



## **WeEKly Update – Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2024**

### **Orange Shirt Day**



Monday, September 30, 2024 is Orange Shirt Day, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We encourage HWDSB students and staff to wear orange to school and work to honour survivors of Residential Schools, and to center the importance of intergenerational healing and wellness. For students who do not have orange, and wish to participate, the school will provide Orange Shirt Day stickers.

### **Picture Day**



Picture Day will be Friday, October 18, 2024. This day will only be for individual student photos. Re-takes and class photos will be on Tuesday, November 19.

### **Attendance**

Regular attendance is extremely important for all students, however, we do realize that students will be absent from time to time. Please ensure all absences are reported through the School Messenger App. This system is available 24 hours per day, and will allow you to report absences, late arrivals, early pick ups etc.

We are required to account for each student every day. If you have not indicated your child's absence, you will receive an automated call from School Messenger, and you can follow the prompts to update their attendance.

### **Bell Times**



Our morning bell is at 8:50am, and the afternoon bell is at 3:10pm (3:00pm for kindergarten). Please try to have your student adhere to these times. Morning and afternoon routines are so important for all students, and late arrivals and early pick ups can be disrupting to classrooms.

### **Meet the Teacher Night / Open House / Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Meet the Teacher Night has been moved to Tuesday, October 1, 2024. As in the past, Greenville Optimists will have their food truck here (cash/debit). The Scholastic Book Fair will also be happening in the gym starting at 3:10pm (dismissal). Additional information has been sent home with students, and has been posted to the EK website.

## **Mandatory Forms**

There are 2 forms that need to be completed on the Parent Portal each school year: Media Consent and Digital Tools Permission Form. Please ensure that you go to the Parent Portal and complete these as soon as possible. As EK students do not go home for lunch, that excusal form does not need to be completed. Media consent will be required for all grade 5 students if you wish to have their pictures as part of the Grade 5 farewell video at the end of the year.

## **Student Verification Forms**

The student verification forms on the Parent Portal are currently locked and not accessible. Hard copies will be coming home with students in the upcoming days. Please complete them and return to their teacher.

## **School Bus Safety Presentation**



On Tuesday, October 1, all students will participate in a School Bus Safety presentation. Although not all students ride the bus on a daily basis, they will likely ride a bus for school trips and sporting events.

## **Dropping Items Off**

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day prior to arriving at school. Try making a check list to go over with your student each day. Be sure to include backpack, lunch, water bottle, shoes, and appropriate apparel for the weather. Although things can be forgotten, the office is extremely busy in the mornings, and we may not be able to get items to the students in a timely manner.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated! We are seeking volunteers for: Fright Night, Pizza Days, Scholastic Book Fair, Family Movie Nights, Book Swap, Staff Appreciation Lunch, and other events throughout the year. Please click on the link below if you are able to help.

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Please note that a valid Police Check (Vulnerable Sector Screening for either Earl Kitchener School or HWDSB) needs to be on file with the school.