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November Newsletter

We've had a very busy October leading up to November. Highlights over the past month have been: the Helipad Presentation and helicopter tour; Terry Fox Run; fire prevention week and fire truck tour; a successful fire drill with the fire department; cross country meets; running club; school bus safety sessions; Diwali school wide read aloud; Halloween party organized by our 7/8 leadership team; volleyball tryouts have started; & a school wide survey on a welcoming environment! We've also had other programs start in the school: 5/6 students are participating in a social skills development group called Persevere weekly; Big Brothers & Sisters have started a weekly group with our junior intermediate students; & Sarnia Police have started their Values, Influences and Peers program with our 6/7 students weekly.

Dates that are important to your family:

If you notice we are missing a date for November please call the office to let us know. This month we look forward to learning more about the following important dates: Day of the Dead, Remembrance Day.

Family/Teacher Interviews

Progress reports (Grade 1-8) and initial observations (FDK) will go home on November 11th. Interviews will take place November 17th – 18th, in person or by phone. Classrooms will be reaching out to schedule a time and preferred method with you during the second week of November. If you would like our resource teacher, a curriculum partner, or anyone else in attendance please be sure to request this when booking your time.

Staffing Changes:

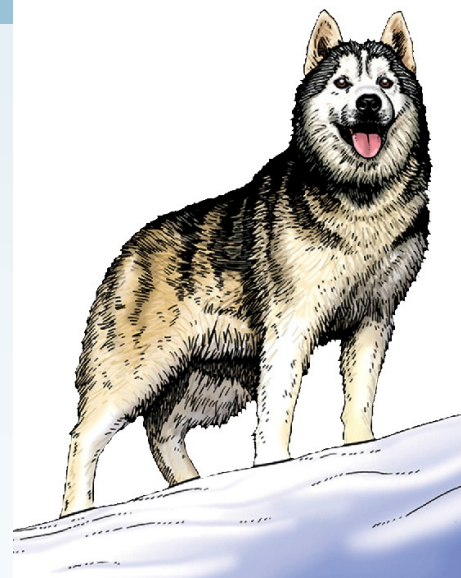
Mrs. Fraser has accepted a permanent position within the LKDSB. This is well deserved and we congratulate her on her new role. A new teacher will be assigned to the grade 3/4 class in the very near future.

Remembrance Day:

On November 11th, Ms. Gasser, Ms. Lennan, & Ms. Bedard are planning a ceremony for classes to attend. We appreciate their dedication to this date that

Treaty Week

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) commemorates Treaties Recognition Week from November 7-11th, joining school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaty rights and treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Ontario. During Treaties Recognition Week, students and staff will engage in curriculum activities related to honouring the original promises of the land. At Hanna, students will learn about the treaties relevant to our area. Each class will make a territorial acknowledgement that will be played on our school video announcements.



Bus Zone:

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Social Media

Please follow us on Facebook or Twitter for regular updates:



@HannaMemorial
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@HannaHuskies

School Website:

<https://www.lkdsb.net/>

School Council:

Upcoming dates for our meetings are Nov 8th, Dec 13th, April 11th, & June 13th. The meetings are usually held at 4pm in the Learning Commons. This month the time had to be adjusted to 4:30pm. All are welcome.

Are you interested in volunteering for the school? If you are please let us know!

Breakfast Club:

Thanks to Central Baptist Church Volunteers, our school is able to offer the breakfast program once again! Volunteers will welcome students at 8:40—8:55am daily to eat breakfast at the school. The students will be welcome to enter the school once the first bell rings if they are accessing the breakfast program. This is when a staff member is available to supervise.

Rock Your Mocs:

On November 15th students are invited to wear moccasins to school to celebrate Rock Your Mocs Day 2022. Rock your mocs day is a positive opportunity to show unity and celebrate individuality by wearing moccasins. It honours ancestors and indigenous peoples worldwide. No mocs? You are welcome to wear a turquoise ribbon.

Staff Appreciations:

With being a smaller school, we require staff to take on more tasks. We want to thank the following staff for their planning over the past month:

Ms. Campbell - Purchasing and planning for daily snack program,
Ms. Letham—coordinating school goals, running and organizing video announcements, & announcements club,
Ms. Lennan—Planning and providing resources for Orange Shirt Day, planning upcoming Remembrance Day Assembly,
Mrs. Suboni— Organizing thank you gifts for bus driver appreciation day,
Ms. Magda—Planning Terry Fox run (\$196 raised),
Mrs. Fraser—Cross country, coordinating school goals,
Mrs. Torrville—Running volleyball,
Mme. Montpellier Ross - Running volleyball,
Ms. Bedard—Planning upcoming Remembrance Day Assembly,
Ms. Gasser—planning upcoming Remembrance Day Assembly,
Mr. Hazzard—sound support for events, convening volleyball for district, running club, co-facilitating cross country meets, running the Halloween event,
Mrs. Weston—running milk program, supporting snack program, coordinating breakfast program.
Ms. Armstrong—organizing Big Brothers/Sisters Program

Thank you to our staff for combining their talents & abilities to create a great learning community here at Hanna!

School Climate Survey:

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) released board-wide and school specific results from the School Climate Survey conducted October 12-29, 2021. The results specific to our school can be viewed on our school webpage.

Our school 7/8 leadership team conducted their own survey last week. The questions focused on a welcoming environment. Teachers will be having class discussions about these results in the next few weeks.

The majority of students felt welcomed in the school. When students were asked what makes them feel welcomed. The top response was friends. Many other comments included people talking nice to them, listening to them, and including them in activities. Teachers were also noted. Student voice is important. In this survey many students are sharing that peers are the ones who make the difference.

You can make the difference too:

Please take the time to review this with your child. They could be the one who makes a difference in another student's experience at school. Making kind comments, having empathy/understanding, including others, and valuing others comments/opinions can go a long way to improving our learning environment for everyone.

Thank you for partnering with us to create a positive learning environment.