Wildcat ROAR!

January 2022-Harwich Raleigh Public School

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All the Good News from HRPS!

From the Office

Welcome 2022!!!!!! We are happy to welcome our staff and students back to In-person learning on January 17th. We hope that everyone will continue to remain safe and well as we continue to move through the pandemic waves.

Remote Learning

We were able to successfully lend out 160 devices to students on January 4th during the remote learning period. Thanks to Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Charbonneau, Ms. Downie, Mr. Myers, Ms. Gutteridge, and Mrs. McNear who assisted with this task in a very short amount of time. We appreciated everyone working together, staff, students, parents/guardians, caregivers etc., to help our students be as successful as possible during remote learning! Everyone's patience, adaptability, and resilience are to be commended!

Loaned Devices

Parents/Guardians that borrowed devices for their child(ren) during the remote learning period are asked to kindly return them on January 17th as we resume in-person learning**. Please have your child(ren) log out of any accounts, programs, and ensure any videos/photographs etc., are deleted. Please return the loaned device and appropriate peripheries (charging cords, carrying case, mouse) in the Ziploc bag.**
We appreciate you taking the time to ensure all devices are returned as classes will be using them upon their return to school.

Ontario COVID Screener

Students and staff are to complete the Ontario School COVID screener each school day.
https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/.
Please follow the screener for next steps. At the start of the school day, staff and students will be required to provide confirmation of completion of self-screening prior to or upon arrival to school.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 -Students can confirm the completion of the COVID-19 screener in one of the following ways:
• responding to a school messenger email for each of their K-3 students,
• classroom staff being alerted via verbal confirmation, paper confirmation, or the classroom communication platform (i.,e Seesaw, Remind etc)
• confirming with the school office staff.

Grade 4 - 8 Students- During morning attendance the teacher can confirm with the student that they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening that day. If a student has not completed the screener, they can be provided a device to complete the screener.

Following the morning attendance, school office staff will contact parents/guardians of students who are present and have NOT confirmed completion of the screening.

As always, thank-you for completing and following the screener as it helps to keep our school community safe.

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school at 519-676-5481. When you leave a message, include the first and last name of your child(ren), his/her teacher and the reason for the absence. Thank-you in advance for your assistance with reporting any absences as this information helps our office staff immensely.
Parents can also use SCHOOL MESSENGER to report student absences efficiently.
How to sign up and create a SchoolMessenger account:
1. Open an internet browser and search for https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home or download the BLUE SchoolMessenger app
2. Click Sign up in the upper right corner
3. Use the email address on file at the school and create a password. Important note: You must use the same email address your school has on record. If you wish to use a different one, please contact your school and ask them to update your email address.
4. Click Sign up. Choose your password. Select Location as Canada. Tap Sign Up. You will receive a verification email. From this email, click the link to verify. This will open in a browser where you will be prompted to enter your login details. Log in and confirm your details.

KinderSTART Registration Event

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.
1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Monday, January 31st, 2022, from 9:00am – 7:00pm.

Remember to bring:
- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

We look forward to meeting our new Wildcat families and students!

Reminders for Returning to School

Students in Grades 1 to 8 are required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes. Masks must cover both the nose and the mouth. Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks as long as the students are organized to remain within their cohorts and can physically distance. Masks are also required for Grade 1-8

students in bus lines and while riding the bus. Parents/guardians should provide non-medical masks or cloth masks for their children to wear to school. The LKDSB will provide backup non-medical masks for students who do not have their own. Face coverings need to provide a tight seal at the chin and nose and cover the mouth (a gaiter for example), whereas face coverings that do not provide a tight seal at the chin and nose and cover the mouth are not permitted (a bandanna for example).

Students should bring labelled refillable water bottles; as water fountains remain closed but water filling stations will be accessible. If you do not have a refillable water bottle, please contact the school.

Secondary School Information for Grade 8 Students

Blenheim District High School

BDHS will conduct a virtual Family Information night on Tuesday, January 18th. BDHS has also set up a Google Classroom for Grade 8 students to access for the Virtual Open House event. This link will be shared with students from their homeroom teacher.

Chatham Kent Secondary School

CKSS' virtual open house event is on Wednesday, January 26th. A google Classroom code has been provided to students to use for additional information and sign-up times for the virtual event.

Bus Information – BUS ZONE 7

In the event that we experience some inclement weather days this winter, please listen to your local radio station or check out the following website for any possible bus cancellations;
https://schoolbusinfo.busstatus.ca/

ROARS

Congratulations to the following students who earned a ROARS certificate for demonstrating responsibility and co-operation during the months of November and December. Keep up the excellent work, Wildcats!

Responsibility Recipients:

Maverik F., Ella A., Jahmarco S., London M., Kennedy B., Dharma B., Kane V., Frankie G., Taylor P., Lincoln P., Phoenix T., Cori F., Owen S., Mikaylah B., Daisy D., Jaxysyn D., Emily B., Lydia K., Cali F., Noah V., Layla R., Ella B., Maddie D., Ben S., Mitchell S., Paige B., Regan S., Talon V., Shy'la G., Jaidyn N., Logan P., Avery C., Gavin L., and Henley G.

Co-operation Recipients:

Savannah B., Max C., Jasper G., Rowan B., Levi R., Savannah V., Avery H., Harper G., Parker C., Miriam S., Jonah L., Kaylee C., Jesse L., Chase H., Karson G., Haley W., Ella B., Keilian R., Brody H., Harley H., Griffin V., Rebecca S., Ainsley S., Aubry J., Lyla R., Cadence B., Ian T., Sadie W., Cooper F., Adam S., Lily D., Ryla B., Daniel A., Ryleigh H.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m., will now be a virtual meeting. Please call the office on Monday, January 17th, if you are interested in the link for the meeting.

Holiday Hamper Donations

Thank-you to everyone who was able to donate to our Christmas Hamper campaign. We certainly appreciated your willingness and generosity in helping others! We had a great collection of items to donate; board games, hats, mitts, canned goods, non-perishable food items etc. A huge thanks to our Student Multi-Disciplinary Team for organizing this campaign and packing up the items. Thank-you also to Ella J., and Gracie D., for decorating our holiday tree this year.

Upcoming Dates:

January 31st- Kindergarten Registration -9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
-Professional Development Day- No classes for Students
February 18th- Term 1 Reports (Grades 1-8) and Communication of Learning Reports (FDK) Sent Home
February 21st -Family Day Holiday