

Wildcat ROAR

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Welcome Back Wildcats

From the Office

We are excited to kick off the 2022-23 school year with many new faces and those who are returning, including students and staff. We are hoping that our school year begins well and continues to be a safe and healthy space for learning in person.

While many previous COVID protocols have been lifted, we continue to be committed to regular hand hygiene and using as much time outside learning as possible. Please visit the LKDSB website for a message about how we are welcoming all learners from Grade 1 to 8 on September 6th.

New JK students will begin in a staggered method, beginning September 7th when half of the JK students will attend. On Thursday, Sept. 8th, the other half will attend. Finally, on Friday, Sept. 9th, all JK students will be part of their class for their first full day together. Our newest Wildcats have had some different opportunities to see their learning space which helps to make for an easy transition.

A big shout out

The custodial team worked extremely hard over the summer to ensure that the school was well cleaned and any necessary repairs were made to be ready to receive students back in September. We would like to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to our school.

Additionally, many teachers and staff have been preparing their classrooms and learning spaces for when students return. We are excited to begin fresh with new students in each class.

Mrs. Gutteridge has been working hard at getting new students who have joined HRPS registered and acquainted with the school as well.

Staff List and assignments:

FDK English	Ms. Poag & Ms. Massong
FDK French Immersion	Mme. Vandermeer & Mme Gagnier
Grade 1	Mrs. Roberts
Grade 1/2 French Immersion	Mme. Janisse
Grade 1/2 French Immersion	Mme. Quinney
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Ford
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Stickney
Grade 3/4 French Immersion	Mme. Roman
Grade 4/5 French Immersion	Mme. Woods, Mrs. Brownlee
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Stanford
Grade 5/6 French Immersion	Mme. Ryall, Ms. Woodrow
Grade 6/7	Mrs. Gillett
Grade 7/8	Mr. Jackson
Grade 7/8 French Immersion	Mlle. Purdy
Core French and Prep coverage	Mr. Jacques
Phys. Ed. and Prep coverage	Mr. Barnard
Learning Resource and Prep coverage	Mrs. Brownlee
Learning Resource	Mrs. McNear
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Barnes Mr. Myers Ms. Downie
Custodial Team	Mr. Payne, Mr. Newcombe
Secretary	Mrs. Gutteridge
Principal	Ms. Vander Pol

School Hours:

Outside time: 9:00-9:15

Instructional time: 9:15-11:15

Inside nutrition break 11:15-11:35

Outside recess time 11:35-11:55

Instructional time: 11:55-1:35

Inside nutrition break 1:45- 2:05

Outside recess time 2:05- 2:25

Instructional time 2:25-3:35

Parents are reminded, that no students should be arriving to the school before the 9:00 point when staff are ensuring students are able to play safely on the school yard. Bus arrival always takes place from 9:00 am onward.

As with the procedures in the spring, students will play on the yard for a maximum of 15 minutes from 9:00 until 9:15 when the entry bell rings. All students will then enter to their classrooms through their corridor entrances.

The gravel parking lot to the south of the main school driveway and parking lot should be the primary location for student drop off and pick up before and after school. This allows the main drive to be used by the numerous buses loading and unloading. We ask parents to attempt backing into their parking spaces to ensure better sight lines when leaving their parking space.

P.A. Day

Our staff will be participating in professional learning on Friday, September 16th. This will help to guide the work that is done throughout the school year. On this day, as every P.A. day, students will have the day away from school. Please make sure you have this date marked on your calendar as it will quickly approach.

Meet the Staff Event

On Thursday, September 29th, from 5 until 6:30 pm, our staff will welcome all students and parents to the school, to be able to introduce themselves to one another. The event will take place in the gymnasium, where all teachers and staff will be located, therefore making it easy to see everyone you need to. Classrooms will not be accessible at this time. The purpose really is to just get to know each other, and shouldn't be an interview time, as our staff will only be getting to know your child and their progress at that point is too hard to define. If you feel that you would like to set up a separate time to speak with the teacher about an academic concern, please make those arrangements for another time.

Fall Photo Day

On Monday, September 26th, fall photos will take place. Lifetouch is the provider of the photos again this year. Please ensure that your student is prepared for this. Photo proofs will go home with students approximately 3 weeks after this date, and then orders can be submitted following your decision.

Orange Shirt Day

On Friday, September 30th, we will do our part to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Our staff ensure that approaching this day, and throughout the school year, students learn about the significance of orange shirts. Please show your support by wearing orange on September 30th.

School Council Meeting

School Council 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. We meet at least 4 times a year. Our meetings can once again be in person and **Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons/Library will be the first meeting of the year. If you are interested in running for a school council position (Chair, Secretary), please see the nomination form on our school website. School Council positions will be determined at this meeting.

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 23rd, our school will hold the Terry Fox run. This event is meant to be a fundraiser and an opportunity for students to learn about the efforts that a heroic Canadian made to bring awareness to cancer and the treatments required. Please send a "Twoonie for Terry" if you are able in the week approaching or the day of the event. Also, on the day of the event, please ensure that your child(ren) have the appropriate equipment to participate such as running shoes, sunscreen, water bottle, hat, etc. as we will be outside for a period longer than our usual 20-minute recess time.

Absence Reporting

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, his/her teacher, and the reason for your child's absence and when he/she will return to school. You may also use the online absence reporting tool to report a student absence and then avoid the need to make a phone call to the office. Thank-you in advance for your assistance with reporting any absences. Notes and phone messages are of great assistance to the office staff.

Communication-Newsletter/Calendar Online

At the beginning of every month HRPS produces a newsletter to communicate to parents about current events. In supporting the LKDSB's initiative regarding the reduction of paper consumption and being financially efficient, this will be the only monthly edition of the WILDCAT ROAR that will be printed and sent home. All newsletters will be available <http://www.lkdsb.net/school/harwichraleigh/Pages/default.aspx> at the beginning of each month or at the office upon request. Teachers will also be able to share the newsletter through their online platform. If your family might need a paper copy, please let your teacher know and it will go home with the youngest/only student.

Bus Cancellations

During the fall we might experience some heavy fog in which there could be the potential for bus cancellations. When there are bus cancellations due to fog, busses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon. HRPS is in BUS ZONE 7. To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please tune into the local radio stations or the following website:

www.schoolbusinfo.com

Nut Aware Environment

Please be aware that some students have an allergy to nuts which includes peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils, peanut bi-products, sesame seeds and other tree nuts. Exposure to these kinds of nut products – even trace amounts - could result in a life-threatening reaction. Nut products are not to be sent to school, as our goal is to provide a "peanut and nut aware environment". While we appreciate the generosity of our parents, please be aware that treats sent to school will not be distributed if there is any concern of nut contents or exposure.

Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program will look similar this year as it did last, where we will have daily snacks available for our students (i.e., prepackaged individual vegetables, cheese string, yogurt tube, piece of fruit etc.) starting on the first day. There is no cost or obligation to parents and all students are welcome to participate. If you do not wish for your child(ren) to receive a snack from the snack program, please let your teacher know. We are thankful to the leadership of Eric Skillings in purchasing these nutritional items and Mrs. Barnes for getting them to each class for students to consume.

