



Sunnylea Update #5 - October, 2023

Upcoming Dates <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sunnylea/Calendar>

October 27 - Pizza Day

October 31 - Halloween Parade - 1 pm

November 2 - Photo Retake Day: Please email your child's teacher if you want their photo to be taken on this day.

November 8 - Parent Council Meeting - @ 6:30

November 10 - Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 21 - Dance N Culture workshops - Bhangra [What is Bhangra?](#) (*thank you to parent council for funding this)

January 8 - Paul Davis parent presentation: <https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/>
(*Thank you to the parent council for funding this extremely important parent workshop on internet safety. This presentation is shared with the families at Lambton Kingsway. Put it in your calendar today as past families have been disappointed about missing this!)

Winter Clothing Drive and Food Bank Drive

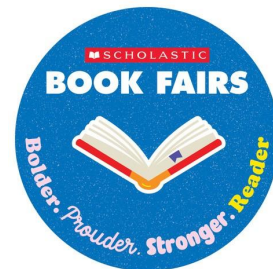
We are collecting winter clothing (coats, boots, mittens etc) for all ages between now and October 31. Please leave bags of clothes at the bottom of the stairs at the front door. Our food bank drive continues. Please leave food items at the top of the stairs at the front door. Thank you to Brad Foley and Erin Donovan for coordinating the grade 2 to 5 Taylor Swift food insecurity fundraiser. So far, we've made \$2,295.50 through the purchase of movie tickets donated by Brad.

Wednesday Lunch Option - Pita Pit

Log into School Cash Online and click "Order Now" on the Lunchbox banner. The ordering deadline each week is Sunday at 12:00 PM. (You can also order for several weeks in advance if you wish).

Library News

The Scholastic Scholastic Book Fair is back between November 13th- 17th. If anyone is interested in volunteering, they are welcome to contact either Cathy (cgullip@gmail.com) or Sarah (sarah@blacklabarchitects.com).



Monday, October 31st - Hallowe'en!

[Hallowe'en Safety Tips](#)

Hallowe'en Activities: Tuesday, October 31st is Hallowe'en. Our students are excited about Hallowe'en every year and this year is not any different. Our teachers will do their best to make the day enjoyable for all students. Please review the guidelines below about Hallowe'en 2023 at Sunnylea.



1. **Costume Parade:** For those students who are celebrating Hallowe'en on October 31st, they may want to bring their costume to change into at lunchtime. Alternatively, you can collect your child at the start of lunch (11:40) and return them dressed at the end of lunch (12:40 or 12:55). Students will parade out the front door, along Humbervale and through the school yard beginning around 1 pm. Parents are invited to watch the parade but are asked to remain against the outer fence of the playground, or along the sidewalk on Humbervale. Classes will pause along the school colas area for group photos before heading back into class.
2. **Hallowe'en Treats:** If you wish to send treats to be shared with classmates, please ensure that they are individually wrapped and nut free. Please connect with your child's teacher or class parent before sending in anything. Each class handles this slightly differently.
3. **Masks:** Students are asked to leave masks at home.
4. **Costumes:** We encourage students to be mindful of their choice of costume. It's important to keep in mind that caricatures of peoples' cultures are not appropriate and can be offensive and hurtful. Also please keep in mind that we have young children, so overly scary costumes should not be worn. Lived experiences of students and families impacted by war or other trauma should also be considered when deciding what costume to wear at school.
5. **Costume Props:** We ask that weapons not be sent to school and that students carefully consider if other props can be left at home as they can be lost or a distraction.

Raise a Reader - Part 2 - Parent workshop - November 8 @ 6:30

Please see link below to register for an upcoming parent workshop on helping your child with reading. Even if you can't attend, this link has resources from the first workshop, that you might find informative.

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/donnacardozacsw/raise-a-reader>

For games to reinforce phonics, check out this website: <https://phonicsandstuff.com/>

Virtual Library

Our school librarian is Mme Foley (amanda.foley@tdsb.on.ca) Visit our virtual library here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/HOME/schoolno/2018>. Go to the section labelled "Read, Watch, Learn". There are many resources on this page that you can use with your child. For instance, "**Tumble Math**" has a variety of stories that focus on math concepts. Some examples include: counting, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, probability, finance and word problems.

Parent Council - Fundraising Update

Please note the **DATE for the Parent Social has been revised to Thursday November 23rd, NOT November 16th**. Apologies for the confusion. Book your babysitters now! See attached poster for more details, and send any questions to fundraising.sunnylea@gmail.com. Note that we have a limited capacity and sold out last year, so buying early is a good idea! Thank you for the support!