

Wildcat ROAR!

October 2020-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, and new friendships have been established. Our students have shown remarkable efforts with new school protocols and procedures related to COVID-19. Thank-you to our entire staff for working so diligently with our students, and to our custodians for their efforts with frequent cleaning. Thank-you also to our parents/guardians for speaking to your child(ren) about the importance of wearing masks, frequent hand hygiene, and the need to maintain social distancing while at school. We appreciate everyone working together on these important COVID- 19 initiatives to help keep our school community safe.

Welcome

Welcome to Ms. Gutteridge, our new secretary, in the office. We look forward to working with Ms. Gutteridge, and having her be apart of the HRPS school community.

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 Ms. Gutteridge.

Screening

Thank-you to our parents/guardians for assessing your child(ren) daily and reporting whether they are experiencing any signs of illness. Please refer to the Ontario screening tool <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. The screening tool will advise you whether you should send your child(ren) to school or not, and will also advise you of next steps. All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required.

Please see the new flow chart from the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit called "Your Child is Sick" as it outlines three pathways for a return to school.

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. Our educators used a variety of resources to help our students learn more about the significance of this day. Our work towards increasing our knowledge about Indigenous Education will be ongoing throughout the year.

Authorization for Medication

Just a reminder that medication, both prescription & non-prescription, should not be administered to students by school staff without appropriate paperwork. Specific criteria must be met for staff to administer prescription medication when it cannot be administered at home. An “**Authorization for the Administration of Oral Medication**” form, (available on school website) 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. If your child has a prevalent medical condition (for example, anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy), a specific prevalent medical condition form will need to be completed. **The forms for this purpose are available on our school website. You can also send a note with your child and we can send a copy home.**

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

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 behaviour 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.

Teachers will be acknowledging some students within their class that have demonstrated the traits of Respect and Honesty at the end of October. We appreciate our students’ efforts in displaying our character traits each and every day!

Moving Between Learn at Home and Face-to-Face Instruction

Just a reminder for families wishing to transfer between face-to-face learning to Learn at Home or transfer from Learn at Home to face-to-face instruction must contact their principal according to the following timelines:

- **Fall date: Families notify school by October 22. Student begins new program type on November 16.**
- **Winter date: Families notify school by January 12. Student begins new program type on February 3.**
- **Spring date: Families notify school by March 30. Student begins new program type on April 20.**

Students moving between program delivery choice (i.e. face-to-face learning or Learn at Home) should anticipate changes in teacher(s). If space is available, the LKDSB will attempt to accommodate all requests sooner than the dates above; however, this will vary from school-to-school and grade-by-grade and may not be possible. Transportation delays may also occur.

Please note: Parents/guardians will have limited opportunities within the school year to switch their child’s school experience between face-to-face instruction and Learn at Home instruction (or vice versa).

Terry Fox School Run

Our students and staff will honour the memory of Terry Fox by participating in our annual Terry Fox Run at the school. Our classes will be participating at different times over the course of two days to respect social distancing. Thank-you for considering to donate funds online to support cancer research. Please use this link for all donations; <http://www.terryfox.ca/HarwichRaleighPSBlenheim> . Your help in honouring one of Canada's great heroes is very appreciated. Thanks to Mrs. McNear for organizing this event.

School Council Meeting

HRPS is fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents who have volunteered to be members of our School Council. We have appreciated those parents/community members who have joined us in the past and look forward to their return, as well as the addition of any new parents.

Joining HRPS school council is:

- a. Social (great opportunity to meet new people-parents, admin, and teachers)
- b. Constructive (rewarding feeling by perhaps helping with an initiative and the impact it has on our students)
- c. Educational (learn about new developments in Education)
- d. Supportive (being a representative of our parent community).

We meet at least 4 times a year. All meetings will be conducted virtually for now and the first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in running for a school council position (Chair, Secretary), please see the nomination form on our school website. Please complete this form and return it to school with your child prior to October 6th. If you are interested in attending the online meeting, please call the school on October 5th for access information. School Council positions will be determined at this meeting.

Student Accident Insurance

The LKDSB does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. Families may wish to voluntarily purchase an insurance plan to provide supplemental coverage. Learn more at: insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437.

Online Platforms- See Saw/Google Classroom

Our teachers have all set up online platforms for communication/school work purposes. If you need this information, please contact your child's teacher. We encourage everyone to be set up with the online platform for your child's class in the event that our school/board has to move to remote learning at anytime.