



HARROW SCHOOL

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The fall colours are around us. We are finally in October! Last month, we welcomed the beginning of the school year. Currently we are at 188 students from Nursery to Grade 6. September was a busy month as we welcomed all our returning and new students, as well as our returning and new staff. We would like to welcome Ms. Etkin (Resource Teacher), Ms. Still (Grade 5/6 Teacher in Room 12) and Mr. Moncado (Grade 5/6 Teacher in Room 10) and Ms. Riel (Music Teacher). One of the first things we did this year was organize a Leadership Club. The club is made up of students from grades 5 and 6. There are 20 students in the club. This is the most ever signed up for leadership. This speaks to the commitment of students wanting to take on leadership roles in the school. We also have 20+ patrols helping students and their families cross safely at crossing areas. **We ask that you be vigilant of all our students as you drive by. Please remember not to park in areas designated as No Parking. Loading zones must be respected.**

The last week of September was National Forestry Week. Ms. Pat, one of our EAs was able to connect with the Provincial Forestry Department and secure for us little White Spruce seedlings (our Provincial tree). We held an assembly and students learned about the importance of this magnificent tree. Classrooms planted a couple of trees per class on our school grounds! Then, all students and staff were given a small, White Spruce seedling to take home. On Monday, September 29, we honoured Orange Shirt Day. The week of September 22 to September 29 was Truth and Reconciliation Week at Harrow School. The students have been learning about the meaning of the Land Acknowledgement that is read every morning before classes start. They have also been reading books and analyzing the importance of Indigenous Peoples in our community. Students have also learned about the medicine wheel and the impact of residential schools on Indigenous Peoples. We have purchased many new, current books for our library. The Leadership Club students took to the street to acknowledge their commitment to – Every Child Matters. Classrooms also did the same during different times throughout the day. Mr. Park taught some Indigenous sports during gym classes. Facing difficult truths helps us on our paths toward truth and reconciliation.

This month, our grade 5 and 6 students will be taking part in a Soccer Tournament at River Heights School. There are 38 students taking part in this event. Thank you to Mr. Park, Mr. Moncado, Ms. Paul and Ms. Etkin for training, organizing and supervising the students. Terry Fox Run is on Thursday, October 2 at 10:00 am. We welcome all our families to come and join us in this ever-so wonderful walk. We will meet you in the back field of the school. If you would like to donate to the Terry Fox Run, you may do so. Your child can give the monetary donation to their classroom teacher. Our Kindness Club is going to be starting up very soon. Stay tuned for more information.

Mr. Jamieson and Ms. Knight are planning a Puddle Duck Club. In this club, students who have written permission from their families/guardians will be able to head outside during morning and afternoon recess when it is raining. Usually, we stay indoors during rainy weather. However, if students have written permission and have the proper outerwear, they get to go outside and enjoy the wonderful activities they engage in, but in wet conditions. Great idea!

You will also be hearing of tires being added to the playground for students to use during their recreational time. We will ensure that clear expectations are shared with all students and staff so that fun is had by all, and that safety is priority number one.

PAC met two weeks ago. We have a new group of parents voted in to this year's Parent Advisory Executive Committee. Kristin Funari (President), Freskim Vejisa (Vice-President - new), Marguerite Reimer (Treasurer - new), Antonia Colavito (Secretary) and Nick Dempshi (Fundraiser Chair - new). We are always looking for parents/guardians to come to the PAC meetings. They happen once a month. The executive has decided that meetings will fluctuate on different days and at different times. Our hope is that this will help bring more parents/guardians to the meetings. There will be free childcare provided while you attend the meetings. We will have delicious snacks. Please consider coming out to support the PAC. Initiatives taken on by the PAC help support the school. The PAC is instrumental in supporting our Grades 5 and 6 camp, I Love to Read events, Parent/Community evening events. They have purchased equipment for recess, the gym and even microwaves for the classrooms for lunch program. These are just some of the ways they have supported the school. Next PAC meeting is on Monday, October 6 at 5:15 pm in the library. **Your voice and ideas matter!**

Have a wonderful October!

Mr. F. Batista





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MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
		1 DAY 3 GR. 5 & 6 SOCCER TOURNAMENT @ R.H.C.C. (PM ONLY)	2 DAY 4 TERRY FOX RUN & ASSEMBLY @ 9:45 AM	3 DAY 5 RM. 14 FIELD TRIP C.M.H.R.
6 DAY 6 PBIS LAUNCH ASSEMBLY PAC MEETING @ 5:15 PM	7 DAY 1 KINDESS CLUB STARTS @ LUNCH	8 DAY 2 NO SCHOOL DIVISIONAL IN-SERVICE	9 DAY 3	10 DAY 4
13 NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving	14 DAY 5	15 DAY 6 SWIMMING SESSIONS START	16 DAY 1 PIZZA LUNCH 	17 DAY 2
20 DAY 3	21 DAY 4	22 DAY 5 BETHEL READERS START	23 DAY 6	24 DAY 1 NO SCHOOL MTS PD DAY
27 DAY 2	28 DAY 3 BUS RIDERSHIP # 1 	29 DAY 4	30 DAY 5	31 DAY 6 HALLOWEEN 

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Kindess Club is every Tuesday at Lunch.
- Bethel Readers are every Wednesday in the afternoon.
- Swimming Sessions are every Wednesday.

Upcoming Dates:

- Nov. 3 - NO SCHOOL, Non-instructional Day
- Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11 - NO SCHOOL, Remembrance Day
- Nov. 12 - PAC Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Nov. 13 - Grade 6 Immunizations & Pizza Lunch
- Nov. 18 - Report Cards go home
- Nov. 20 - Parent Teacher Conference (Evening)
- Nov. 21 - NO SCHOOL, Parent Teacher Conference
- Nov. 26 - Picture Retakes

PAC Lunch Program

Lunch fees are due by the 20th of each month.

Cash can be paid at the school office.

E-transfers can be sent to harrowlunchprogram@live.ca — include your child's name and month.

Questions? Contact Lunch Coordinator Angela Jones at the same email.

Change of Information & Attendance

To update your address or phone number, please email harrow@wsd1.org

To report your child's absence, call Safe Arrival at 1-855-278-4513, visit go.schoolmessenger.ca, or use the School Messenger app.