

The Eyrie

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The Eyrie, is a monthly newsletter with updates about recent and upcoming school items/events. Each edition is posted to our school website at the end of each month. Please subscribe, <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/greenville>

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another year of The Eyrie. I hope you take a few minutes each month to read my monthly updates. I will always send it via Messenger email at the end of each month.

September is always a tricky month as we transition from our summer slumber into the fast-paced frenzy of a new school year. I hope your family is settling in well and students are enjoying their friends, teachers and school community.

Here's to another great year together. I look forward to sharing an insider's view of some of the learning, events and happenings at Greenville School this year.

In Service,

Ms. J. Miskas

Principal

PPM 128 – Student Personal Devices: With the implementation of new legislation this year, the use of personal devices and access to social media in schools have been greatly impacted. Personal devices include phones, laptops, tablets, iPads and watches (ones that have data plans and allow students to use voice-to-text). All personal devices must be stored out of sight and silenced during the school day, unless with permission and under direct supervision of school staff. Overall, students have been responding well to the new rules with the exception of a few minor incidents. We are using a progressive discipline model that allows



Upcoming Events

September 30

Orange Shirt Day (In support of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation)

October 2

Custodial Workers' Day – Thank you to our fantastic Greenville Caretaking Team!

October 4

Fire Drill

October 9

Cross-Country Meet (3-8) @ Christie Lake

October 10

Vaccination #1 (Grade 7)

October 14

Thanksgiving Holiday (No school)

October 16

IEPs Go Home for Feedback & Signatures

October 17

School Council Meeting @ 6:00-7:00 pm

October 22

Photo Day

October 23

Fire Drill

October 24

Meet the Teacher @ 4:30-6:30 pm

October 31

Fall Fling Dance

students some time and space to get used to these new ways of interacting with their devices. I would ask parents/caregivers to continue having conversations at home that support these new practices. We want students to be engaged, on task and fully present in their learning each day. For students using data enabled watches, students must use "school mode" at all times. This allows students to tell time and monitor their physical activity (counting steps) but restricts communication tools. If you need to contact your child throughout the day, please call the office for assistance. Parents should not be sending text messages or emails to their child during instructional hours. Thank you for your assistance. You play a huge part in how successful this legislation will be and the impact it will have on students.

Classroom Allocation Update: As was previously shared via Messenger to all families last week, Greenville will not be re-organizing classrooms this year. We are truly grateful to avoid student and staff shuffling, as well as the creation of new schedules and timetables. We remain status quo and now focus our energies on building stronger classroom communities and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Parking Lot: A friendly reminder to those who use our parking lot to do so safely and respectfully. Please read the signage and look at the painted symbols on the pavement to know which areas and spots are designated for visiting vehicles. There are many challenges with our parking situation but our priority remains safety. Unless you are in a designated parking spot, please do not exit your vehicle and leave it unattended for any reason.

Dogs on School Property: When bringing your dog to school, please remain at a distance from the playground fence. Some of our students are afraid of animals (specifically dogs). When dogs are rambunctious and barking and/or blocking the pathway for students to enter the playground from their bus, this complicates entry procedures. Please hold dogs on a short leash and consider using a mussel when in close proximity of children.

Bussing: This continues to be our biggest obstacle at Greenville this year. We are not the only school burdened by a driver shortage as there are 18 open routes across HWDSB. I am in regular contact with the bus company and student transportation services for updates. HWDSB is aware of these challenges. Unfortunately, there are no easy solutions that are equitable for all families being impacted. I continue to advocate for Greenville; however, the driver shortage is beyond my sphere of influence. I can only guarantee that there will be transportation (albeit late) and adult supervision of students when we encounter a delayed route. Please continue to check the bus app for updates. I have requested that route delays be posted in a timelier manner, given our early dismissal.

Fundraisers: School Council and Home & School Association have proposed the following fundraising events for the 2024/2025 school year. Families are not obligated to participate; however, if interested we'd ask that you select the initiatives that will serve your family best. We are grateful for the support as all profits are used to address student needs, interests and activities.

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| 1. Dieleman (DFS) Gourmet Gifts, Food and Holiday Wrapping | September/October |
| 2. McMillins Prepared Food | November |
| 3. Cobs Bakery Items | January |
| 4. Make it Sow Seeds | February |
| 5. Boxed Cards | April |
| 6. Family Movie Nights | January & May |

***Have a great day! Looking forward to seeing many of our families at
Meet the Teacher, Thurs. Oct. 24th @ 4:30-6:30 pm. 😊***