

DATES & EVENTS

Wednesday, May 9	↻ ERCS Track Event – 1500 M
Thursday, May 10	↻ ERCS Track Event – 800 M
Friday, May 11	↻ ERCS Track & Field Day ↻ Hot Dog Day
Wednesday, May 16	↻ Grade 7: Hep B ↻ Grade 8 Girls: HPV
Monday, May 21	↻ Victoria Day Holiday
Tuesday, May 22	↻ CAASO Track and Field Day, London – Spirit Day for Students @ School (Rain date May 23)
Friday, May 25	↻ Playday Activities, Grades JK-2 ↻ Pizza Day
Wednesday, May 30	↻ Jr. Band goes to & plays at GCCS
Wednesday, June 6	↻ Bands & Choirs Perform at School Assembly
Friday, June 8	↻ Pizza Day
Friday, June 15	↻ Professional Development Day ↻ Tuition Assistance Results
June 16-20	↻ Grad Trip (budget \$375)
Thursday, June 21	↻ Graduation Banquet and Ceremony, 6 pm
Friday, June 22	↻ Last Day of School; Closing Ceremonies @ 2:30 pm; ↻ Hot Dog Day
June 25-27	↻ Professional Development Days
Wednesday, June 27	↻ Final Report Cards available to be picked up starting at 9 am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**A Thing of Beauty
At the Marden Marathon**

At the recent school-hosted Marden Marathon, there was a small multitude of volunteers who were responsible for its success. And yet it wasn't just people helping out; it was how they did so. There was enthusiasm and cheerfulness and something more wonderful. Examples will illustrate a vital life principle.

Three runners at different times and places during the races had accidentally made mistakes that could most easily be dealt with by disqualifying them from those races. The problems were after all their faults. That would have been well within the rules, and it was such a busy day with so much to do. But that's not how it turned out. Two racing officials took it on themselves to spend time (a rare commodity for them on this day) and effort to see these individuals streamlined back into the race in an honest manner that did not infringe on the very real accomplishments of the other runners.

They were living a critical principle: people are more important than rules.

Does that mean it is irrelevant what people do? Of course not. But there are actions that are not moral issues but simply don't comply with some rule or custom. Be prepared to forgive people when such a rule is broken. People are of much greater value than the rules.

Simultaneously the second part of this principle must be embraced: be rigorous and uncompromising in following the rules ourselves. Diligence in observation for ourselves; kindness and willingness to quickly pardon for others – a lesson for all ages.

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**INTERNET SAFETY
PRESENTATION**



At 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, an OPP officer from Wellington County will speak to the grades 6,7, and 8 students about internet dangers and safety including the issues concerning texting people over the net. Parents are welcome and in fact encouraged to attend if they are able.

Saturday's race was a great success! We are very pleased with the growth of the event and the participation from so many members of our community. U.S. Olympian, PattieSue Plumer said, "Racing teaches us to challenge ourselves. It teaches us to push beyond where we thought we could go. It helps us to find out what we are made of. This is what we do. This is what it's all about." I think if we want to experience personal growth or make a difference in our communities, we need to be willing to challenge ourselves and 'push beyond where we think we can go.' It was wonderful to witness many volunteers who so willingly pushed themselves to serve and gladly give back to our community. It was inspiring, also, to watch so many runners - some seasoned athletes, others racing for the first time...challenging themselves, grasping everything inside...finding just enough to persevere through exhaustion and fatigue. It was inspirational to watch so many experience such great success! Many raced personal best times!

We had over 400 participants with a range of ages and running experience. The family run was a highlight - definitely a lot of fun. We are so grateful for the support of our runners, volunteers, and many businesses in our community who have made this event possible.

It has been truly astounding to witness the generosity and support of so many individuals and businesses who have embraced this opportunity. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone involved.

Thanks to all of our parents who volunteered their time and resources to help make the day a great success!

With Marden Marathon 2012 behind us, we are already planning for Marden Marathon 2013 which will take place on April 6th, 2013.

We have some exciting surprises and new opportunities for ERCS families that are planned for next year's race. We are looking forward to broadening the impact as we 'challenge ourselves to push beyond where we think we can go' both on and off the track.

-by Mrs. Amanda McAlpine

From the runners...

"Just like to say congratulations on a well organized race. Course was well marked, lots of officials, plenty of food for everyone" (N.H)

"Great race... Weather, amazing volunteers, post race meal, it all worked. Looks like you had some decent numbers out. I hope to return to the winners circle again next year. I am over the moon about my prize. Best ever." (J. K.)

