

David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

November 2017

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move forward into the month of November and begin to prepare for Remembrance Day we learn about and remember Flight Lieutenant David Hornell for his bravery while serving with 162 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was the first member of the R.C.A.F. to be decorated with the Victoria Cross in the Second World War. Remembrance Day is an important event at our school and we are honoured to be able to recognize the important contribution that Flt. Lt. David Hornell made along with all of the men and women who served in various capacities.

We will be talking to students about why we honour the people who helped and continue to help keep Canada safe for all of us.

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 10 at 9 a.m. in the Gym. All Parents/Guardians are invited to attend.



Lest We Forget

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Principal

B. Tratnik

Office Administrator

M. Flemming

Superintendent

S. Tondat

Ward 3 Trustee

P. Gough

School Hours:

8:55 Entry Bell

10:30 – 10:45 Recess

11:45 – 12:35 Lunch (1-5)

**11:40 – 12:50 JK/SK
Lunch**

2:00- 2:10 Recess

3:10 JK/SK Dismissal

3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal

Progress Reports

On Tuesday, November 14, students will be bringing home their Progress Reports. These reports will give you an indication of how your child(ren) are doing so far this term. This is an important time to sit and review with your child their strengths and needs and set goals for the remainder of this term. Research tells us that when parents and the school work together it helps to improve student achievement.

Parents and students are invited to meet with Teachers during the evening of November 16 or the morning of November 17. Please return the interview request form as soon as possible to your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting with you to plan for your child's success.

New Kindergarten Report Cards

The Ministry of Education is introducing new reports in Kindergarten. Teachers across Ontario will be using the new template for communicating children's learning in the Kindergarten Program. The TDSB began using these new reports in June 2017. The new reports will help parents understand their child's progress during the course of the school year.

Early French Immersion (SK Entry) **NEW EARLY DEADLINES**

The application process for Early French Immersion opens Monday, October 30 and the deadline is Thursday, November 30. You will need your child's 9 digit OEN Number to apply – it is located on your child's report card. The application process is all online. If interested, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

Reading at Home is Important

Reading is and always will be an important skill for students. In our modern world it is more important than ever. Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing every day. Reading with your child at home will help in all learning areas of school. Parents are asked to read with their children at home. Reading aloud to children and listening to your child read are both equally valuable in supporting reading. It helps them learn vocabulary and encourages them to read and enjoy books. Talk about the books, read together on a daily basis and make the time enjoyable.

Visit and use the local and school library with your child. Borrow books regularly and enjoy reading together!



Morning Drop-off Routines

Staff begin supervision in the school yard at 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that students do not arrive prior to 8:45 when staff are outside on duty. Staff will pick up students directly from their entry door. Parents are asked to remain outside to allow students to enter with their class. Students are learning important self-help skills which fosters independence which is an important learning skill for all students.

If your child is late, please report to the office for a late slip. We will call a student to escort your child to class. It is important that once the school day has started, parents do not enter classrooms as it can be disruptive to learning. If you need to speak to a teacher, please arrange for another time. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to create the most effective learning environment for all students.

Immunizations

Toronto Public Health has already issued two notices to parents of Grade 2, 3 and 4 students requesting updated immunization information. The immunization of School Pupils Act requires that students in our schools be suspended in situations where Public Health has not received one of the following:

- Immunization information (showing that the child has received immunizations)
- A statement of medical exemption
- A statement of conscience or religious belief

If you received letters from Public Health please ensure that you comply with the request for information by the due date to avoid suspension.

Thank You

Thank you to all of our families who have either supported our various fundraising efforts so far (Terry Fox, QSP) or come out to volunteer with serving Pizza on Thursdays. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

Our Terry Fox Run "Toonies for Terry" raised \$182.48 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Coming up in November we have our Dance-a-thon on November 23!



Please watch for more information coming home soon!

School Safety Update

Some reminders:

- Our parking lot is very small and just fits all of our staff members. Please refrain from parking in the lot when dropping off or picking up students. Please walk to school when possible or park on adjacent streets close to the school.
- We have witnessed people driving right up to the chain at the end of our lot to pick up students and then backing up through the parking lot to the road. This is very dangerous. Please do not back up through the school parking lot.
- The adventure playground is closed to all students and caregivers/parents in the morning and after school until 3:35.
- Parents and Caregivers are always welcome in our school. Please ensure that you sign in at the office upon arrival.
- For emergencies/vandalism that occur during the evenings, weekends or holidays, please call:
TDSB Call Centre at 416-395-4620 or
22 Division Police at 416-808-2200
Thank you for helping us to keep our students and staff safe!

Safe Arrival Program:

In order to avoid the automated phone call when your child is going to be late or absent, please call the school prior to 9 a.m. to let us know. Once attendance has been taken and entered we are unable to stop the automated calls from going out.



ECO-SCHOOLS UPDATE:

At David Hornell we have introduced our green compost bin in our lunchrooms and our goal is to introduce a waste free lunch program. This means that:

- Lunches should be packed in re-usable containers
- Leftover food will be disposed of in the compost bin in our lunch rooms
- Garbage will be brought back home to dispose of at home
- As a precaution, parents are encouraged to clean and disinfect all reusable containers on a nightly basis in order to prevent food-borne illnesses
- Our hope is to teach our students these earth-friendly practices that they will continue to use as they grow into young adults. Please help by encouraging a waste-free lunch.

Important Dates:

November 8 – Parent Council Meeting 7 p.m.

November 9 – Photo Retake Day

November 9 – Karen Kain School of the Arts Information Night (Gr. 5's)

November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly at 9 a.m.

November 13 – Trustee Gough's Ward 3 Meeting at Lambton Kingsway at 7 p.m.

November 14 – Progress Reports Sent Home

November 16 & 17 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 17 – P.A. Day – No School

November 22 – Grade 5's visit City Hall

November 23 – Dance-a-thon Fundraiser

November 24 – School Spirit Day "Movember" – wear a moustache to support men's health!

November 27 – Grade 4&5 Visit Second Street for Internet Safety Presentation

Parent Session at 7 p.m. (David Hornell Parents Welcome)

November 29 – V&V Assembly at 9 a.m.

****Fri. Dec. 1 – P.A. Day** - No School for students**

Parent Council 2017/2018

The October Parent Council Meeting included the Election for the 2017/2018 school year. Congratulations to the following Parents who were elected as members of this year's council:

Chair(s) - Bryony Lewicki and Kyla Konopka

Treasurer – Natalia Sharnevskyy

Secretary – Unfilled

Parent/Teacher Liasons – Stacie Kamin and Phyllis Watson

Ward 3 Council Rep – Phyllis Watson

Teacher Rep – Dianne Hillier

We are still seeking a Secretary for this school year. The commitment is 3-4 hrs per month and includes attending the monthly meetings and recording and distributing the minutes of the meetings. If you are interested, please let us know! The next meeting is **Wednesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. in the Staff Room.**

11th Annual TDSB Parent Involvement Makes a Difference Conference

Mark your calendars! TDSB's 11th Annual Parent Involvement Makes a Difference Conference is happening at Earl Haig Secondary School on Saturday, 25 November 2017.

All parents are invited! This year's conference theme is Nurturing Family Engagement. Workshops will cover a wide range of topics related to parenting, student learning and school councils. Join us for this exciting free conference and find out how to be an active part of your children's education.

Registration is now open! Bussing, child minding and translation are available, through registration only.

For more information, please contact Michelle Munroe, Program Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement at 416-397-3528 or visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conferences>