

David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

October 2017

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to begin this newsletter by thanking all of the members of our school community for the warm welcome, support, encouragement and co-operation that you have offered during an extremely eventful and busy first month of school.

Given the hot weather we've enjoyed since the start of the school year, it is hard to believe that Fall is officially upon us. With this season, come many exciting activities in the David Hornell School Community.

Wednesday, September 27 will be our first Victory and Virtue Assembly of the school year followed by our Meet the Teacher/Curriculum night that evening. "Hero" Spirit Day is on Thursday and Orange Shirt Day as well as our Terry Fox Run are both on Friday.

Please be sure to read about all of the events coming up here at the school in October!

On behalf of the staff, I extend to you and your families our best wishes for a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

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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

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is about creating a space for learning about Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Orange Shirt Day is a national movement that officially began in 2013. It has its origins in the experience of a six year old girl names Phyllis Webstad. In 1973 she entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C. wearing an orange shirt for her first day of school – but her shirt was taken away from her upon her arrival to school. Orange Shirt Day calls on every Canadian to wear an orange shirt in the spirit of healing and reconciliation by recognizing the issue of residential schools, honouring the survivors and victims and making an effort to ensure that **every child matters**.

Terry Fox School Run 2017

On Friday, September 29, 2017 the students at David Hornell will be taking part in the annual Terry Fox School Run. Canada's 150th anniversary year offers us the opportunity to celebrate our country and Terry at the same time in September. Students will have the opportunity to discuss the heroic efforts of Terry over the next few weeks and raise much needed funds for cancer research. Our school will continue to collect "Toonies for Terry" but any donation amount is greatly appreciated. All monies raised will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Thank you in advance for your support!



School Picture Day

Our annual school picture day will be held on **Thursday, October 12, 2017**. For any students who are absent on that day, a retake day (individual photos only) will be on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

October Parent Council Meeting

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our September Parent Council Meeting. Our October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. and at this meeting the election will take place to establish the executive and voting members of the council for the 2017/2018 school year. All parents are welcome to attend.

Fundraising Initiative

We are happy to announce that the QSP Fall fundraiser is back! The kick-off assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 3 at 2:30 p.m. The fundraising campaign will take place from October 3 to October 17. All proceeds generated for the school will go towards enhancing the educational environment. Students are asked to offer product to friends and family only. The Thanksgiving long weekend is a great opportunity to share the QSP sales catalogue items. We appreciate your support and we are looking forward to another successful fundraising campaign.

School Safety

A number of measures are in place to ensure the safety of all students and staff, including, but not limited to: Fire Drills, Lockdown Procedures, Code of Conduct and monitoring entry to the school building. During the course of the year we will hold six fire drills and two lockdown procedure drills. The students have been informed about the protocol to be followed in each of these procedures. If you have any questions in this regard, please feel free to contact the school.

Some other friendly 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 when possible or park on adjacent streets close to the school.
- Please do not walk with children through the parking lot. Please use the fenced walkway along the side or enter the school yard from the east side where there are no cars.
- 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. The same applies to dismissal at the end of the day. Staff are on duty until 3:35. Children who are not picked up by 3:35 will be taken inside to wait for their parent/guardian at the office.
- TDSB Security are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. They often drive by schools to ensure that the grounds are safe during the evenings and weekends as well. If you witness any inappropriate behaviour or vandalism occurring on school property when school is not open please contact TDSB Security at 416-395-4620 or Police at 22 Division at 416-808-2222.

Thank you for helping us to keep our students and staff safe!

Eco-Schools Program

David Hornell has registered with the TDSB as an Eco-School! The EcoSchools department is part of the Sustainability Office at the TDSB. EcoSchools is a school greening program with a very broad scope covering not only what is taught, but also how we run our schools and how we design and use our schools grounds. Its central focus is supporting students and staff in learning about, caring for, and protecting the environment starting right in their own school.

EcoSchools asks us to examine the decisions we make in our schools, inside and out — from modifying practices in our classrooms, offices, and boiler rooms to designing the school ground as a place for healthy, enriched learning.

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.

Parent Volunteers at David Hornell

Parents and community members are encouraged to participate in volunteer activities in our schools that support programs and services and help students succeed. Here are some ways you can help in your child's classroom or school:

- Reading with students who need extra help
- Arranging material in the library
- Supervising children on field trips
- Collecting community materials for a classroom project
- Participate in meetings and activities of the School Council

Parents and community members who wish to volunteer must, like all TDSB employees, complete a Police Reference Check (which will include a vulnerable sector screening) and be cleared before they can tutor/mentor in any TDSB location or participate in activities with our students.

****Police Reference Checks****

Parents who are interested in volunteering can pick up the Police Reference Check Form at the school office. Once it is complete, it needs to be returned to the school office with a certified cheque or money order for \$20 made payable to Toronto Police Services.

Police services will mail the results to your home. Please bring the original to the school office and we will submit it to the TDSB Police Record Check Office for processing.

Once you have completed the initial Police Check you do not have to repeat this process each year. You need to only complete the online Offence Declaration each year. Parents can get assistance with this at our school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.