

# Wildcat ROAR!

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## March 2020-Harwich Raleigh Public School

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### *All the Good News from HRPS!*

#### **From the Office**

We are all hoping for some spring like temperatures and more sunshine after a few months of cold weather! Just a reminder to our students to dress accordingly for the ever-changing weather conditions!

Thank-you to Ms. Johnston and Ms. Beattie for being the supply administrator during Mrs. Balkwill's absence.

**March Break is March 16-20<sup>th</sup>.** We hope our students and their families have a safe and enjoyable week!

#### **Grade 8 Graduation-Save the Date!**

**Grade 8 Graduation will be celebrated on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Glad Tidings Church at 7 p.m.** More information regarding this special event will be shared with our Grade 8 students and their families as we move closer to the date.

#### **Up to Date Contact Information**

If your contact list or phone numbers (cell/ work/ home) have changed recently, please provide us with this information. It's important for us to have the most up to date information for our families in the event of an illness or emergency. Thank-you in advance for sharing this information with us.

#### **KinderSTART**

We had a wonderful KinderSTART registration where we met many new Wildcats and their families. If you know of anyone that has a child who is age appropriate for Junior or Senior Kindergarten next fall, please encourage them to register at their earliest convenience. **A reminder to those registering that they need to bring the appropriate documentation (i.e., birth certificate) and proof of residency.** A huge thanks to our FDK teams for their organization and preparation, and to our community partners (Chatham Kent Children's Services, Blenheim Bus Lines, HRPS School Council for their presence at this event).

#### **Grad Photo Re-takes and Spring Photos-March 6th**

Grade 8 Grade Photo Re-takes and Spring Photos for students in FDK to Grade 8 will take place **on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Bring those awesome smiles, Wildcats!

#### **Breakfast Program/Bus Cancellations**

Please also keep in mind that our Breakfast Program is not open when there are bus cancellations. Thank-you for your understanding.

#### **Milk/Popcorn Sales- Price Increase**

Due to an increase cost from our supplier, we'll need to increase the cost of milk and popcorn to \$1.50 each. This price increase will begin Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks for your understanding.

## Food Days

Our school food days will continue to be postponed until labour relations have ended.

## Parent Reaching Out Grant- Education Week- May 4<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Warriner, our School Council Chair, and Mrs. Balkwill were successful in applying for a Parent Reaching Out Grant, through the Ministry of Education. As a result we will be hosting Ann Douglas, who is a best selling parenting author, CBC Radio parenting columnist, and mental health advocate and speaker. Ann Douglas will present “Social Media Smarts-Tech Strategies that work for Parents and Teens” during Education Week.

This presentation will focus on the following themes:

- Why teens are so drawn to social media and what parents need to know in order to support them in making healthy choices.
- Why less screen time is beneficial for parents and teens.
- How to make more conscious and deliberate decisions about the use of technology plus highlights from the science of habit change on how to make those changes stick.

**This presentation is available to our parent community and interested friends/family members and will take place on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We hope that this topic will be of interest to many of our families as they help their child navigate the adolescent years and the use of social media. Save the date!**

## Farm To School Program-Begins the Week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our school will be participating in an 8 week “Farm to School Program” in which our students will be receiving fresh fruit and vegetables two days a week. During this time frame we will discontinue our apple snack program. A huge note of thanks to the volunteers from the Blenheim Ministerial Association and parents from the HRPS Parent Group who will be assisting with the cleaning and distribution of these items. Our kids are fortunate to benefit from such a wonderful program.

## “Saidat” Presentations-Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, our school will host Saidat who will deliver two presentations to our students in JK-3, and Grades 4-8. The JK-3 presentation, “Teach Your Brain”, students will learn the value of knowing and understanding their emotions. Through music and dance, students will learn how to express themselves in a way that is healthy for everyone. Knowing how to respect yourself and others when emotions are changing is key to a productive school day. The theme of MINDFULNESS will be highlighted throughout the show.

During the Grade 4-8 presentation, “This is How We Win”, students will learn how everyone loves to focus on the big win but to get to the wins in life, we sometimes need to learn from the losses. Youth often feel defeated when things do not go according to their plan. Students will be reminded how to embrace both their triumphs and defeats in order to be the best version of themselves. During the presentation, students will be encouraged to try again, reach out for help when needed, and help others who are struggling in order to feel that win.

## Lost and Found

We continue to have quite an abundance of clothing items in our Lost and Found area (hoodies, coats, hats, shoes, etc). **Parents are encouraged to check this area prior to the March Break as any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.** Items are on display each day for students to check if they are missing any clothing items.

