



Holiday Closure

The school will be closed on Monday, October 9th for Thanksgiving Monday.



Terry Fox School Run Day

Our students participated again in this annual event on Wednesday, Sept. 27th. The Toddler children walked in our sports court and the Casa and Elementary children ran/walked on our school property. Please have all your pledge money sent in or your on-line donation completed by Friday, Oct. 6th.

Kustermans Farm Field Trip

The Casa and Elementary students for both schools will enjoy a trip to Kustermans Farm on the morning of Friday, October 27th. Please see the handout for more details.

Outdoor Clothing

Our students are outside every day. With our weather changing from morning to afternoon, it can be a challenge knowing how to dress your child in the morning. Please send extra labelled, warm and cool weather clothing for your child to be comfortable during the day.

Illness

If your child is sick, please keep them home for their well-being and for others. Please call the school or email if your child will be absent or late. The answering machine is always on. Mrs. Rice-Voigt, the school supervisor, will call all your available phone numbers if your child is absent and we haven't received notification from you that your child is ill or will be late.

When a child is sent home due to illness, they should return to school only after being clear of all symptoms, medication-free, for 24 hours.

October 6

Terry Fox donations due

October 9

Thanksgiving Holiday

October 27

Casa for both BW & NW & Elementary to Kusterman's

October 31

Class Halloween parties, morning

Late November

Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 27

Angel Tree campaign launch

December

Winter Break: Dec. 25-Jan. 7 inclusive

February 3

Open House for BW & NW

Early February

Carnaval d'Hiver

February 19

Family Day Holiday

March 12 - 16

March Break

March 30

School closed for Good Friday

April 2

School closed for Easter Monday

April 11

Photo Day for both BW & NW

Mid-April

Elementary Science Fair

April 17-19

Scholastic Book Fair: BW

May 21

Victoria Day Holiday

Late May

Parent/Teacher Interviews

June 23

Last day of school for Casa and Elementary students

June 30

Last day for 10-month program for Toddlers

July 3

Summer Program starts

BWMS Website

Can't remember where you put the latest newsletter? Which day is Show & Share? When does the bus leave for the field trip? Our website www.bwms.ca is always available to answer these questions. You can access previous newsletters and the interactive calendar, any time – day or night.

Angel Tree

Byron Woods and North Woods will be supporting the Salvation Army's Angel Tree campaign again this year, starting November 27th. More information will be sent home at the beginning of November.

Volunteering

Any person(s) wishing to be a volunteer on a school excursion/event is required to obtain a Police Vulnerable Sector Check, under the Ontario regulation 137/15. We value our volunteers and are grateful for your help. Your presence is integral for making our school outings and events successful.

If you are interested in volunteering on any of our excursions, please apply through your city's/municipality's police department. Vulnerable Sector Check screening for the city of London residents can be completed on-line at your convenience http://www.police.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/Services/Background_Checks/default.htm. There is approximately a four to six-week turn-around. Police checks are valid for five years.

Bags, Bags and More Bags

Do you have a secret place in your home where all the plastic bags from grocery and other stores go to hide? Our schools want to help you with your overflow of bags. All the classrooms use these types of bags for many things, especially the Toddler rooms. Please send in your extra bags to your child's teacher or the school office.



The Toddler, Casa and Elementary classes for both Byron Woods and North Woods will have classroom parties on Tuesday, October 31st in the morning. The children may come to school in their costume if they wish.

Please do not send weapons or masks as accessories for your child's costume. Face painting is an alternative to masks and hoods. If your child is staying for the full day, please send a change of clothes to change into before lunch.

The school will provide snacks for the parties. Some of our children have life-threatening food allergies – please do **NOT** send any food, snacks or treats to the school for the parties.



Class Themes for Byron Woods



Casa

Casa 1 Mrs. Mahadeo's class

Themes: Thanksgiving

Turkeys

Farm Animals

Halloween

Classroom needs: please send extra **labelled** clothes

Casa 2 Mrs. McKay's class

Themes: Emotions/Thanksgiving

Shapes

Solar System

The Human Body

Reminders: Thank you for labelling water bottles and other items.

Volunteers are need for the Kusterman field trip.

Classroom Needs: plastic bags

Casa 3 Mrs. Ryan's class

Themes: Giving Thanks

At the Farm

Oh Canada!

Favourite Canadian Authors

Halloween

Reminders: Please **label** all items, including footwear and water bottles.

Show & Share is the last Friday of the month. A book, photo, souvenir or craft are great examples to spark curiosity and discussion.

Classroom needs: plastic bags

Reminders for all Casa classes:

- Please send a clean water bottle every day – no juice please.
- Please leave a **labelled**, weather appropriate change of clothes at your child's cubby.
- Please **label everything**.

Toddlers

Toddler 1 Mrs. Halliwell's class

Themes: Thanksgiving & Fall

Transportation

Bats, Cats & Pumpkins

Halloween

Toddler 2 Mrs. Bradley's class

Themes: Fall

Land, Water, Air

Bugs

Halloween

Classroom needs: plastic bags

Elementary

Themes: States of Matter

Solar System

Book Study: Gooseberry Park

Ramona the Pest

Reminders: Please have a complete set of extra clothes at school, as well as a paint shirt for craft day.



Class Themes for North Woods



Casa

Casa Mrs. Hall's class

Themes: Giving Thanks

Apples

Down on the Farm

Amazing Canadians

Spiders

Classroom needs: plastic bags

Toddlers

Toddler Mrs. Wardle's class

Themes: Thanksgiving

Farm Animals

Pumpkins

Colours

Five Senses

Reminders: Please leave a complete change of **labelled** clothes, hat, shoes at school.

Your child needs indoor and outdoor shoes.

Classroom Needs: plastic bags



Kids Need a BOOST!

A booster seat lifts up a child so that the seat belt fits correctly on their body. Using a seat belt before a child is big enough puts them at risk for serious injuries or death in a crash. "Seat belt syndrome" is how doctors describe injuries to the spine and internal organs that can happen to children who are too small for the seat belt.

The law requires a child remain in a booster seat until they are:

- More than 4 feet 9 inches (145 cm) tall or
- More than 80 lbs. (36 kg) or
- 8 years of age or older

For your child's greatest safety, they should remain in a booster seat as long as they fit within the weight or height limits of the particular seat being used. This means that a child is often older than 8 years of age before they move into a seat belt. Ideally, for the best protection, a child should remain in a booster seat until they are 4 feet 9 inches (145cm) tall.

For more information on booster seats see: www.healthunit.com/booster-seats

Eye exams for children are important!

Did you know that many children are not aware that they have a vision problem? This can make school difficult because 80% of what children learn is based on what they see. Help your child succeed in school. Make an appointment with an optometrist for an eye exam.

Children should have at least one eye exam before to beginning school followed by an annual exam through age 19.

Your child's health card (OHIP) provides coverage for an annual eye exam for Children aged 0 to 19 years.

For more information, visit the Ontario Association of Optometrists website:
<https://www.optom.on.ca>

From the Public Health Nurse