



# Wolseley School

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Principal, Brian Rogowsky

## January 2026

Grilled Cheese, Cookies and  
Hot Chocolate OH MY!!



## Principal Message...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Dear Wolseley School families,

Welcome back and happy 2026! We hope you had a fantastic winter break spent with family and loved ones. We look forward to all the new learning 2026 brings for our Wolseley students.

This winter Parent Council is planning a Winter Event. We look forward to whatever Parent Council cooks up to celebrate the coldest season of the year. Date, times, and more event information will follow soon.

**Parking/Drop off-** Please do not drop off or pick up students using the staff parking lot. It is unsafe to use the lot and staff pay for their spots. Please be aware of the crosswalk on Clifton Street as well. There are no parking/stopping signs to keep our children safe. I would suggest considering dropping off and picking up students on Wolseley Street. Students can walk easily to the school and patrols are there to assist in crossing the street.

Finally, January tends to be one of the coldest months of the year. Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the cold weather. We have indoor recess when the temperature reaches -28 or colder with the wind chill. However, it can still be very cold at recess even at higher temperatures. Please encourage your children to wear mitts, gloves, toques, neck warmers, boots and a winter coat.

Have a warm January,

Brian Rogowsky

Wolseley School Principal

## Parent Council News...

### Happy New Year, Wolseley Families!

We hope everyone had a restful holiday break and a smooth return to school. As we begin 2026, your Parent Council is looking ahead to several important projects and events that will bring our community together in the months ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement.

### Important Dates to Mark in Your Calendar

#### Wednesday, January 21, 2026 – Parent Council Meeting

Our first in-person Parent Council meeting of the year will take place at **6:00 pm in the school library**. All families are welcome. On-site childcare will be provided.

*Does your Grade 6 student want some babysitting experience?* Please reach out to us if they're interested in helping during the meeting.

#### Friday, January 30th - SLEDFEST

In the new year we will be celebrating the winter season with SLEDFEST!! Keep your calendars open Friday January 30th so we can all come together and enjoy the snow! We will have a hot chocolate stand to warm up with and some crafting stations in the gym for those of you more comfortable being cozy inside. We will have some fun contests out on the hill so make sure to bundle up and bring your sleds, snowboards, tubes and snowracers!

#### Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – All-ages Movie Night (Fundraiser for Camp)

Our annual Movie Night will take place in the **gym**. Doors open at **6:00 pm**, with the movie starting at **6:30 pm**. All are welcome and entry is FREE. All funds from the canteen will go towards sending the Grade 5 and 6's to camp in 2027.

Please bring cash for donations and treats that will be for sale. We are also looking for parents willing to **bake goods** for the event—any contributions are greatly appreciated.

#### Near the end of April (date TBD) – Save the Elm Sock Hop

We're hoping to host our annual Sock Hop with a DJ and plenty of dancing and fun. This date is still being confirmed, but we wanted families to have it on their radar. All are welcome and entry is FREE, and we look forward to seeing you there. All funds from the canteen will go towards preserving the "Playground Elm."

# Parent Council News Con't...

## Peace Garden Refresh – Planning Underway

Planning is underway for some needed updates to the Peace Garden this year. Over time, a few natural features—such as the large logs and stumps—have deteriorated and will need to be removed or replaced as part of regular upkeep. In addition, some areas of the garden have settled unevenly, and re-levelling is being explored to help improve accessibility for all students.

The Peace Garden is a well-used and valued space for learning, reflection, and gathering throughout the school day. Parent Council, through the Greening Committee, is working with the school to explore options for maintenance and improvements. We are also hoping to apply for grants that would allow us to enhance the space further while keeping it welcoming and inclusive.

We'll continue to keep families informed as plans develop.

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## Grade 6 Farewell – Volunteers Needed

Susan French will lead the Grade 6 Farewell Committee this year and we will need Grade 5 and 6 parent volunteers. Without enough support, key parts of the event cannot move forward.

Volunteers needed for planning, set-up, and the reception following the ceremony. Even a small time commitment makes a difference.

If you are able to help or be a co-chair with Susan, please email [wolseley.parents@gmail.com](mailto:wolseley.parents@gmail.com) as soon as possible to join the Grad Committee.

