

# Wildcat ROAR

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## The school year is rolling along

We are now two months into the 2023-24 school year, and to many it may seem that there was never a summer. We are full swing into everything; academics, extra-curriculars, character education and supporting our student's mental health needs.

We had many Cross Country runners qualify and then run in the District meet in Sarnia on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and the weather was perfect for a fall event. We are very proud of how all the runners performed, knowing this really is a sport for the toughest athletes. We have Senior Boys and Senior Girls volleyball teams currently practicing and building their skills for their upcoming season. Junior boys and Junior girls volleyball groups have met and are working at learning the ropes and gaining valuable court time to improve.

We were excited to have our first ROARS assembly of the year on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The following students won ROARS recognition in the categories of Respect and Honesty. During the months of November and December, we will focus on Responsibility and Cooperation.

Respect: Grayson B., Wren P., Caleb V., Addison M., Evelyn M., Colton B., Calla C., Liam M., Piper P., Ben M., Ben L., Levi R., Holton G., Ashleigh M., Jordan W., Olive C., Beckett C., Summer C., River P., Haley W., Jose A., Chord J., Ryleigh H., Darcy W., Nolan D., Keilian R., Will T., Alyssa G., Launa C., Layla R.

Honesty: Kolten L., Reid T., Karrie W., Ellia H., Henry M., Savannah B., Hazel P., Braxton O., Ridge W., Jeremiah S., Gretchen P., Leif A., Savannah V., Keith W., Jolene W., Michael K., Aubrey H., Kane V., Hayley T., Abby G., Jade H., Avery C., Cohen W., Lincoln P., Hannah V., Kyle K., Blake C., Allen T., Gavin L., Kasey H.



## **Head Lice**

Head lice are found worldwide. In North America, infestation with head lice is most common among pre-school children attending childcare, elementary school children, and the household members of infested children. Head lice move by crawling; they cannot hop or fly. Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. Anyone who comes in head-to-head contact with someone who already has head lice is at greatest risk. Spread by contact with clothing (such as hats, scarves, coats) or other personal items (such as combs, brushes, or towels). It's a good idea as part of your family's routine, to check younger, school-aged children for head lice every week.

## **Christmas Fundraiser**

Beginning November 6th, parents will be able to log onto School Cash Online to place orders for custom made wooden Christmas ornaments. Ornaments will be available in six styles to appeal to different students and their families. South Kent Studio is a local shop and they have created an exclusive Wildcat ornament for us and note that not all ornaments HAVE to be personalized. Ornaments will be paid for using School Cash Online. Simply add the number of ornaments you sold to your cart and pay. Ornament details will be collected using a form that will go home with students Monday, November 6th, and then students should submit the completed form to the their teacher by **Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Ornaments will be distributed to the students to bring home on Tuesday, December 12th.

## **Grade 8 Fundraiser**

The Grade 8 students will once again be selling individual bags of Kernels Popcorn as a fundraiser for their year-end trip. We will be selling them a bit differently this year. We will be accepting pre-orders only through School Cash Online (no day-of purchasing). We currently have the sale open for the month of November and will open it again later for the month of December. The price is \$2.75 a bag and the current flavours for sale are Low Fat Caramel, Dill Pickle, and Salt & Vinegar. The popcorn will be delivered to the classrooms at second break every Wednesday. Thank you for your support, we greatly appreciate it!

## **Take Your Kid to Work Day**

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, Grade 9 students across the province can accompany their parent or another trusted adult to their job for the day. This allows the student a chance to see what people do throughout their workday, in hopes of helping them select a path for their post-secondary journey. We will be hosting some Grade 9 students here in the school. This day is also a special day for our Grade 8 students. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, our Grade 8 students will travel to their prospective highschool (either BDHS or CKSS for our French Immersion students) where they will be participating in some learning and fun activities.

## **Photo Re-take Day**

Lifetouch Photography will be back at the school on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for photo re-takes. If your student missed the original photo day, or if their initial photos were unsatisfactory, please ensure they are prepared to have their photos taken on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## **Treaty Recognition Week**

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) commemorates Treaties Recognition Week from November 6<sup>th</sup> to November 10<sup>th</sup>, joining school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaty rights and treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Ontario. Beginning on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, our school will participate in school wide virtual announcements where an alternate version of the Territory Acknowledgement is shared through the video screen. The Every Child Matters flag will also fly on the secondary flag pole in the parking lot during this week.

## **Progress Reports and Student Led Conferences**

Progress Reports (Grade 1-8) and Initial Observations (JK and SK) will be coming home with your child(ren) on November 10<sup>th</sup>. These important tools help to have parents understand how their child(ren)'s year has begun. Although there are no numeric or letter grades on this communication tool, this is a great time to connect with teaching staff about how you may be able to support your learner(s) in areas where they may be experiencing difficulty.

During the evening of November 16<sup>th</sup> and the morning of November 17<sup>th</sup>, each student will have the opportunity to lead their parent or guardian in a conference with their teacher(s). The length of the conference will be 20 minutes, and there is potential for up to four families to be in each classroom during the 20 minute time slot. Conferences can be scheduled with teachers who teach rotary subjects, such as Music, Art, Drama, Dance, Physical Education, Science, and French. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. We look forward to seeing students and parents in the building. Please follow the link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4BA5AF2BAAFA7-45782231-fall> to the Sign Up Genius to schedule times which work for your family.

## **School Council Meeting**

School Council HRPS met for the second time this year on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, results from the School Climate survey were shared and discussed, as well as the School Improvement Plan that will guide the academic and extra-curricular activities within the school over the course of the year. Our next meeting is scheduled for **November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons/Library. If you are interested in participating and don't want to commit to the whole year, you are always welcome to come to a single meeting. The council is always looking for new members as well as folks who are willing to give of their time for special events.

## **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

This year, Remembrance Day occurs on a weekend. Our school will host a Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> as a result. This is a time when students can reflect upon the sacrifices of those who came before us and give recognition to the men and women who fought so that we can have the freedom we do today. We will observe a moment of silence as part of this ceremony.

## **Salvation Army Coat Drive**

Mme. Ryall and Mrs. Charleton's Grade Six class organized our second annual Coat Drive to collect coats for charity. This is part of their Social Studies unit on citizenship and helping others in the world locally and internationally. This year, the class was extremely successful after setting a goal of 100 coats and ended up doubling their goal. We appreciate the donations of many gently



used or new coats, snowpants, and mittens for cold weather. We will be working together with the Salvation Army, who will do a pick up at our school in early November. We are very fortunate to have such a kind and caring school community.

### **Bus Cancellations**

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, buses 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)