

David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

October 2018

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your support in helping us transition back into school routines during the month of September.

We were excited to be accepted into the Indigo Adopt-A-School Online Program and have been thrilled with your generous support. The online donation page will remain open until October 7. We can't wait to begin updating our library collection with the help of your donations.

It's been a busy month with Cross Country, Choir, T-ball and more! October promises to be equally busy! Coming up quickly is International Walk to School Day on October 3 and School Photo Day is October 11.

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:

8:50 Entry Bell

10:15 – 10:30 Recess

11:40 – 12:35 Lunch (1-5)

**11:30 – 12:40 JK/SK
Lunch**

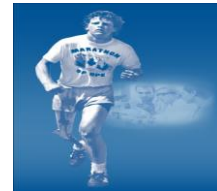
2:00- 2:10 Recess

3:10 JK/SK Dismissal

3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal

Terry Fox School Run 2018

On Friday, September 28, 2018 the students at David Hornell took part in the annual Terry Fox School Run. Students had the opportunity to discuss the heroic efforts of Terry and raise much needed funds for cancer research. Our school will continue to collect "Toonies for Terry" over the next week 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!

International Walk to School Day

On October 3rd students, families and staff are encouraged to join schools across the country in celebrating International Walk to School Day. Did you know October is also International Walk to School Month? If you are feeling up to the challenge, consider celebrating by walking to school all month long!



School Picture Day

Our annual school picture day will be held on **Thursday, October 11, 2018**. For any students who are absent on that day, a retake day (individual photos only) will be on Thursday, November 15, 2018.



Parent Council Meetings

It was wonderful to see some new faces at our September Parent Council Meeting. The following people were elected into executive positions for the 2018/19 school year:

Chair – Bryony Lewicki

Secretary – Vanessa Martin

Treasurer – Natalia Sharnevsky

Parent Rep. – Kyla Konopka

Ward 3 Ward Council Reps – Phyllis Watson and Nora Williams

Social Media Rep. Yuri Chernyshov

Pizza Coordinator – Cathy Watson

Our October meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m.** and all parents are invited to attend. Childminding is available. We look forward to another wonderful year of working together to enhance the learning at David Hornell!

Fundraising Initiative

We are happy to announce that the QSP Fall fundraiser is back! The kick-off assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. The fundraising campaign will take place from October 23 to November 6. All proceeds generated for the school will go towards enhancing the educational environment. Students are asked to offer product to friends and family only. We appreciate your support and we are looking forward to another successful fundraising campaign.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 1 – 4 – Grade 3 CCAT Screening

Oct. 2 – Ward 3 Meeting @ Karen Kain School of the Arts

Oct. 3 -International Walk to School Day

Oct. 4 – Cross Country Meet @ Centennial Park

Oct. 5 – P.A. Day – NO SCHOOL

Oct. 8 – Thanksgiving Monday – NO SCHOOL

Oct. 11 – PHOTO DAY

Oct. 16 – Sight and Sound Clinic

Oct. 23 – QSP Assembly

Oct. 24 – V&V Assembly @ 9.a.m.

Oct. 26 – Orange & Black Spirit Day

Oct 31 – Hallowe'en – Parade at 1 p.m.

Hallowe'en



Students are invited to participate in Hallowe'en festivities at school on Wednesday, October 31. Students may wear costumes to school but we ask that weapons and/or replica weapons remain at home. There will be a Hallowe'en parade beginning at 1 p.m. out in our school yard. Students are welcome to bring a change of clothes if they wish to change out of their costumes later in the day.

French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, we offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten;
- Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4. We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy.

The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2019 are:

Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between October 29, 2018 and November 26, 2018.

- Applications for Junior Extended French must be completed online between January 7, 2019 and February 4, 2019.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and dates for Information Evenings, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

New Ward Boundaries

On Dec. 1, 2018, new ward boundaries will come into effect for the Toronto District School Board.

These changes are a result of the Government of Ontario's decision to reduce Toronto City Council from 47 to 25 councillors and realign the City of Toronto's ward electoral boundaries to reflect provincial electoral ridings. By law, the TDSB is required to align its ward electoral boundaries with the City's.

To view the new map and to see which schools will belong to each ward, please visit New Ward Boundaries on tdsb.on.ca at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Municipal-Election-2018/New-Ward-Boundaries>

Hallowe'en Safety Tips

Hallowe'en provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Hallowe'en is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for parties, creative activities, art programs and impromptu history lessons. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- If you cannot accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk
- If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
- With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- Set time limits when children should return home.

Have fun and be safe!!