# November - December 2022 Edition

# The Eyrie

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I decided to wait a little longer to post this time so I could combine the months of November and December. With this being such a busy time of the year, it made more sense to provide a 2-for-1 update.

There is always a lot to share and this edition is no different. I hope you enjoy reading about some of our school events and initiatives. My next update will be in January 2023!

As you prepare for the winter break, I hope you stay warm, safe and healthy.

In Service,

Jennifer Miscas - Principal

# **Home & School Fundraiser**

Hopefully, your family got in on the MacMillans Fundraiser last month. Orders are being tallied and items will be ready for pick-up on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for the pick-up location. It will take place off of school property.

Fundscrip is another fundraiser being offered to families, all year. For those who love gift cards, this is the site for you. Simply login to the Fundscrip site and choose Greensville School. A percentage of your purchase will go to Home & School, allowing them to support Greensville students throughout the school year. Any questions, please direct them to: <a href="mailto:greensville.homeandschool@gmail.com">greensville.homeandschool@gmail.com</a>



# **Upcoming Events**

#### December 6

Safe Schools Drill (Hold & Secure)

#### December 7

Bulldogs Game: Grades 4-6

#### December 8

Sounds of the Season Concert @6:30 pm

#### December 12

School Council Meeting – Hybrid @6:30 pm

## December 16

Kinder Concert @1:30 pm

#### December 20

'Round the World Concert @6:30 pm

#### December 22

Grades 1-5 Concert @11:00 am

#### December 23

Last day of classes – Winter Break!

#### January 9

Back to School



# **Progress Reports**

Just a reminder, Progress Reports went home on Nov. 18th. Please check backpacks if you haven't received it yet. As well, there will not be a formal interview day scheduled this year. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact them directly to schedule a meeting. This can be done virtually or in-person.

#### **CCAT & EQAO Results**

Students who wrote CCAT (Gifted Testing) and EQAO assessments last year, should have received their results already. Students were sent results home with them over the past few weeks. Please ask your child about their results and/or contact the office should you have any questions.

# **Head Caretaker Announcement**

We are happy to announce that Mr. Nick Stirling is now our Head Caretaker. He isn't new to our building as he's worked with us in various capacities over the years. It is so nice to be able to permanently welcome him to our team.

## Murals

We have started to add to our walls and stairwells. Working with unlearn®, a progressive company focusing on social justice, equity and well-being we installed 3 murals last week. The murals can be found in our Intermediate stairwell (Fleshtone), our Primary Junior stairwell (Desk) and outside of our staff room (Watering Can). Each design is to elicit dialogue, and spark curiosity and wondering. Staff have been encouraged to use the murals as an entry point to begin conversations in their classrooms about inclusion, Indigenous issues, and personal mental and physical care. We hope to begin painting in the new year!

# **Positive Space Group**

As part of our Board's Equity Action Plan, a goal is to have a Positive Space group in all HWDSB Elementary Schools. This group will be co-led by 2 staff members, Mrs. Radke and Mr. deLottinville. Our Positive Space group will welcome all Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ students, supporters and allies. More information will be shared with students and families in the new year.

Winter Wear Donations!

Dropped off at Hillcrest School



Unlearn® Mural Designs: Watering Can, Desk and Fleshtone



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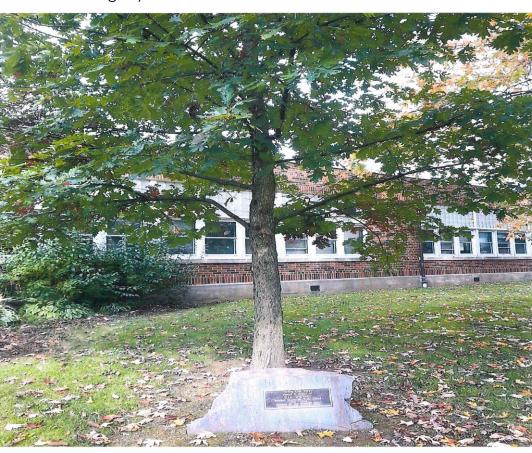
# **Anti-bullying Work**

Our Intermediate students have started working with one of HWDSBs Child & Youth Care Practitioners (CYCP). Ms. Alexander has visited classrooms to gather information about students' experiences at school and in the community. She will continue to work with individual classes to build student capacity with a focus on bullying, teasing and aggression, upstander behavior, how to report bullying, community building and empathy.

# **Sheppard Family Memorial**

Some of our families may remember the former Greensville School having a memorial commemorating Ella Sheppard, a former Greensville principal for 17 years.

Unfortunately, the memorial (rock, plaque and oak tree) was destroyed during demolition, with the exception of the plaque. It was removed from the decorative rock and sent to HWDSB Archives. The family contacted me earlier this year and asked for the memorial to be replaced. New board policies prohibit memorials on school sites. However, I was able to locate the plaque, which will be returned to the family next week. As well, the board provided money towards a new oak tree to be purchased by the family. My hope was to do right by this family who just wanted to keep their mom's legacy alive and honour the work she did when Greensville was a 2-room school



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