



Harrow School

**November
2016**

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Principals' Message:

Dear Harrow Families,

It is hard to believe that November is already upon us. It has been a beautiful and busy fall season for the staff and students at Harrow School. Classroom communities are being established, projects are underway and learning goals are being set and targeted. Harrow School is energized!

Classroom teachers have now completed their assessments which allows them to observe and discuss which skills your child possess and which areas they will target as next steps for learning. These results and the learning goals will be discussed with you at the upcoming Parent -Teacher -Student Tri-Conferences which will be held on Thursday, November 17th in the evening and Friday, November 19th during the day. Your child's report card will go home on Tuesday, November 15th. The appointment time for your conference meeting will be inside the report card envelope.

This month we will be holding our Remembrance Day ceremony at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, November 10th. We will honour and remember the courage of all the soldiers and peace-makers who have fought for, and continue to support, the concepts of freedom and peace around the world. Poppies will be given to all students. Donations are welcome and are given to the veterans. Parents are welcome to attend this ceremony.

Our Parent Council will meet on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in staffroom. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to come out and discuss school activities, fundraising plans and share information about the school. Your input is important to us - we hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

*Maxine Geller
Principal*



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Remembrance Day Assembly

Poppies will be distributed to all students prior to attending the November 10th assembly. Contributions will be accepted from those interested in donating to the War Amputees.



All parents are welcome to attend the assembly on **Thursday, November 10th at 10:45 a.m.**

Scholastic Book Fair

Once again Harrow School will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair. It will be our one and only book sale for the year. We will not be holding one in the spring.

The fair will open:

Thursday, November 17th: 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 18th: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

You can pay by cash, cheque, or credit card. Sorry no debit. Enter our family draw where your child has a chance to win \$25.00 in free books.

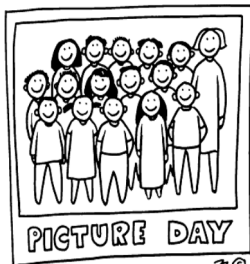
Hope to see you there!



Picture Retakes

Lifetouch will be here on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 to take retakes of our students. If you plan on taking retakes please bring the proofs from your last pictures.

There is no obligation to buy. All information regarding prices and package options will be sent by Lifetouch via the school.



Cold Weather Clothing

The days are getting much colder. Please send your children to school so they arrive just before the bell rings at 8:45 a.m. That way, they won't have to stay outdoors for a long time.

Students are expected to be outside for both recesses, as well as before school.

Please remember to put a t-shirt under the warm layers of sweatshirts and sweaters so students don't get too hot during gym class.

Please help by making sure that they dress for the weather as well as for the school.



Severe Weather Conditions

The decision to close a school is made by the Chief Superintendent.

The decision to close all schools is made by the Chief Superintendent (or designate) in consultation with other Superintendents in Winnipeg and with the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

If it becomes necessary for the schools to be closed during a school day because of severe weather conditions, the school will be contacted by telephone by a representative from the Superintendent's Department.

The announcement will be advertised on the following:

- CBC RADIO
- CBC FRENCH
- CJOB
- 92 CITI FM
- Q94 FM
- 99.9 BOB FM
- 102.3 CLEAR FM
- 1290 CFRW
- CJKR POWER 97
- CKMM VIRGIN 103/QX104
- CTV NEWS
- CITY TV
- GLOBAL TV
- WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION WEBSITE





Lunch Program

Lunch Program staff are responsible for the children during the lunch hour. If your child(ren) will not be attending the lunch program on a specific day **please leave notice with the office or lunch program director.** Attendance is taken daily. If the lunch program director has not been notified a phone call will be made to the parent or guardian of the child(ren).

Holiday Shopping

This year we will be holding our 8th annual holiday shopping day on Wednesday, December 14th. We will have our students participate in sharing and caring activities by having them “buy” something for someone they love through their own “gift” shopping for the holidays.

With your support, we are asking our families to bring **gently used** items that you no longer want or need in your home. Anything from older games, toys, puzzles, gift items, “junk” jewellery, novelty gifts, craft items, etc. Please **do not** purchase anything to send to the school - just whatever you may find around your home. We ask that stuffed animals not be sent to the school for this event for sanitary reasons.

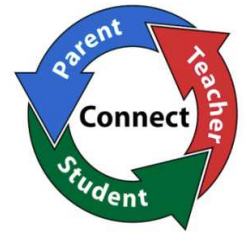


We will be collecting these items from the end of November until we open “Harrow’s Store” on December 15th, and classroom students can purchase these items for their loved ones for small changes (\$0.25 - \$1.00).

We want to stress that holidays are not about gift-giving, but thinking of others and showing your love in a variety of ways. Some students will be creating craft gifts to give our store as well. We hope you can help collect items for this event.

Many thanks for helping us care and share!

Supporting your Child



There are many ways you can support your child’s learning at school.

