



BalACLava Elementary School

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BalACLava November 2024 School Newsletter

Principal Message

Later this month, all Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will come home with a Progress Report Card (grades 1 to 8) or Initial Communication of Learning (JK, SK). This report is mostly anecdotal and indicates early assessment. This gives you a glimpse into how your child is progressing through their current grade, as of right now. Students who are progressing with difficulty still have time to enhance efforts, focus skills and improve before Term One (February) and Term Two (June) reports are created. Home involvement to support student progress is essential. That's why Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled to accompany this reporting period. Later this week, you will receive information regarding booking an interview with your child's teacher on November 21 and/or November 22. I encourage all of our families to try to schedule time to meet with your child's teacher(s). While your child's homeroom teacher may be your initial point of contact, please know that our specialist teachers (Learning Resource, Music, French, Phys Ed) will also be available to book for interviews.

Try to make the time to get to know how your child is doing this year. Your child's educator's will have insight into what they are doing well, where they need to continue working and how you can support them.

Parent Portal Reminder

Parents and guardians are required to fill out a number of forms online in the Parent Portal every year for each child in school. If you haven't already done so this year, please fill out: device consent, media consent, school verification and early school closure forms on the parent portal. If you have difficulty accessing these online forms, please contact Mrs. Nelligan in the office by phone or at balaclava@hwdsb.on.ca

Home and School Association

BalACLava's Home and School Association is in full swing again this year! Food days are running, the FundScrip gift card fundraiser is on until November 14th and our students are already benefiting from their fundraising efforts. Already this year, books for each classroom library, shared art supplies and additional ipads have been ordered for classes. These initiatives make our school a better place to be for our students. Thank you to Home and School volunteers, executive and supporters. We appreciate you!

Remembrance Day

On Monday November 11th, our staff and students will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly. Students will be provided with a poppy to wear. Any family who wishes to do so are welcome to send their child in with money to donate on the 11th. All funds sent in will go directly to the Royal Canadian Legion for their poppy fund.



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Movie Night at BalACLava

Our school eco-team are raising funds to begin to develop a pollinator garden on the property. To jump start their fundraising efforts, they are hosting a Family Movie Night to watch IF on Thursday November 28th. A flyer is available on our school website with details. If you plan to attend, you'll need to purchase movie/snack "tickets" by November 21 on School Cash Online. Hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events

Nov 1	PA Day – no school
Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	Home and School Pizza Days
Nov 7, 21	Home and School Booster Juice Days
Nov 7	Gr 3-5 Swim Team Swim Meet, p.m.
Nov 7	Grade 7 Immunization Clinic, a.m.
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 18	School Council Meeting, 6 p.m., school library
Nov 19	Progress Reports Go Home
Nov 20	Photo Retake Day
Nov 21	Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov 22	PA Day – no school. Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov 28	BalACLava Movie Night