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## Stay in Touch

We always welcome questions, ideas, and new volunteers. If you'd like to get involved, help with an upcoming event, or learn more about Parent Council activities, please email us at [wolseley.parents@gmail.com](mailto:wolseley.parents@gmail.com).

Your Wolseley Parent Council (2025/26):

Ryan Smith – Chair

Melissa – Co-Chair

Jenny – Treasurer

Jackie Graham – Secretary

## Room 17am/pm

### Nursery/Kindergarten...

It has been a "beary" busy month!

We read books featuring bears such as, *We're Going On a Bear Hunt*, *Bear Snores On* and *Alright Already!*

Each child made a teddy bear out of pompoms and constructed a den for it to hibernate in. We imagined the Panda Bears would need a den too, if they came to visit a cousin in the North!

We celebrated the arrival of winter weather by creating a multi-media art piece. The children drew a snow drift and evergreen tree using oil pastels. Then they primed the paper by painting it with water, followed by adding blue paint to create an evening sky. Salt was sprinkled onto the wet paint to create a snow crystal effect. The final step was adding a snowpal constructed from felt and buttons. Each week we have a special learning time with our buddies from Rooms 3,8 and 10. The older students read to their N/K buddy and also play games with them or build puzzles together.



## Room 1 Grades 1/2...

December in room one was full of excitement and loads of learning.

We spent time learning about holidays around the world.

We had an incredible kitchen party assembly which left everyone smiling.

We look forward to a new year of learning ahead.



## Room 2 Grades 1/2...

This month we have been exploring the states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases and are doing some fun experiments! We were mesmerized by the colorful drops of water that we dropped into oil and watched them slowly sink. Yes, water is heavier than canola oil! We can prove that gas takes up space and got to see this happen when the vinegar and baking soda mixed, creating carbon dioxide in a bottle and then filled up the balloon that was attached. More experiments to come such as creating crystals, as well as exploring a mysterious substance called Oobleck. We are practicing drawing and labeling what we see and writing what we are learning and noticing.



## Room 3 Grade 3...

Ms. Wiens

Writing and Photos created by Room 3 Students  
What we have been doing: working on snowglobes, snowpeople fractions, beaded arrays, invisible ink, and symmetrical snowflakes.

- Molly

What we have been doing: we are working on snowglobes with little clay figures and we will put glycerin and fake snow, we're doing beaded array art where you do a  $7 \times 7$  or  $5 \times 5$ , the  $5 \times 5$  array needs 25 beads and the  $7 \times 7$  array needs 49 beads.

- Sabine

We are working on math, multiplication, science, writing.

- River

We are working on our snowglobes, beaded arrays, invisible ink, snow people fractions, symmetrical snowflakes.

- Thea

What we have been doing: making snowglobes, snow people fractions, beaded arrays, symmetrical snowflakes, reading groups.

- Mabel

We are working on visual arts, spider plants.

- Owen F.



## Room 8 Gr's 4/5...

In room 8 we are learning the science of light and we are finished up our project on light.

In room 8 in math we are learning division because we just finished multiplication.

In our spelling we are doing spelling groups and we are learning new words!

Every Friday we have free writing!

We have home reading we check in every week on Fridays.

In art we are finished our beading.

We are all looking forward to winter break.

By Ryker and ROWAN

## Room 9 Gr's 5/6...

Happy New Year!

Recently, Room 9 participated in several engaging learning opportunities across all subjects. In science, students took part in exciting hands-on flight activities, such as building airplane launchers, catapults, two-stage rockets, and their own flying objects based on what they learned.

In math, students wrapped up their multiplication unit with a tournament and successfully finished learning about division before the new year.

In English Language Arts (ELA), Room 9 focused on writing short stories, improving their word choice, dialogue, and plot structure.

In social studies, students explored important themes, including the history of residential schools and the origins of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

A highlight of this term was the yarn woven tapestries created by the students using cardboard looms. They dedicated time to yarn weaving after completing assignments or during recess, and morning meetings. It was wonderful to see each student embrace a new hobby and practice valuable skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, patience, confidence, and creativity. Some students even experimented with new yarn-weaving patterns, creating different shapes and bags based on their interests. Moreover, yarn weaving fostered a sense of community in the classroom, as students collaborated on ideas and assisted each other with their projects.