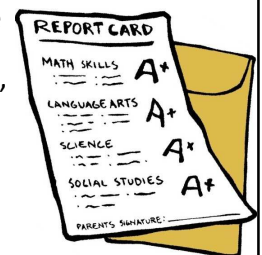
Here are a few ideas:

1. Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your child brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
2. Contact your child’s teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your

What to do with that Report Card

Here are 5 things to do when your child’s report card comes home:

1. Take it seriously. A report card can’t tell you everything about how your child is doing. But your child’s teacher spends a lot of time making sure that the report card shows you a snapshot of where your child is now. Take time to read it carefully. Talk about it with your child.
2. Find something to praise. Even if your child didn’t do as well as you had hoped, look for something positive. Be sure to read the comments about your child’s behaviour and work habits. If your child’s grades weren’t what you had expected, talk about what you and your child can do to improve their grades.
3. Let your child know what you expect. Say things like, “You don’t have to be the best. But I do expect you to do your best.” Remind them that effort is as important as ability.
4. Look at your child’s work. You only see a report card a few times a year. But you can look at the work your child is doing every day. There is a link between how hard students work and how much they learn. Point that out to your child.
5. Help your child develop good work habits. A child who sets aside time everyday to read will learn to read better. A child who practices math everyday will master math facts.

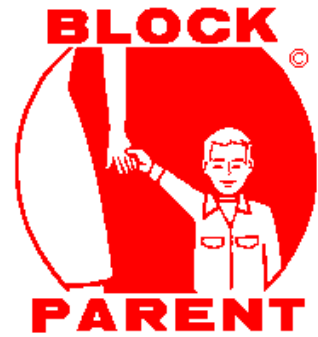


| November | COURAGE |
|-----------------|--|
| 4 | Non-instructional A.M. Only |
| 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly: 10:45 a.m. |
| 11 | Remembrance Day - No School |
| 15 | Report Cards go Home |
| 16 | Picture Retakes |
| 17 | Book Fair – Tri-Conferences Evening |
| 18 | Non-instructional Day – No School All Day – Tri Conferences Book Fair (9:00-12:00) |
| 23 | Hot Lunch |
| December | |
| 8 | Dress Rehearsal PM & Winter Concert 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. |
| 9 | Pajama/Movie Day |
| 14 | Holiday Shopping |
| 21 | ELF Grant Park Production 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Grades 4-6 |
| 22 | ELF Grant Park Production 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Grades K-3 |
| 23 | Winter Break |
| January | |
| HONESTY | |
| 9 | School Reopens |
| 10 | Grade 4 Immunizations |
| 16-20 | Vision Screening |
| 25 | Hot Lunch |
| February | |
| LOVE | |
| 3 | Non-instructional Day - No School All Day |
| 20 | Louis Riel Day – No School |
| 22 | Hot Lunch |
| March | |
| HUMILITY | |
| 3 | Non-instructional Day – No School All Day |
| 17 | Non-instructional Day – No School All Day |
| 22 | Report Cards go Home & Hot Lunch |
| 27 | Spring Break Begins |
| April | |
| 3 | School Re-open |
| 14 | Good Friday – No School |
| 20 | Celebration of Learning 5:30-7:00 |
| 21 | Non-instructional Day – No School All Day |
| 26 | Hot Lunch |
| May | |
| TRUTH | |
| 8 | Non-instructional Day – No School All Day |
| 19 | Immunizations: Grade 6 Boys & Girls |
| 22 | Victoria Day - No School |
| 31 | Hot Lunch |
| June | |
| 2 | Volunteer Tea: 1:30 pm |
| 7 | Bethel Tea |
| 8-9 | Grade 5-6 Camp |
| 16 | Activity Day |
| 23 | Activity Day- Rain Day |
| 26 | Report Cards go Home |
| 27 | Grade 6 Farewell AM |
| 29 | Non-instructional Day – No School PM only |
| 30 | Last Day of School |

The ABCs of back-to-school safety

As families begin another school year, please remember to review safety rules with your children for walking, biking, skateboarding and bussing to school:

- Encourage them to travel with friends whenever possible;
- Develop an 'action plan' in the event of a scary situation;
- Point out Block Parent homes and other safe places along their route;
- Keep a list of your child's friends, addresses and phone numbers.



Parents and grandparents may recall the familiar Block Parent window sign, which depicts an adult lending a helping hand to a child. Since 1975, the Block Parent goal has been to ensure 'safe homes with safe strangers'. To that end, every adult in a Block Parent home is background-checked by the police every two years, at no cost to the volunteers.

Today's Block Parent program has the participation of over 3,000 families in over 180 elementary schools throughout the city of Winnipeg. We are singles, parents, grandparents, empty-nesters, home daycare operators, retirees – any homeowner interested in the safety of their community. Our volunteers dedicate their time as the eyes and ears of our neighbourhoods.

If you are interested in becoming a Block Parent, or in having a presentation at your school, please call 204-284-7562. Further Block Parent and general safety information is available by visiting our website:

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.





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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | 1 Day 4 | 2 Day 5 | 3 Day 6 | 4 Day 1 No Classes in the Morning Only Classes begin at 1:00  |
| 7 Day 2 | 8 Day 3 | 9 Day 4 LUNCH PROGRAM FEES DUE | 10 Day 5 Remembrance Day Assembly: 10:45 a.m.  | 11 Day 6 No School Remembrance Day  |
| 14 Day 6 | 15 Day 1 Report Cards go Home  | 16 Day 2 Picture Retakes A.M. ONLY  | 17 Day 3 Tri-Conferences 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Book Fair 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. ***HOT LUNCH ORDER DEADLINE*** | 18 Day 4 No Classes Tri-Conferences  |
| 21 Day 5 | 22 Day 6 BAKE SALE  | 23 Day 1 Hot Lunch  | 24 Day 2 MB Museum Gr.1, Gr.2 Gr 3. 9:00– 3:00  ALWAYS MORE TO DISCOVER | 25 Day 3 |
| 28 Day 4 | 29 Day 5 | 30 Day 6 Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.  | | |