

# Wildcat ROAR

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## Wildcats are off to a great start

The month of September has come and gone in a flash, and everyone seems to be settling in quite well. We do have construction happening where Snow Ave. meets Chatham Street South, so we are asking all parents and guardians to be extra cautious when dropping off and picking up students. Our afternoon buses have had to change the way they are loaded based on the safety zone which is set up on the road.

Sports and clubs are back in action, and students and staff alike are excited about these wonderful opportunities to engage in activities in addition to the academics. Our Cross Country team is practicing for an upcoming meet and qualifying event. We have Playground Pals and the Recycling Club assisting in different areas of the school and their help is much appreciated. We have even had some classes attend field trips already this fall, with some others quickly approaching. We are thankful that these events, which are typical within a school year, are back after being on pause during the height of the pandemic.

Some of our classes have already been on field trips and others have them planned for the near future. We are very optimistic that our students will have an exciting year, full of wonderful learning experiences to help shape their academic and social growth.

## **Food Days**

Mrs. Gutteridge has been working to get our school food days up and running. We are asking that each family please use School Cash online to place orders and pay for the food days. If this is not possible, please call the office for an alternative option. A separate information sheet about food days will come home when the program is all set up and ready. Your support on these days is a way that the school can raise money for field trips, guest speakers, supplemental resources for classroom learning as well as playground equipment.

## **Christmas Fundraiser**

We have decided that for the upcoming holiday season, our students will be selling coupons for Poinsettias available from Ross' Nurseymen in Chatham. The coupon system allows each person to visit the greenhouse and chose the colour of the plant(s) they would like best. Plants will be available in four sizes to appeal to different environments as well as price points. Students will receive more information at the beginning of November with specifics as well as dates for the fundraising campaign.

## **Cross Country Team**

Under the direction and coaching of Mrs. McNear and Mme. Roman, our students have been using some breaks throughout the week to improve their running ability and stamina in preparation for some upcoming events. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 'Fun Run' here at HR for students. The following week, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will host an area qualifying run, where depending on the order students finish, they may qualify to attend the meet in Sarnia on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We are hopeful that all who are participating can gain some skills and progress in their own ability.

## **Treaty Recognition Week**

Beginning on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, our school will participate in school wide learning as well as classroom lessons about the importance of treaties and the commitment to the history of the land we live and learn on. This learning follows much of the recent learning around the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt day which was September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **PA Day**

Staff will be involved in a Professional Activity Day on **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please make a note in your calendar to the change in the regular schedule. This will allow families an extended weekend as Thanksgiving is observed on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

## **School Council Meeting**

School Council HRPS met for the first time this year on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a wonderful group of parents who met and had a chance to hear about how the school year has started and brainstorm some ideas of how to support the students and teachers in the building. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 18<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.

## **Terry Fox Run**

On Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, our school held the Terry Fox run. Our students and staff collectively raised over \$1100 during the event through donations brought to the school as well as through the online pledge system. We are proud of our Wildcats for exceeding the target of \$1000. Thank you to everyone for their support.

## **Black and Orange day**

On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we are encouraging students to participate in our Black and Orange day by wearing those colours. Please do not allow your child to wear their Halloween costume nor bring the costume to school to wear during the day. Parts and pieces of costumes can get lost or damaged over the day, and having all of these pieces to keep track of is too much to ask of our staff. Also, should you want to send treats with your student, please ensure two things: they are safe for school and without any type of nut products, and they are individually packaged so that handling can be safe. Your help with this is appreciated.

## **Being a courteous neighbour**

We have many wonderful neighbours around the school and those people take pride in their property. At times, students passing by may do things without a lot of thought that could cause damage or show a lack of respect towards those neighbours. Please make sure that while you are getting to and from school and while outside at recess that you are being kind to the neighbours around the school.

## **ROARS – Character Education**

Our school staff will once again focus their instruction around the ROARS character traits. This means that at the end of the month, we will celebrate one student from each class who demonstrates Respect and one student who demonstrates Honesty. Teachers will connect with parents/guardians for award winners so they would be able to attend the assembly if they can.

**Respect-** We will care for self, each other and 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.