

David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

October 2022

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Twitter: @dhornelltweets **October Character Trait - Responsibility**

Dear David Hornell Families,

We are excited to host an in-person Curriculum Night on Thursday, October 6, 2022. This is a perfect opportunity for families to visit the school and your child's classroom to learn about the curriculum that your child will be engaged in this school year. Students will be able to show you around the classroom and share some of the work that they have done thus far. This is also a great opportunity to find out how we can work together to support learning at school and at home.

Please understand that this is not an opportunity to discuss your child and their achievement but an opportunity to find out about what they will be learning at school. If you wish to speak privately with your child's educator about their achievement, there will be an opportunity to do that in November when Progress Reports are sent home, or you can always call and set up a time to speak privately.



Parent Council will be selling pizza, drinks and treats in the Gym from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. and classroom visits are from 6:15 – 7 p.m. We hope to see everyone!

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School Hours:

8:50 Entry Bell

10:15 – 10:30 Recess

11:20 – 12:30 Lunch (1-5)

**11:40 – 12:30 JK/SK
Lunch**

1:55- 2:10 Recess

3:10 JK/SK Dismissal

3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal

October Parent Council Meeting and Election

Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our September Parent Council Meeting. Our October meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m.** in the staff room. At this meeting, the election will take place to establish the executive and voting members of the council for the 2022/2023 school year. We have some positions open this year including treasurer. All parents are welcome to attend, and we hope you will join us to learn about how we can work together to support the David Hornell community.



Picture Day!

Our photo day is scheduled for Thursday, October 20. As of now, we are expecting to have both class group photos taken as well as individual.



As we move into the month of October, we will be focusing on the character trait of responsibility. This means that we will be working with students to do the following:

1. *Think before we act.*
2. *Think about how our actions affect others.*
3. *Think before we speak.*
4. *Are accountable; taking responsibility for the results of what we do and don't do.*
5. *Fix our mistakes.*
6. *Keep trying. ...*
7. *Are reliable and always do our job.*
8. *Clean up our own messes.*

With our Gym construction expected to finish next week, we will return to in-person school assemblies for our October V&V awards.

October is Walk to School Month!

On October 5, 2022, TDSB schools are encouraged to join others across the globe in participating in International Walk to School Day (IWALK/IWHEEL) – an annual celebration of active transportation.

Visit the Ontario Active School Travel website for ideas and resources to plan and promote your walk to school event.

Schools that register for International Walk to School Day will get a certificate of participation.

To learn more about Road Safety, please visit: www.tdsb.on.ca/Road-Safety.



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 8:40 a.m. Please ensure that students do not arrive prior to 8:40 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!

David Hornell is a Gold Eco-School

David Hornell is a Gold Eco-School! Eco Schools Canada 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 school grounds. Its central focus is supporting students and staff in learning about, caring for, and protecting the environment starting right in their own school.

Eco Schools Canada 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.

David Hornell has green compost bins in our classrooms, and we strive to have a waste-free lunch.

This means that:

- Lunches should be packed in re-usable containers
- Leftover food will be taken back home
- 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 goal is to teach our students these earth-friendly practices that they will continue to use as they grow into young adults.

W.O.W. – Walk on Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, students are encouraged to walk to school as part of our eco-initiatives. This lessens the amount of pollution created while encouraging exercise to promote healthy choices.

Terry Fox – Cancer Research

This year's Terry Fox Run/Walk/Roll will take place on Friday, October 14 (weather permitting). This year we are dedicating our walk to Ms. Worrall who courageously battled Leukemia for 5 months last year. Donations can be made on our school fundraising page at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/DavidHornellJSEtobicoke>

Reminder to call school if your child will be late or absent

One measure of keeping our students safe is to ensure we can account for any absences or reasons for being late to school. We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, we ask that you contact the school immediately and report the reason for the absence. If we are not informed about the absence, we will make attempts to contact you through our automated call-out system to determine the reason for the absence. To find out how this automated system works please visit

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/CaringSafeSchools/SafeArrivalProgram.aspx>

Please let the office know by calling the school if your contact information, including phone number, changes at any time throughout the school year.

Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep your children safe and accounted for.

Back-to-School Paperwork

Thank you for completing the many pages of paperwork required each year for such things as media release and excursion permissions. We are almost there! There are approximately 16 families left to submit paperwork. If you have not completed the information packages, please do so as quickly as possible.

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 can not 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 neighbour's 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.

Municipal Election

Monday, October 24 is Municipal Election Day in Ontario and our school Gym will be used as a polling station. Please understand that there will be heavier traffic in and around the school that day.



Cross Country

On Tuesday, October 4, 2022, many of our students from Grades 1-5 will attend the Cross-Country meet at Centennial Park. Many students have been working hard to be at every practice and build stamina to be able to complete the course during the meet. We wish everyone the best and we know they will represent our school in a positive way.

Hallowe'en

Many students enjoy participating in Hallowe'en activities at school. However, we also know that many families do not participate in these festivities. Please know that children who do not participate, do not need to stay home from school on October 31. Students who do not participate, will be provided with an alternate space to enjoy some other fun activities that are not related to Hallowe'en.

