



**COMMUNITY LETTER: Community
News, Updates and Reminders
*October 31, 2025.***



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,
Below are the updates for October 31, 2025.

Have a great weekend!

Regards,
Kwame Djan & Lynda Southon

School Spirit Wear Fundraiser!

We're excited to announce our upcoming **School Spirit Wear Fundraiser!** This is a great opportunity for students, families, and staff to show their PVPE pride while supporting a meaningful cause. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly toward improving our school and enhancing learning conditions for our students.

Our spirit wear makes **fantastic gifts for the upcoming holiday season** and gives students something fun to wear to show their school spirit throughout the year—whether it's for special events, spirit days, or just everyday pride in our school community.

Ordering details and available items will be shared soon, so stay tuned!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Helen Detwiler Elementary.

Detwiler School Spirit Bands

All Helen Detwiler spirit wristbands that were purchased before October 20th, were handed out to families if they were able to attend meet the staff night on October 22. The rest will be handed out to students this week. We are reopening School Cash Online for families who missed out on the initial purchase window. Pick up for new orders will be on November 11, for families who are planning on attending



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the Remembrance Day assembly, by parent council representatives. If you are not able to attend the assembly, it will be sent home with your child/ren. Get yours while they last! All proceeds go to our school library.

Pizza lunches

Our next pizza day is Wednesday, November 5th. **All orders must be submitted by Sunday, November 2nd through School Cash Online only.** Cash is no longer accepted, and we are unable to process late orders.

Wraps & Popcorn Chicken

Our first PITA WRAP and POPCORN CHICKEN day is Friday, November 7th. Three variety of wraps as well as popcorn chicken are available for a cost of \$6.50 each. **Orders must be placed by Wednesday, November 5th through School Cash Online only.**

Popcorn Days

Our next Popcorn Day is **Friday, November 7th**. Popcorn is available for \$2.00 and **must be ordered by Wednesday, November 5th through School Cash Online only.** Cash is no longer accepted, and we are unable to process late orders.

Parent council meeting

Date: November 25, 2025

Time: 6:30-7:30 (library)

Access to school: Front entrance

Format: Hybrid (see below for MS Teams link)

- [Join the meeting now](#)
- Meeting ID: 224 108 463 878 2
- Passcode: Fe39nr9D

Parking By-Laws

This is a reminder that there is no stopping from 6am-7pm on the school side of Brigade Dr., from Bonaparte Way to Bastille St. These by-laws are in place to keep pedestrians and drivers safe. By-law officers will be on-site throughout the year to ensure compliance. **Additionally, the staff parking lot is for staff only – this is not a space for student drop off or pick up.** We appreciate your support in this as we prioritize the safety of our students on a daily basis.



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Volunteering in 2025-2026 school year

All applicants looking to volunteer are now required to present a Vulnerable Sector Screening **specific to HWDSB** before they will be able to begin their volunteer activities. An offence Declaration is required for the subsequent years until a new Vulnerable Sector is required (after 3 years). The Vulnerable Sector Screening is the property of the volunteer. A letter to be presented to the respective police department can be obtained through the office.

👻 Spooky Math Challenge: Pumpkin Patch Problems! 🧛

Grades 1–8 At-Home Activity

This week's math challenge invites students to explore math through a Halloween-themed adventure in a pumpkin patch! Families can work together to solve problems that grow in complexity depending on the grade level.

📋 Materials Needed:

- Paper and pencil
- Optional: small objects (candy, coins, LEGO, etc.) for counting or modeling
- Imagination!

👻 Activity Instructions by Grade Group:

Grades 1–2: Counting & Addition

Scenario: You're picking pumpkins for Halloween.

- You pick 3 small pumpkins and 4 big pumpkins.
- How many pumpkins do you have in total?
- If each small pumpkin costs \$2 and each big pumpkin costs \$4, how much do you spend?

Curriculum Links: Number sense, addition, skip counting, money.

Grades 3–4: Multiplication & Estimation



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Scenario: You're helping decorate the haunted house.

- You hang 6 strings of lights. Each string has 8 lights.
- How many lights are there in total?
- Estimate how many candies you'll need if each of 12 trick-or-treaters gets about 5 candies.

Curriculum Links: Multiplication, estimation, problem solving.

Grades 5–6: Fractions & Area

Scenario: You're designing a spooky floor mat.

- The mat is 2 m long and 1.5 m wide. What is its area?
- You want to cover $\frac{3}{4}$ of the mat with spider web fabric. How much area will be covered?

Curriculum Links: Measurement, fractions, area.

Grades 7–8: Algebra & Proportional Reasoning

Scenario: You're planning a Halloween party.

- You have a budget of \$100. Decorations cost \$25, snacks cost \$3 per person, and games cost \$10.
- Write an equation to represent your spending.
- How many people can you invite without going over budget?

Curriculum Links: Algebraic reasoning, budgeting, linear equations.