

David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

November 2021

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we head into the month of November, students we will be discussing the importance of Remembrance Day and learning about Flight Lieutenant David Hornell as well as others who served and sacrificed for our country.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the poppy. In 1921, the poppy was adopted as the official flower of remembrance.

It is important for our young people to understand why we must take time to remember each year on November 11th.

Due to the COVID restrictions, we will not be hosting a ceremony this year but will be focusing on honouring all those who served within our classroom communities.



Lest We Forget

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School Hours:

8:50 Entry Bell

10:15 – 10:30 Recess

11:20 – 12:30 Lunch (1-5)

**11:20 – 12:30 JK/SK
Lunch**

1:55- 2:10 Recess

3:10 JK/SK Dismissal

3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal

Progress Reports

On Tuesday, November 16, 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 take the time discuss progress and goals with teachers so that we are working together at home and school, to ensure success and growth throughout the upcoming months.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be the evening of November 18 and the morning of November 19. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, the interviews will be held by phone and more information will be shared soon.

November is Hindu Heritage Month at the TDSB

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is proud to recognize Hindu Heritage Month during the month of November as the Board of Trustees voted to pass a motion in April 2018 to mark this time. On December 8th, 2016, the Province of Ontario passed the Hindu Heritage Month Act by declaring that the month of November in each year is proclaimed as Hindu Heritage Month.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1716/November-is-Hindu-Heritage-Month-at-the-TDSD>

Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement – Community Consultations

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with select community partner organizations are facilitating a series of community consultations. Community members and parents of students who self-identify as Black are invited to register for a virtual session. Upcoming dates are November 9, 16, 17 and November 23 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more details and to register,
visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/cebsa/community-engagement>

November is Indigenous Education Month at TDSB

November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board. It is important to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit histories, contemporary realities and voices. For classrooms across the TDSB, this is an opportunity to learn from Indigenous perspectives on treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, resistance and creativity.

Truth and Reconciliation is a guiding principle at the TDSB. Throughout November, students, staff and community members will engage in meaningful opportunities to learn together about our shared histories and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.

The Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) will be hosting a number of events to support students and staff to learn from Indigenous Peoples.

Treaties Recognition Week, November 1 - 5
International Inuit Day, November 7
Indigenous Veterans Day, November 8
Louis Riel Day, November 16

October Victory and Virtue Winners

October's character trait was responsibility.

Congratulations to our V&V winners for the month of October:

JK/SK – Hailey, Ariana, Sophia, Maleeh, William, Emmett

Grade 1 – Emily, Nicholas, Riley, Hunter

Grade 2 – David, Aarna

Grade 3 – Tenzin, Ivan, Zoe

Grade 4 – Hanin, Suri, Amira

Grade 5 – Kristopher, Brooklyn



November's Character Trait is **Empathy**. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. Sometimes we call empathy "putting yourself in someone else's shoes" Empathy is important for children to learn because it helps to build relationships and be a good friend.

