



Holbrook Happenings

November



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Attention:

- **Remembrance Day** Assembly—Nov. 9 at 9:10
- **Pink Shirt Day for Anti- Bullying**—Nov. 13
- **Lockdown Practice**—Nov. 20
- **Holbrook Games Night**—Nov. 22 from 6—8
- **Picture Re-take Day**—Nov. 28
- **School Council**—Nov. 29 at 6:00 pm

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to November! By now you will have received your son / daughter’s Fall Progress Report which were sent home for JK- Gr.6 students on October 30th. Hopefully, you were able to attend an interview with your child(ren)’s teacher last week as well. If you have not been able to come in for a parent-teacher interview yet please connect with your child’s teacher to re-schedule or plan for a phone interview. It is very important to make sure that students are off to a positive and productive start to their school year and that home and school are working cooperatively together in the best interests of the students. The Progress Report focuses very heavily on the Learning Skills as these are essential tools to ensuring a student has a successful year and is working to his/ her full potential.

Friday November 9th at 9:10am will be our school Remembrance Day Assembly. Parents are welcome to join us at that time. We will have Poppies on sale for students to purchase with a coin donation on the morning of Nov. 9th, students will go around to each of the classes. Monies collected from the Poppy collection goes to the local Legion to support veterans and their families within our community and country. We ask that students please dress in red and black for our assembly on November 9th.

Safe & Secure Schools. As part of our HWDSB policy schools are required to schedule and completed 2 Lockdown Practices within each school year with the support of their school liason officer and possibly any ‘beat’ officers who may also participate. Our school liason officer is P.C. J. Dinning. We will be having our first Lockdown Practice on Nov. 20th. We will review the procedures and expected behaviours with students prior to our first practice. Officer Dinning will be present to support us with this lockdown.

Have a Great Month of November!

E. Birch-Jones

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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.



Thanks!

Vision:

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



Plan of Care Forms for Students with Life Threatening or Serious Medical Conditions

At Holbrook, we take all student's health very seriously. If your child(ren) has a serious or life threatening medical condition, such as Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy or is Anaphylactic it is very important that we have a **Plan of Care**. Forms have been sent home with students who require them. If you have not received the forms or if you have not returned them to the office, it is very important that this is done as soon as possible. