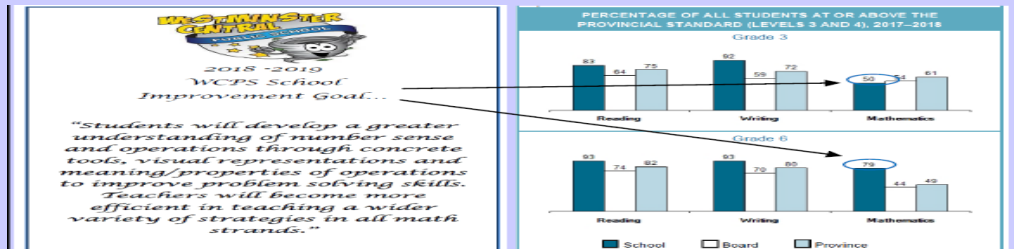
A New Year is upon us! On behalf of the staff and students of Westminster Central PS I would like to extend to you and your family a Happy New Year. Our students and teachers in the New Year will continue to work on our School Improvement Plan. Our focus is on an identified area of Math which is determined by the teacher and current student data to support our school improvement plan. We will continue to involve High Yield Instructional Math Strategies as noted in our School Improvement Plan. We have been working very hard to identify areas of student need to improve our EQAO Scores for the 2019 Assessment Year. January 2019 will prove to be a very busy month here at WCPS. We look forward to you following us on our website.

Yours In Education,

William Rabbitts

Proud Principal of Westminster Central PS

WCPS 2018—2019 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL



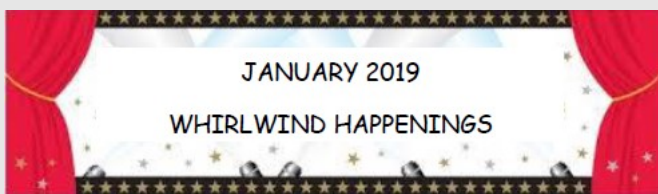
Our shared School Improvement Goal is focused on improving our student’s math learning needs.

To achieve this our teacher’s will:

- ☆ Focus on Number Lines, decomposition and Parts/Whole as instructional strategies across strands
- ☆ Provide and model use of math tools (CRA)
- ☆ Posted examples of student math work, rubrics, success criteria, learning goals, and descriptive feedback
- ☆ Consistently use and post number talks
- ☆ Consistently use Balanced Math Instruction using data to drive instruction
- ☆ Work with knowledgeable others to team teach, coach and offer PD to staff
- ☆ Work with staff to provide small group support to students

To achieve this our student’s will:

- ☆ Select and use math tools to solve a variety of tasks
- ☆ Actively participate in Math talks and Balanced Math Instruction
- ☆ Accurately use number line, decomposition, parts/whole, to problem solve and support their thinking



- January 9th - Code Red Practice
- January 10th - Hot Lunch
- January 14th - Fluoride Varnish (JK—Grade 2)
- January 16th - Grade 3 VIP
- January 17th - Dental Screening
- Hot Lunch
- January 18th - TVDSB PA Day
- January 21st - Kindergarten Registrations Starts (Jan. 21—Feb. 8)
- January 24th - Hot Lunch
- January 31st - Spirit Day— Pajama Day!
- 10:00 AM Captain Whirlwind Assembly
- Hot Lunch

CHARACTER TRAIT - COLLABORATION



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| Respect | Acceptance |
| Responsibility | Empathy |
| Honesty | Caring |
| Integrity | Perseverance |

Westminster Whirlwinds

January COLLABORATION

- ✓ Actively listening, respecting and consider ALL team members’ input, ideas and thoughts.
- ✓ Consistently demonstrates initiative.
- ✓ Leads by positive example.
- ✓ Motivates and encourages others inside and outside of the classroom.
- ✓ Willingly accepts all group roles.



Our Students have the Chatter Box and Online Anonymous Bullying Reporting to address school issues .

Chatter Box

Want to talk?
Drop it in the box.

Safe Schools
Creating a Culture of Caring

Download the Brochure!

BULLYING PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

GOTVDSB Account Consent



Parents/Guardians,

This is to inform you that we now no longer require consent for the use of GOTVDSB (G Suite) accounts.

As part of Thames Valley District School Board’s commitment to 21st century learning, students will be using Ministry of Education approved tools in the classroom such as: G Suite, Desire2Learn (D2L), and Microsoft Office 365.

Students receive age-appropriate instruction on digital citizenship and the safe use of technology. Use of the internet and social media sites shall be in accordance with the Thames Valley District School Board’s Information Technology Appropriate Usage Procedure.



2018 - 2019

WCPS Parent Council Executive

Chairs: Sarah Fletcher / Melissa Hough

Secretary: Nicole Hamilton

Treasurer: Scott Givlin

Hot Lunch & Milk Program:
Tanya Beattie

Parent Council News

Our upcoming Parent Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 9th at 3:45pm in the school Library. New members are always welcome!

Parent Council would like to say thank you to everyone who participated in the Winter Family Flowers Fundraiser. We are happy to announce that \$417.03 was raised! These funds will be used for mathematic programming that supports our school goal of improving achievement in mathematics. Thank you for your continued support!