RESULTS:

Place	Name	Time
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Marden 5k

Overall Female Open Winners

1	Emma Plater	19:38.9
2	Brianna Dolderman	21:13.4
3	Karlie Dolderman	21:27.1

Overall Female masters Winners

1	Jennifer Umphrey	22:01.1
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Overall Male Open Winners

1	Scott Brydges	15:49.5
2	Josh Kramer	17:43.2
3	Alexander Maycock	17:44.3

Overall Male masters Winners

1	George Bodoni	19:41.7
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Marden 10k

Overall Female Open Winners

1	Christina Dolderman	46:49.4
2	Paige Easterbrook	47:37.2
3	Hilary Stonehouse	49:05.1

Overall Female masters Winners

1	Joan Cameron	50:42.6
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Overall Male Open Winners

1	Billy Bostad	36:47.0
2	Marek Mowankowski	38:16.0
3	Jason Hobson	40:13.8

Overall Male masters Winners

1	Art Kilgour	41:32.9
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Marden Half Marathon

Overall Female Open Winners

1	Brenda Dolderman	1:27:27.8
2	Lisa Groulx	1:33:00.9
3	Jackie Nauta	1:40:36.9

Overall Female masters Winners

1	Gina Hall	1:57:28.6
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Overall Male Open Winners

1	Matthew Ort	1:19:05.0
2	Matthew West	1:26:13.0
3	Brandon Rees	1:30:25.5

"What an absolutely wonderful race day. Everything was just amazing. Thanks so much for your time and effort, and for helping our well loved local hospital. I had a great run with my former student. Thanks for allowing that to happen. It meant much to both of us. All the best. Hope to see you soon." S.C.

"Yes, I would love to do that race again, I think I can shave a few seconds off!" D.P.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS for Fall 2012

Position filled!



FUNDRAISER Co-ordinator

Contact School office for more information.



ERCS TRACK & FIELD DAY MAY 11, 2011

& Hot Dog Day

1500 M Track Event (at: 1:50 pm –weather permitting)	May 9, 2012
800 M Track Event (at: 1:50 pm –weather permitting)	May 10, 2012
CAASO Track & Field Day-London	May 22, 2012

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Marden Marathon

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April 6th, 2013

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GRADE 4'S POETRY

White is the colour of fluffy snow.
White is a reminder of winter.
White is the colour of your eyes.
White is the colour of bushy clouds.
White smells like cooked mushrooms.
White tastes like vanilla icing on a cake.
White sounds like a loud blizzard.
White looks like blank paper.
White feels like sticky glue.
White makes me feel really good.
White is a beautiful shade.

By: Tegan Katerberg

Red is the colour of hot fire.
Red is the colour of the hot sun.
Red is the colour of a tasty red apple.
Red is the colour of a red lunch box.
Red smells like a campfire burning.
Red tastes like sour apple juice.
Red sounds like the sirens on a fire truck.
Red looks like a cold strawberry.
Red feels like a hot fireplace.
Red makes me feel like hot lava.
Red is the colour of a beautiful KitKat.

By: Sunmin Kim

Green is the colour of bright green leaves.
Green is the colour of fresh green grass.
Green is the colour of a little cute gecko.
Green is the colour of a slimy fish.
Green smells like cooked asparagus.
Green tastes like crunchy broccoli.
Green sounds like a croaking frog.
Green looks like a beautiful green butterfly.
Green feels like soft grass on my feet.
Green makes me feel very sick.
Green is the colour of a tasty and juicy apple.

By: Brandon de Vries

Orange is the colour of a beautiful rainbow.
Orange is the colour of juicy oranges.
Orange is the colour of sweet and yummy candy.
Orange is the colour of my pencil.
Orange smells like freshly squeezed oranges.
Orange tastes like crunchy carrots.
Orange sounds like leaves crunching on the ground.
Orange looks like the bright sun.
Orange feels like the hot sun.
Orange makes me feel nervous.
Orange is the colour of a turkey feather.

By: Emily Splinter

White is the colour of the fluffy clouds in the sky.
White is the colour of a crisp white piece of paper.
White is the colour of the fur of an Arctic Fox.
White is colourless.
White smells like the steam from a kettle.
White tastes like vanilla ice cream on a hot day.
White sounds like the wind blowing on a cold day.
White looks like the beautiful snow falling.
White feels like a cold ice cube in your sweet lemonade.
White makes you want to do something good.
White is the flashes of light on steel.

By: Kai Brattan

Green is the colour of the grass.
Green is the colour of a tennis ball.
Green is the colour of a juicy apple.
Green is the colour of trees.
Green smells like summer.
Green tastes like lettuce.
Green sounds like leaves falling off trees.
Green looks like fresh cut grass.
Green feels like soft grass.
Green makes me feel sick.
Green is my brother's favourite colour.

By: Joseph Stewart