As the New Year approaches, it is bittersweet for me to finish my term with Room 9 and start a new position at Champlain School. However, students and staff are excited to welcome Riley back from his parental leave. It will be difficult to say goodbye to the Wolseley School community, but I look forward to staying in touch and hearing about all the upcoming successes the new year brings.

Sincerely,  
Ms. C



## Room 10 Gr's 3/4...

This month, Room 10 students took an active role in learning how to resolve conflicts and demonstrate positive citizenship. In small groups, they created their own skits to show real-life situations where conflicts might happen and practiced constructive ways to work through them, such as talking it out, taking time to cool down, as well as taking responsibility and apologizing. Students brainstormed common conflicts, discussed respectful problem-solving strategies, wrote scripts, revised their scripts, created good copies on their computers, and then brought their ideas to life through creative performances!



## Room 13 Gr's 5/6...

This month we have done a lot of things including the Grilled Cheese lunch where we raised \$942.40 dollars for hampers. That is a lot of money! We also did a unit on treaties with our student teacher Lori.

For math we are learning algebra and we're almost finished with our math books. For art we all went to arctic ally and found what we liked there and did a light sketch and walked to school. And painted it or colored it in. Kal Barteski is the creator of the art. For science we did some experiments on gravity and we also did astronaut interviews with partners from the class. For ELA we did a book unit with groups that we met with twice a week and then at the end of our books we did a book review. On Dec,17 we did Secret Santa and opened the presents. A lot of people got candy.



## Room 19 Performing Arts/Dance...

December was a busy month in performing arts! The choir performed at McClure place, a senior's residence in the community. 34 singers brought light and joy to the residents with holiday songs for 30 minutes and then had treats while we visited with them.

Auditions were held for the grade 4/5/6 students for our spring musical, We Are Monsters. Casting will be announced in the new year when we begin rehearsals. And the tradition of hallway singing was enjoyed by all on the last two days of school. May everyone enjoy the break and see you in the new year!



## Room 25 Phys Ed...

December has been a month of getting to know the students and for the students getting to know me. We have played a variety of different cooperative and competitive gym games - from Crossing the River to Chuck the Chicken.

I was thrilled to come back to Wolseley School where I was a student teacher a couple of years ago, and seeing so many familiar faces. I am excited to see what the rest of the school year holds.



## Room 21 Adapted Skills...

Wow what a month we had! We were so busy learning new ways to communicate on our AAC devices and loved finding words on our talkers that we see in books and in music.

Of course, swimming continued and we are getting braver and jumping in the water now.

We are also learning more about how to read using our letter sounds to help us.

Finally, some of us got to see what it is like to drive a police car, and we even got to use the horn! It was soooo loud.

We look forward to another month of learning and exploring new things at Wolseley School.



# Staff Spotlight



**KATHI  
OUR EA**

**How many years have you been with Wolseley school?**

- I've been here for 27 years.

**What is your favorite subject?**

- My favourite subject is Art!

**What is your favorite children's book?**

- My favourite book is "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" By Eric Carle.

**What is one thing we should know about you?**

- I am an animal lover!

# LILI

## OUR GRADE 4/5 TEACHER



**How many years have you been with Wolseley school?**

- I've been here for 4 years.

**What is your favorite subject?**

- My favorite subject is Science!

**What is your favorite children's book?**

- My favorite book is "The Places You Will Go" By Dr. Seuss.

**What is one thing we should know about you?**

- I love chocolate!

# CLAYTON

## OUR HEAD CARETAKER

**How many years have you been with Wolseley school?**

- I've been here since November 2025.

**What is your favorite subject?**

- My favorite subject is Physics!

**What is your favorite children's book?**

- My favorite book 'Pete's Dragon By Disney.

**What is one thing we should know about you?**

- I love to go to the family cottage!





# January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Winter Break				
5 day 5	6 day 6	7 day 1	8 day 2	9 day 3
12 day 4	13 day 5	14 day 6	15 day 1	16 day 2
19 day 3	20 day 4	21 day 5 6:00pm Parent Council Mtg Library	22 day 6	23 day 1
26 day 2  Pizza lunch	27 day 3	28 day 4	29 day 5	30 day 6

## February at a glance...

Feb. 2 – Non-Instructional Day

Feb. 11 – PC Movie Night

Feb. 16 – Louis Reil Day – School Closed

