

# David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

November 2018

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Twitter: @dhornelltweets **November Character Trait - Empathy**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As always, we at David Hornell will spend the first weeks of November preparing for our Remembrance Day Ceremony and learning about Flight Lieutenant David Hornell and why our school is named after him.

We will be working with students to help them understand why we honour and take time to remember the people who served in many different capacities and continue to serve today to keep Canada as well as other countries around the world safe for all of us.

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 9, 2018 at 9 a.m. in the Gym. All Parents/Guardians are invited to attend.



Lest We Forget

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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**

### **Progress Reports**

On Tuesday, November 13, 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 strongly encouraged to meet with Teachers during the evening of November 15 or the morning of November 16. Please return the interview request form (sent home today) as soon as possible to your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting with you to plan for your child's success.

### **Photo Retake Day!**

Photo retakes will take place on **Thursday, November 15**. If you would like your child to have another photo taken please send a note in your child's agenda.



### **Early French Immersion (SK Entry) \*\*IMPORTANT DEADLINES\*\***

The application process for Early French Immersion opened Monday, October 29 and the deadline is Thursday, November 26. 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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/pars) The application process for Grade 4 Extended French will open January 2019.

### **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 8:40 a.m. The entry bell rings at 8:50 a.m. 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. If your child did not enter the school in line with their classmates and they need to come through the front door they are late. If O Canada and announcements have begun, please wait until they have finished. 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.

## **Playground Survey – We want your input!**

This month we will be sending a survey to our entire parent community requesting input on our school yard and what activities/opportunities you would like to see as part of our revitalization process.

Surveys will be sent out online as well as in paper format to make it easily accessible for all. Please expect this on November 13 and complete it by November 20. Your ideas are important to us and we look forward to your responses!

### **Thank You**

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

The deadline for QSP orders is Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>!

Coming up in November we have our Dance-a-thon on November 28!



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.
- 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 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 6 – QSP Campaign Ends

November 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 9 a.m.

November 13 – Progress Reports sent home

November 13 – School Yard Survey sent home

November 14 – Parent Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

November 15 – Photo Retake Day, Parent/Teacher Conferences – 4 – 8 p.m.

November 16 – P.A. Day (No School) Parent/Teacher Conferences 9 – 11 a.m.

November 20 – Parent Surveys due back to school

November 28 – Dance-a-thon Fundraiser

November 28 – V&V Assembly at 9 a.m.

November 30 – School Spirit Day “Movember” – wear a moustache to support men’s health!

### **Mark your Calendars!**

**\*Wed. Dec. 5 – Grades K-3 Parent Literacy Night! More info coming home soon! \***

Friday, December 7 – P.A. Day – No school for students

