



# HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

## Welcome to 2017-2018 School Year!



**Vision:**

“Working together to provide program and service to our community”

Welcome back everyone! I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and fun summer. The weather certainly made it a different type of summer; definitely needed your rain jacket!

It was a very enjoyable summer for me. We welcomed another grandchild into the Lemmond circle. Many of my days were spent cuddling babies, crawling around with my other grandchildren and enjoying time together.

**A HUGE THANK YOU!**

Our school is sparkling! I would like to thank the custodial staff for doing an amazing job at “polishing up” our school through the terrible heat. We extend our thanks to Mrs. Stirling and Mr. Laszlo for all of their diligent efforts in making this happen.

**Staffing Changes**

We welcome several staff members to our Holbrook community: **Mrs. Helm**, who teaches our new Kindergarten class. **Mrs. Sacchetti** is our new Learning Resource teacher. **Mrs. Sleep**, who is partnering with Mrs. Weresch to teach the Grade 5/6 class. Welcome back to **Ms. Nicol** will be teaching Social Studies and Science to several primary classes. We welcome

back **Mrs. Ouellette**, DECE in Room 9. To our Educational Assistants’ team we welcome **Mrs. James**, **Ms. Roberts**, **Ms. Toltesi** and **Ms. Ashby**. We appreciate the background of experience each of these professionals brings to our school community and are glad they have joined the Huskies.

**Important Note: Enrollment and Staffing**

Please note that each year our school enrollment shifts up and down. This shift may require changes in staffing and in classes. Any changes that would be required are based on information provided by the Board and schools are required to fulfill the changes based on legislation. These changes would occur September 30th and you will be informed if this affects your child. We understand that changes at this time are difficult however these changes would be necessary and staff work hard to determine which students would need to switch classes.

**“Fresh from the Farm” Fundraiser**

You will be receiving an order form for our first fundraiser, where the funds support the school. Forty percent of the profits will support Holbrook School. This fundraiser also contributes to healthy eating habits. Please note that Holbrook School **does not accept cheques** for any fundraisers.

**Terry Fox Charity Fundraiser for Cancer Research**

Friday, September 29th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. will be our Walk/Run for cancer. Families are welcome to join us and cheer us on. Donations for this charity will be collected.

Please review the enclosed material and contact me with any questions or concerns. Please consider volunteering at Holbrook. As the African proverb says, **“It takes a village to raise a child.”** I am looking forward to meeting you at “Meet the Teacher” on Thursday, October 5th. From Mrs. Cathie Lemmond

Mrs. C. Lemmond— Principal
Ms. L. Millar — Office Administrator
Mrs. L. Romano— Superintendent
Mr. W. Hicks — School Trustee

**Attention:**

- “Meet the Teacher” on Thursday, October 5th, 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- “School Council” meets on Thursday, Sept. 21, 6:00 pm

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**IMPORTANT!**

**We have several students with severe nut allergies. For their safety, please do not send peanut butter, Nutella or nut products to school in your child’s lunch.**



Having volunteers at Holbrook creates more opportunities for our students. There are many ways to get involved at Holbrook . Here are some examples:

- School Council
- PIZZA LUNCH
- Nutrition Program—shopping, preparing or cleaning up
- Class/ School trips
- Literacy support—reading with students
- Classroom resource (cutting, copying...)

Ask at the office how to go about acquiring a police check. If you have already shown your police check, then you will need to get a “Volunteer Declaration” from the office. **We are planning a Volunteer Orientation.** At this time we will review ways to be involved in the school. We welcome you to use your talents and time to support our students.

### “Get Involved” in School Council

- Please see the notification of the School Council Election process and the nomination form available now.
- Our first School Council meeting will be on **Thursday September 21 at 6:00 pm** in the Library. School Council is a great way to hear about what’s happening at the school, what your child’s is learning, give your input and support the school community.

## Staff List September 2017

ROOM	TEACHER/EDUCATOR	GRADE
1	Mme Maharajh	French
2	Mrs. Legault	3/4
3	Mrs. Kenehan	1/2
5	Ms. Swanton Mrs. McKechnie	Jr. Comp. Class
7	Mrs. Gordon Ms. Carey/Ms. Toltesi	1/2
8	Mrs. Lupal	2/3
9	Mrs. Hickey/ Mrs. Ouellette	JK/SK
10	Mrs. Moses/ Mrs. Burch	JK/SK
11	Mrs. Helm Mrs. James	JK/SK
12-2	Mrs. Sacchetti Ms. Ashby	LRT School Support
12-3	Mr. Singh	4/5
12-4	Mrs. Sleep/Mrs. Weresch Mrs. Penner Ms. D’Alessandro	5/6
Gym	Mrs. Mastroluisi	
	Ms. Nicol	Primary Social Studies Science
	Ms. Millar	Office Administrator
	Mrs. Stirling Mr. Laszlo	Custodial team
	Mrs. Lemmond	Principal



## Safe & Timely Arrival

For the safety of all our students, we ask that you carefully read the following :

