

# WELLINGTON HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL

## JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

From the Principal's Desk  
July 2 2010

As we come to the end of another year, I am concluding 41 years as a teacher (and Vice-Principal and Principal). I am also leaving what has been, for the last six years, my second home. As part of my recognition of the valuable lessons I have learned from this community and experience, the Richard Goodbrand Award has been established through donations to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation. The award will be presented to a graduating student who has most exemplified the characteristics of the school motto -- Pride, Respect, Friendship -- and the selection will be made by the Awards Committee which is composed of all staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our students, our parents, and our community -- businesses and industries and service agencies and service clubs -- who continue to be amazingly supportive of the school and our students. A special thank you to our bus company owners and operators -- Cook's, Epoch's, Wolsley, and Brenmar -- who have and, some, continue to provide safe and responsible transportation and caring to our students, both on their way to and from school and on field trips. The businesses and industries of this community provide many scholarships and awards and other forms of financial assistance, as well as helping with fundraising and barbeques, that assist our students in moving forward with their post-secondary destinations.

A very special thank you, last but definitely not least, to our absolutely amazing staff who have and continue to work with our parents and our community to encourage our students to maximize their potential for excellence in learning.

I know that you will find the opportunity to welcome your new Principal, Mr. B. Serafini, as he works with our students, our staff, our parents, and our community so that our students can achieve even greater successes.

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Another school year has come to a close !! In a matter of a few months Wellington Heights Secondary School experienced many events/successes .Some of the many include campaigns such as 'Me to We' and Warm Winter Wishes; school trips to Washington, Aushwitz and Prague; athletic contributions/successes; school musical-The Boyfriend; academic successes ; the wonderful opportunity and successes our students acquired from the Skills Competition; and the wonderful contributions of our student council and link crew members.

It is with regret that we have to say goodbye to Principal Rick Goodbrand who has served the Upper Grand District School Board for forty years as a Mathematics teacher; Vice Principal and Principal. Mr. Good brand will be missed by his colleagues and the entire community of Wellington Heights. We wish him all the best in his well deserved retirement!!

Mr. Ian Turner and Mrs. Sockett are also retiring after many years of serving students within the Upper Grand District School Board. Mr. Turner educated and entertained many History students in his 35 years of teaching in the Mount Forest community. Mr. Turner's knowledge, joy of both teaching /life long learning and his true caring for all of his students will be missed by all.

Mrs. Sockett started teaching Family Studies at Mount Forest District High School almost 33 years ago. Mrs. Sockett's kind and gentle manner will be missed by her students and the staff. As well, many staff will miss her treats that her classes baked and often shared with teachers!!

As well, Mrs. Drimmie is leaving WHSS to become Head Librarian of Guelph CVI. Mrs. Drimmie has been part of Mount Forest school community for twenty-three years teaching English and being Head Librarian. Staff and students will miss her knowledge and constant help--Best of luck!!

In addition to all the other supports you provide to assist the school and our students, you can make donations for WHSS through the Upper Grand Learning Foundation and receive an income tax receipt. Forms may be obtained through the school or at the UGDSB website – <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca> – or at the UGLF website – <http://www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com>

Other teachers at Wellington Heights this semester who assisted during leaves etc and who will not be returning but will be missed include;  
Ms. Bauz; Ms. Calder; Ms. Molenaar, Mr. Baird; Mr. Hansen; Mr. Snoddy; Ms. McHugh; Ms. Trahan and Ms. Amos, Ms. Marr.  
Mr. Ian Luke will be going to Centennial CVI semester one but will return to WHSS for semester two—best of luck!!

Wellington Heights Secondary School would like to extend a Wolverine Welcome to Mr. Brian Serafini who will be our new principal in September 2010.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **TIME TABLE CHANGES**

Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 31<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-4:00pm

### **NEW REGISTRATIONS**

Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Please note: There will be **NO Appointments** made so students may have to wait. To make the line move more quickly please look at the timetable posted and write down possible changes.

## **MARCH BREAK TRIP**

The trip of a lifetime! CHINA - Come and walk on the Great Wall. The vote is in and students interested in going on a March break trip chose China over Barcelona. Thanks to the first five students who signed up and paid a deposit as they have been instrumental in locking in the price until September. We will travel to Beijing on March 9 to see Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, and the Great Wall with other stops included. On Day 5 we will fly to Xian for a look at the incredible Terra Cotta Warriors and be entertained with a Tang Dynasty singing and dancing show. Day 7 it's off to Shanghai and Day 9 we fly home from this whirlwind tour. All transportation, accommodation, and meals are included. Please pick up information and a trip itinerary if you are interested.

## **DRAMA PRODUCTION**

Congratulations to the cast and crew of The Boy Friend for a fabulous experience. The students involved learned a lot about musical theatre and received some wonderful feedback from the audience. Thanks to those staff, students, and community members who attended.

## **CASTING CALL:**

Auditions will be held the first week in September for The Diary of Anne Frank.  
Performance dates will be November 12, 13, 14.

## **GRADUATING STUDENTS**

Attention all graduating students! If you have been signed as an apprentice we want to know! There are sometimes opportunities for awards and bursaries for students registered as apprenticeships and if you don't let us know we can't suggest your name be put forward for the money! Once you are officially signed as an apprentice, contact Mrs. Jongkind at 519-323-3430 and let her know what you have been signed for and where you are working.