

Wildcat ROAR

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Off to a new start in the Wildcat Den

Our December ended with celebration; the ROARS assembly was held December 22nd. This was also a time to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and our athletes by recognizing the teams which have concluded their seasons already at the break time.

Our Senior Girls Volleyball team had a great season, playing some hard-fought matches to earn their way to the semifinal game. They finished their season with a loss to the Merlin Colts in the semifinals. Our Senior Boys Volleyball team met some tough competition and were eliminated in semi-final play following a loss to WJ Baird, placing the team in third place overall. The Junior Girls and Junior Boys teams were able to play a tournament style event against Dresden and Wheatley on December 12th at HRPS. This was a great opportunity for these young athletes to get a taste of the game and put their skills to work.

We are looking forward to being back at the school and beginning the year of 2024 with our students.

Our December ROARS winners for Responsibility include: Axel B., Everly C., Jaxon S., Bayleigh V., Isabel S., Milah V., Reese D., Brooke T., Jace A., Ruby F., Emerson C., Leif C., Blayre V., Kennedy B., Norah D., Colby A., Evan S., Avery H., Kaylee P., Tyson S., Harley H., Corson B., Tala M., Emily B., Lydia K., Grace G., Autumn M., Letty P., Jolee C., Zoey T..

and Cooperation Vera C., Ensley K., Eddie S., Lily M., Hank T., Wellington H., Jahziah G., Oscar A., Isavel T., Susana B., Avery L., Evelyn S., Alec W., Tanner S., Morgan H., Sajdah I., Sander H., George C., Helena B., Layne C., Bryson D., Harper G., Jonah D., Connor K., Bret H., Miriam S., Brooke C., Nathen L., Brody H., Jesseka R., Ella B., Griffin V., Locklan G., Kaylee C..

Upcoming Fundraising

We have partnered with a CK company called **Get Out and Save** to bring amazing coupon books which can be used at numerous businesses around Chatham Kent. The books will be sold for \$25 through School Cash Online beginning January 15th and running through February 2nd. Each family will be provided with an order form, where you will keep track of the people who have requested books from your student. Once all orders have been completed through School Cash Online, the totals will be calculated, and books will be provided to us at the school. The plan is to distribute the books to each family by February 12th. **THE ORDER FORMS DO NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD BE KEPT AT HOME FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS.** We appreciate your support with this effort to raise funds to support student programs.

Vaccination Records with CKPHU

Parents and guardians have the responsibility to report their child's vaccinations to the Chatham Kent Public Health Unit, as part of ensuring that all school aged children are up to date on their vaccinations. If this process is not completed, students' risk being suspended from attending school effective March 5th, 2024. To avoid this headache and give families plenty of time to report the vaccinations which have already taken place, or to schedule to receive the vaccinations in time, information is being shared with all parents and guardians now. In the same location on the school website where the monthly newsletter is posted, and being sent home in the same School Messenger broadcast is more in-depth information about this process. For any questions, please contact CKPHU directly at 519-352-7270 ext. 2457.

Special Food Days

On January 15th and February 12th, hot dog lunch will be available to all students. Parents are asked to please place orders through School Cash Online for these extra opportunities. We are appreciative of the volunteers who make these special food days possible. Our weekly pizza days on Tuesdays and the alternating Thursday Subway lunches will continue through the new year.

Harwich Raleigh is on Facebook

We are excited to have entered the realm of social media by having a HRPS Facebook page. Consider giving us a like and follow, and checking back for updates and special events as they approach. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553764035383>

KinderSTART Registration Event

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Log onto, and find our school.
2. Complete the online registration form www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Thursday, February 1st, 2024 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm or Friday, February 2nd, 2024 from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

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!

Transition from Grade 8 to 9

For students in the English program, attending B.D.H.S. in September, the Open House will be: Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00pm
Students will assemble in the cafeteria; parents will go to the library.
If you have questions, please reach out to Heather Jobin at Heather.Jobin@lkdsb.net

For students in the French Immersion program, attending C.K.S.S. in September, the Open House will be:
Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 , beginning at 6:30pm.
All students and guardians are welcome.
Please contact Kristen Crow at Kristen.Crow@lkdsb.net with any questions.

Spirit Wear

This school year, we have partnered with a new merchandise provider, and all orders are done completely online. There is never a due date, and as orders are processed, they are fulfilled. We are hoping that this updated provider allows families who are interested the chance to purchase school spirit wear at any point throughout the year. Please follow the link here:
<https://harwichraleighpublicschool.entripyshops.com/>

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), their 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.

Values, Influences and Peers

Grade 5 students from M. Durepos and Mrs. Brownlee, and Mrs. Stanford's classes will be participating with Special Constable Koldyk of the Chatham Kent Police to learn how to be a responsible citizen, demonstrate positive social behaviour and community values. The program is 6 weeks in length, with weekly lessons cotaught by Constable Koldyk and the classroom teacher. At the conclusion of the program, students have a celebratory time where they receive a diploma, a shirt and a cupcake to enjoy.

School Playground

Our school playground is now closed for the winter. The playground equipment becomes too dangerous during the fall and winter months with the accumulation of snow and ice, as well as with students wearing winter clothing such as scarves that can potentially get caught in the equipment. While at school, students will be directed to find other areas to engage in play during their before school and nutrition break times. We appreciate the reinforcement from parents regarding this policy.

School Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for **January 30th at 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons/Library.

Parents who are interested in volunteering to organize and run a school wide event to engage students and families will be meeting at 5:45 pm, ahead of the council meeting, to brainstorm ideas, and determine responsibilities for this event which will be held in the springtime. We would love to have as many parents and guardians as possible to assist with this event.