

# Wildcat ROAR!

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## October 2019-Harwich Raleigh Public School

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

#### **From the Office**

It is hard to believe that the first month of school is over! Our students have settled nicely into their classes, new friendships have been established, soccer tournaments have ended, cross country competitions are beginning, Student Parliament has been elected, and students have shown great motivation towards their learning. Thank-you to our staff and parents/guardians for your support in a very successful school start up! We appreciated the good turnout for our "Meet the Staff Night". It was a great opportunity for staff to connect with our new and returning Wildcat families.

Welcome to Mrs. Blanchard, our new secretary, in the office. We look forward to working with Mrs. Blanchard and having her a part of the HRPS school community.

#### **EQAO Results 2018-2019**

The Education Quality Accountability Office released school and individual student results from the provincial testing held last spring. Individual student results will be sent home to parents of the Grade 3 and 6 students who completed the testing last year. These results will be sent home in early October. We will continue to use EQAO results as one of many measures to reflect on our instructional practices and implement teaching and learning strategies to benefit our students. If you would like information related to the school, board, and province results, please contact the office. For additional details regarding the Provincial Assessment, please visit the website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

#### **Authorization for Medication**

Medication, both prescription & non-prescription, should not be administered to students by school staff. Specific criteria must be met for staff to administer prescriptive medication when it cannot be administered at home. An "**Authorization for the Administration for Medication**" form, (available from the office), must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician, then forwarded to the Principal for each school year. This includes the administration of occasional use medications as well (i.e., amoxicillin, Tylenol).

Should your child have a medical need (such as a severe allergy) that requires special emergency attention please inform the school and an individual emergency medical plan will be put in place. The forms for this purpose are available in the office.

#### **Visitors to the Office**

Visitors are reminded to check in the office at all times.

If you need to get a late lunch, a forgotten item, or message to your child, we will call your child down to the office for you (or get an item to your child), in order to minimize disruption to instructional programming and to ensure student safety. Thank-you for your continued co-operation with this request.

## Absence Reporting

If your child is going to be absent from school, please continue to call the school at **519- 676-5481**. When you leave a message, include the first and last name of your child, his/her teacher, and the reason for your child's absence and when he/she will return to school. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day for reporting absences. Thank-you in advance for your assistance with reporting any absences. Your calls and notes are of great assistance to Mrs. Blanchard.

## Breakfast Program

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers from the Blenheim Ministerial Association, as well as Mme. Roman, Mrs. McNear and student volunteers, our Breakfast Program has begun. A light breakfast of toast, juice or milk, and fruit is available upon arrival at school from 9:00-9:15 a.m. If you wish your child(ren) to participate in the Breakfast program, please return the permission form to the office. There is no cost or obligation to parent and all students are welcome to participate. **Please note that the Breakfast Program is not offered on days that the busses are cancelled.**

## Bus Cancellations- Zone 7

During the fall we might experience some heavy fog in which there could be the potential for bus cancellations. **During the fall season, when there are bus cancellations due to fog, busses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon. HRPS is located in ZONE 7.** To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please tune into the local radio stations or check the following website: [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com)

## ROARS-Character Education

Harwich Raleigh staff and students will continue to focus on acronym ROARS as a way to incorporate our code of conduct, the learning skills from the Provincial Report Card and the 10 character traits that the LKDSB focusses on each year. The acronym stands for:

- **RESPECT** - We will care for self, each other, and our community.
- **OWNERSHIP**—We will be accountable and take pride in positive behavior and actions.
- **ATTITUDE**—We will be courteous and committed to doing our best.
- **RESPONSIBILITY**—We will meet personal, classroom, school, and community expectations.
- **SAFETY**—We will work to support the health and well-being of all.

Harwich Raleigh staff and students embody the ROARS spirit. Our first ROARS assembly of the year will be **Thursday, October 31st 9:30 a.m.** Parents/guardians/guests are welcome to join us for this assembly.

## Terry Fox School Run

Harwich Raleigh Public School honoured the memory of Terry Fox by participating in our annual Terry Fox Run at the school. Thank-you to everyone who donated a "Toonie for Terry", to help raise funds for cancer research. Your help in honouring one of Canada's great heroes is much appreciated. Thanks to Mrs. McNear and Mr. Jackson for leading this event. If we were successful in reaching our \$2000 goal, Mrs. Balkwill is ready for the Ice Bucket Challenge!! We look forward to sharing our results with you soon.

### **Orange T-Shirt Day-Every Child Matters**

Thank-you to everyone for participating in Orange T-Shirt Day in recognition of survivors of Residential Schools and to those students who never returned home. Orange T-Shirt Day heightened our awareness that EVERY CHILD MATTERS!

### **Sporting News**

Senior Boys' and Girls' Soccer Teams competed in the South Kent Soccer Tournament on September 26th in Tilbury. Congratulations to both of our teams for earning the title of tournament champions! Thanks to our coaches Mr. Barnard (Senior Boys), and to Mr. Jaques (Senior Girls) for their time and dedication to these teams. Our Cross Country team has also been practicing for their upcoming cross country meets this month. Thanks to Mrs. McNear and Mme. Roman for working with these athletes.

### **Fall Mum Fundraiser**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Fall Mum Fundraiser during September. We had a successful campaign and we appreciated your support of this school initiative. We hope you enjoy your beautiful plants during the fall season.

### **Student Parliament**

Congratulations to our students who participated in Student Parliament Elections. Our students delivered engaging and inspiring speeches. Congratulations to Emily D., who was elected as Student Parliament Prime Minister. We look forward to Emily's leadership and the initiatives our Student Parliament Team will offer our students this year. Thank-you to our teacher representatives; Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Stanford, and Mrs. Roberts who will be working with Student Parliament members.

### **School Council Meeting**

Our next School Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons. Please come out and join us. School Council positions will be determined at this meeting.

### **PA Day-October 25<sup>th</sup>**

The next Professional Activity Day is Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. There are no classes for students on this day.

### **School Spirit Day- October 31<sup>st</sup>- Orange and Black Day**

Our Student Parliament team has arranged Orange and Black Spirit Day for our students on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Food Days**

We appreciate your patience with special food days. We will let you know when we will beginning these days.