- Parking in the “School Bus Zone” and NO STOPPING zone is prohibited. Otherwise, parking is permitted on Sanatorium. West 33rd is your best option for drop off.
- There is **NO** stopping or parking in the Staff lot in front of the school. There have been close calls with staff and students almost getting hit.
- Watch very carefully as you drive around the school area. Extreme care needs to be taken in this area as well as at the surrounding crosswalks.
- The back playground is supervised from 8:30 to 8:45 and 3:05 to 3:20. **The play structure area is not supervised.**
- Punctuality continues to be important as most teachers will be starting with the “Literacy Block” or Math Block as soon as students enter. Please make every effort to have your child in line at the back playground by 8:45 a.m.
- Should you have something that needs to be discussed with the classroom teacher or another staff member, please write a note in your child’s agenda or call the office and we will record your request and give it to your child’s teacher.
- School ends at 3:05 p.m. Students will exit by their assigned door onto the back playground. Parents/caregivers/siblings will meet their child at the playground.
- Please call the school when your child will be absent, even if it is a “holy day”. This helps Ms. Millar, our office administrator and helps us know that your child is safe.
- Please call the school or send in a note when your contact information changes.
- Your cooperation in making Holbrook a safe community for all students is appreciated!

*From Mrs. Lemmond & Staff*

## Planning for success:

Often parents will ask what can they do to set the tone for a new school year to help maximize their child’s success. Here are some suggestions that may help as you begin the new school year:

- Always be positive when speaking to your child about school. If they sense that you didn’t like school, they are likely to adopt the same attitude.
- Check out how you can be involved in school activities. If you are involved, your child will see your excitement and be excited too!
- Communicate regularly with your child’s teacher.
- Establish bedtime routines on school nights. Children require approximately 10 hours of sleep a night to be alert and attentive during school.
- Establish morning routines that include a nutritious breakfast and timely arrival at school. Students arriving late miss important lessons and instructions that cause them to fall behind.
- Establish homework routines on school nights. If no homework has been assigned, play math games, be active, read, read, read.
- Most importantly, talk to your child about school. Ask “What was your favourite part about your school day?” Asking further questions helps your child practice how to answer questions fully. These conversations lets them know you are interested in their school day and value their school experience.

### No Smoking



Just a reminder that smoking is prohibited in all school buildings and on all H.W.D.S.B. Property.

Check out our website:

**[HTTP://SCHOOLS.HWDSB.ON.CA/](http://SCHOOLS.HWDSB.ON.CA/)  
**HOLBROOK OR TWITTER**  
**@HOLBROOK\_HWDSB****

## School Cash Online



**School Cash On-Line: It's easy and convenient!**

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. School Cash Online is available at all HWDSB schools.

School Cash Online is an on-line payment service offered through the KEV

Group. The KEV Group is Canadian owned and operates its head offices in the Province of Ontario. There are over 9,000 schools using KEV's solutions for managing school bookkeeping across North America.

The School Cash Online website is certified compliant with Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards. School Cash Online does not share personal information with any third party. They do not store credit card information

on their own web servers, computers or other devices. With the exception of funds loaded into MyWallet, your payment information must be entered every time you checkout.

The KEV Group uses Moneris as the payment processor. Moneris is Canada's largest payment processor, processing over 3 billion credit and debit transactions every year.

**Please see the attached 2 pages for information on how to register.**



## Synervoice Calls

Synervoice are automated calls that come to the primary phone number listed on your contact verification form.

Attendance is completed by the classroom teacher. This information is submitted to Ms. Millar. By 9:20 a.m. the attendance is entered.

If your child is absent for a known reason, Ms. Millar will enter that onto the computer. You will not receive a synervoice call

as the reason for the absence is known. However if the reason is unknown, or if the student is late, the computer synervoice system will call the primary number.

Synervoice may also be used by the principal to make important announcements or reminders. For example, I called to let the community know about the construction in the area. It would be helpful if you would please listen to the message first instead of

immediately calling the school to find out who called from the school. There are several phones in the building and Ms. Millar is not aware of each person who has called home.

We do want you to contact us with concerns. However listening to the message first will help reduce the number of calls Ms. Millar has to navigate. Thank you for your understanding.

Back to School



**SEPTEMBER**

**TRIBES FOCUS: Mutual Respect**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 Labour Day	5- DAY 1	6- DAY 2	7-DAY 3	8-DAY 4
11-DAY 5	12- DAY 1	13-DAY 2	14-DAY 3 <b>Terry Fox Assembly</b>	15-DAY 4
18-DAY 5	19- DAY 1 Fire Drill	20-DAY 2	21-DAY 3 <b>“Azuline Duo” Musical Presentation</b>	22 P.A. DAY No School for students
25-DAY 5	26- DAY 1	27-DAY 2	28-DAY 3 Rm. 12-4 Trip to “Altitude”	29-DAY 4 Terry Fox Walk/ Run for Cancer Research 9:30 AM

**Pizza Lunch Fridays!**  
 Can you help? We would like to run Pizza Lunch Fridays however we need volunteers in order to do this activity. Please call the office if you are able to help with this program that the students love.

**PARENTS:**  
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR**  
**“Meet the Teacher”**  
**Thursday, October 5th**  
**Classrooms open at 5:30**  
**Book Fair**  
**More information to follow.**



**“Toonies for Terry”**  
 Holbrook, along with many schools across the country, will be honouring the task that Terry Fox started. We will be raising funds for cancer research, a disease that has impacted many of our lives and the lives of family and friends. We will be walking on:  
**Thursday, September 29 @ 9:30 AM**  
 Please send in “toonies” or other cash to support the work of cancer researchers around the country. So far, Holbrook has raised \$19,147 in ten years for this cause. Once again, let’s make a difference.  
 Thank you for your support.  
 Mrs. Mastroluisi



