

Wildcat ROAR!

March 2021-Harwich Raleigh Public School

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All the Good News from HRPS

From the Office

Just a reminder to families that Spring Break is now April 12-16th! We are all hopeful for warm, spring like weather, and lots of sunshine by then! Please note there are no classes on Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th due to Good Friday and Easter Monday holiday.

COVID 19-Updates

Thank-you to everyone for their continued support as we move through changes, and protocols associated with COVID 19. Thank-you to our families, students, and staff for being vigilant with the daily screener, hand hygiene, and mask usage. Thank-you also for sending your child with more than one mask each day. **Our best defence mechanism is the school screener completed each morning at home. Please be advised that the school screening tool was revised on February 24, 2021. Changes include: updated symptom screening criteria and sibling/household isolation information.**

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

If you receive a “Do not go to school result”, please refer to the information in the screening tool, in regards to next steps for your child and his/her siblings.

Keep up the great efforts everyone because in doing so we are keeping our entire school community safe!

Grad Photos-Save the Date!

Grade 8 Grad Photos and Retakes/Absentee photos-**Will take place on Wednesday, March 31st, 2021.** More information regarding Grad Photos will be sent home with our Grade 8 students.

Kindergarten Registration

At our Kindergarten Registration this year, we were able to virtually welcome our newest Wildcats and had the opportunity to meet with them and their families. It is not too late to register though – if you know of someone living in our area who has not yet registered for school.

Please let them know that registration is as easy as 1-2-3!

Step 1: Find your eligible school at: Find My School

Step 2: Visit LKDSB Website www.lkdsb.net and complete the registration form online

Step 3: Call the school (519-676-5481) to confirm their registration and ask any questions they may have.

Re-Usable Water Bottles

As our drinking fountain stations remain closed, **please continue to send your child with a re-usable water bottle each day.**

Automated Safe Arrival Calls & Absence Reporting

On Tuesday, February 23rd, our school moved to a new attendance reporting system - School Messenger Safe Arrival. An email about this new system was sent to all families last week through LKDSB School Messenger. There are now 3 options available to families to report their child's absence:

Option 1: Set up an online SchoolMessenger account and login to schedule and report absences or late arrival. [To create your account or login in click here.](#)

Option 2: Download the free SchoolMessenger app (blue) to your smart phone or tablet to schedule and report absences or late arrival.

- Click here to [Download the app for Apple devices.](#)
- Click here to [Download the app for Android devices.](#)

Option 3: Call the LKDSB toll-free Attendance Reporting number [1 \(844\) 487-3695](tel:18444873695) and follow the prompts to report your child's absence or late arrival. **For your security it is recommended that you set a PIN.**

Click the links below to view the Reference Guides for information on signing up, setting preferences, reporting an absence and setting a PIN.

- [School Messenger Quick Reference Guide & Sign Up Instructions](#)
- [School Messenger Parent Guardian Guide for Mobile App](#)

We kindly ask that you use School Messenger as the main way to report your child's absence/late arrival to the school. Thank-you for your patience and co-operation as we implement this new system.

Wildcat School Spirit Wear-Due date March 14th

Are you new to our school this year? Has your child outgrown their favorite Wildcat school hoodie or t-shirt? If so, we have a great solution and opportunity for you to consider!

We will be offering school spirit wear for purchase for any interested students/ parents/guardians and staff members. There is a range of branded and non-branded merchandise to consider, as well as your choice of school logo and colour. **School Spirit wear will be facilitated through an online store order/purchase only. All sizing information and available merchandise can be viewed and purchased through the online store. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept any cheques/cash for these orders.**

Please use this link to see online store: <https://hrpsspiritwear2021.itemorder.com/sale>

The Online School Spirit Wear store closes on Sunday, March 14th, 2021.

We are hopeful to have products shipped within 4 weeks once orders have been placed, provided there are no delivery interruptions due to COVID. As always, the purchase of school spirit wear is an optional opportunity for families. We hope to offer School Spirit Wear again in the Fall, if you are unable to participate at this time. Please don't miss the deadline if interested.

We look forward to our Wildcats sporting their new gear later this Spring. Go Wildcats!

Return to Face to Face/Move to Virtual

There will be one final opportunity to switch program type during the year and families wishing to transfer must contact their principal according to the following timelines:

Spring date: Families notify school by 12:00 pm on Monday, March 22nd. Student begins new program type on April 19th. As per the LKDSB Re-opening Plan, students moving between program delivery choice (i.e. face-to-face learning or Learn at Home) should anticipate changes in teacher(s). Transportation delays may also occur.