

April 3, 2023

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Pasta - Apr. 5th
- Recognition Assembly - Apr. 5th
- Maverick Pride Day - Apr. 5th
- PA Day - Apr. 8th (no school)
- Eid Al-Fitr - Apr. 9th
- Earth Day - Apr. 22nd
- Parent Council - Apr. 23rd
- Grade 2/3 classes to Linhaven - Apr. 22nd



# NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

I have been so impressed with how our Maverick students have persevered during this school year and throughout the past month of March. It was so nice to welcome students back after the break.

I am equally impressed with the WHM staff and how hard they work to brighten the students' days. They do so much in supporting students and being there for them.

Lastly, thanks to the Maverick parents that continue to support the staff and students. It has been so nice to continue to be part of a warm and welcoming school community.

March brought many fun memories to the school community. From many spirit days, extra-curricular sports, and lots of clubs, days at WHM are the best!!!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please note that our next school council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

## PLANNING FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for William Hamilton Merritt Public School for the 2024/2025 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months or if your address is not in the WHM catchment area.

Providing us with this information in the spring will also facilitate transportation arrangements for September.

We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins at the end of April so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

## AMAZING ART!!!

Check out the amazing art found in the halls at William Hamilton Merritt.



Contact us at:

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## "BE THE BEST" AWARD WINNERS

### PRIMARY

Mariah A. (ELKP - K)      Liam D. (ELKP - K)  
 Everett A. (ELKP - K)      Sean R. (ELKP - R)  
 Bauer M. (ELKP - R)      Colin Y. (ELKP - R)  
 Aurealia F. (1/2K)      Jackson M. (1/2K)  
 Briar G. (1/2A)      Jemma O. (1/2A)  
 Jack P. (ELKP - B)      Theo D. (ELKP - B)  
 Masa A. (2/3K)      Rhys R. (2/3K)  
 Cas B. (2/3T)      Hazel I. (2/3T)

### JUNIOR

Penelope O. (5/6F)      Isaac T. (5/6F)  
 Deea S. (5/6F)      Abby S. (5/6F)  
 Ava M. (6/7B)      Sam G. (French)  
 Matthew H. (French)      Emily M. (4S)  
 Sophia B. (4S)      Avaiah A. (4S)

### INTERMEDIATE

Nate J. (6/7B)      Lily S. (6/7B)  
 Alexandr B. (6/7C)      Makayla M. (6/7C)  
 Sofia G. (8B)      Jazmin  
 Alexandr B. (French)      Sofia G. (French)  
 Jazmin G. (French)

## Days of Significance Calendar

Be sure to check out our Days of Significance calendar when you are in the school.



## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Please continue to take a look at our lost and found items when you are in the school.



## Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter April 2024

Your child might start learning about various parts of healthy human growth and development based on their grade and the Ontario Health and Physical Education (2019) curriculum. One important topic that is covered is consent.

### Starting the Conversation of Consent: Connecting The Curriculum to Home

(Parents of Elementary aged students)

With our School Health Nurses

Our Public Health Nurses Jenn and Austin discuss how to start the conversation of consent, and how to connect the curriculum to home.

- **Watch here:** [Starting the Conversation of Consent - Connecting the Curriculum to Home](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about Puberty](#) – as your child starts learning more about human development, our school health team wants to support adults with answering some of those tricky questions.

The Niagara Ontario Health Team created an events calendar tool to highlight the diverse activities happening in our region. This initiative highlights the importance of health and wellness. It also serves as a valuable link, connecting community members to resources available in Niagara.

The calendar makes it easier to find and explore new things to do. It also helps create meaningful connections in our community. Visit today to learn more about what is going on near you!





Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program offers **FREE** dental clinics for children and youth 17 and under throughout Niagara.

Appointments are available for children in:

- Niagara Falls on Tuesdays
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- Thorold on Mondays (afternoon and evening) and Wednesdays
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- Welland on Thursdays
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Niagara's Mobile Dental Clinic also travels around Niagara to various locations throughout the week.

All of our dental clinics offer free dental assessments, cleanings, fluoride and sealants. To book an appointment contact the Dental Program or book a dental assessment online.



## Educational Resources

To ensure a thriving intramural program, prioritize student safety and inclusivity. Tailor activities to student preferences, communicate goals clearly, and offer flexibility for participation. Cultivating student



leadership is key for long-term success.

Explore [ophea.net/play-all](https://ophea.net/play-all) to discover additional resources, including planning tools and activity suggestions to enhance your students' physical activity throughout the day.