



George L. Armstrong Elementary School

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Principal's Message

What a year we have had! Who knew that when 2020 started we would end up having the year we have had? Let's hope that 2021 brings an end to Covid and a return to regular school attendance.

I would like to thank Mrs. Boshier for her support of our school since September. She will continue to work in our building part-time as Vice Principal for the Remote School so we will still get to see her on a regular basis. We will not be getting a new Vice Principal at this time.

Hopefully many of you are keeping up with the G.L. Armstrong news by checking the school website and school Twitter Feed frequently. This is where we post things that are happening around the school and in the school board. We are moving away from paper being sent home due to Covid but also to do our part for the environment.

School will dismiss on Dec. 18th for a break and students will return on Jan. 4th.
We wish all of our families a safe and healthy break!

Building School Community

To help us get into the winter spirit we have begun the 12 Days of Winter Spirit! We are hoping that these days will help us to build community during this challenging time. Thanks to Ms. Hobden for organizing!

Dec. 3 – Blue and White – Winter Wonderland Day

Dec. 4 – Cozy PJ Day

Dec. 7 – Winter/Holiday Mask Day – If you have a holiday/winter covid mask to wear or a way to decorate your covid mask for winter or the holidays we would love to see it!

Dec. 8 – Holiday Hat Day

Dec. 9 – Cozy Plaid Day

Dec. 10 – Santa's Workshop Day – dress like an elf, Santa or a reindeer!

Dec. 11 – WhoVille Day – lets see some Whoville hairdos!

Dec. 14 – Candy Cane Day – put on your red, white and green!

Dec. 15 – Hockey Jersey Day

Dec. 16 – Holiday Sock Day

Dec. 17 – Winter Hair Day – Let's see some creative styles and colours!

Dec. 18 – Ugly Sweater Day

Hopefully we have lots of participation from our students and staff!

Preparation for Remote Learning

Our staff and students are working hard to prepare for the possibility that a class or the school will have to go to remote learning at any time. Students are learning how to access The Hub and/or Teams where lessons will be occurring if we are required to go remote.



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Cold Weather and Snow

As the weather begins to turn colder, a reminder that we will go outside as long as the temperature is above -15 Celsius and the wind chill stays above -20. If there is a chance of school closure due to weather, the best place to find that information is on the HWDSB website or Twitter feed, the radio or CH News Stormwatch.

COVID Safety

Our staff continues to remind students about our Covid protocols while at school. Common reminders are as follows:

- Wearing a mask inside unless you are eating
- All students facing forward, especially during break time when masks are off for eating
- Remaining 2 metres apart when outdoors and masks are off
- Remaining 1 metre apart in the classroom when at your desk
- Hand Hygiene – ensuring that you are sanitizing your hands upon entry and frequently during the day.
- Maintaining distance when moving around the school and during outdoor time.

These protocols are in place for student health and safety.

Photo Day

Photo days are going to happen in the new year following many safety protocols. Class photos will be created using student's individual photos to create a class composite. Our photo day for regular school photos is on Jan. 19, 2021. Graduation Photos will be taken on Feb. 23. Again, many protocols will be followed to ensure all gowns are cleaned in between to provide the safest situation for our students.

School Council

School Council has met twice this year so far. Our Chairperson is Jolene Andrews. If you would like to participate in School Council, we will be meeting on Teams on Jan. 28. Please reach out to Jolene using the School Council email address: glarmstrongSC@hwdsb.on.ca if you have questions, ideas or if you want to attend our next meeting.

School Arrival and Dismissal

It is important for your children to arrive at school on time and to enter with their classmates and to leave at the end of the day with their classmates. We have many students arriving late in the morning and being picked up early at the end of the day. This information all needs to be entered into PowerSchool and recorded under your child's name. If you have an appointment that requires a late arrival or an early dismissal, please contact the office so that we know when your child will be arriving or leaving.

We wish you all health and wellness!



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