

# WELLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL : MARNIE LINDSAY

OCTOBER 2021

## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that October is here already! I have been really impressed with the resiliency that students and staff have displayed as they have adjusted to new routines, procedures, and ways of learning. Students have adapted to playing with their cohorts at recess, sanitizing before entering and exiting the school, our new dismissal routines, and scheduled bathroom breaks throughout the day.

Our teachers have been so creative in how they engage our students in purposeful learning. Our September focus has been on re-connecting with our students and co-creating an inclusive classroom community where all students belong. As a school community we have been patient and kind as we get comfortable with the return to in person learning. We appreciate your continued support of our efforts. We are looking forward to the new learning experiences that October will bring!

Ms. Lindsay

## Wellington School Council

Our School Council meetings will begin this month. We invite all parents to participate. By working co-operatively with students, parents, and the Wellington staff we will make 2021-2022 a positive, successful school year. Our meetings will be held virtually this year. Our first meeting will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If you would like to participate in school council, please email Mrs. Lindsay @ [marnie.lindsay@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:marnie.lindsay@ucdsb.on.ca) or call the school at 613-925-2803.

## Important Dates

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Fire Prevention Week  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – World Teachers Day  
October 5<sup>th</sup> - Virtual School Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
October 8<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Day – Wellington Wear (Black & Red)  
October 10<sup>th</sup> – World Mental Health Day  
October 11<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Monday  
October 17<sup>th</sup> – World Kindness Day  
October 19<sup>th</sup> – IEPs Go Home Today  
October 21<sup>st</sup> – School Photo Day  
October 27<sup>th</sup> – Wear Purple Day – Child Abuse Awareness  
October 29<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Fun – More Info to Come

**Please ensure that you return student verification, acceptable use, and media release forms as soon as possible!**

## Fire Prevention Week

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> is Fire Prevention Week across Canada. This year's theme is "Learn the Sounds of Safety". At Wellington, we will be discussing this theme as well as fire safety with our students. Tips for fire safety...

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas
- Test smoke alarms every month
- Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice it twice a year.
- If a fire occurs in your home, get out, stay out, and call for help!



## October is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Staff and students are asked to wear purple on October 27<sup>th</sup> as a way of collectively speaking up and sharing the message that child abuse and neglect can be prevented and that help is available. This day allows us to have important conversations with our students about safety and well-being, and how to identify helping adults in our community.



## School Spirit Wear

School spirit wear can be ordered all year! Visit 1000 Islands Sportswear ~ <https://tisportswear.com>. Search under schools (elementary) for Wellington. The cut-off date for Christmas delivery is November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.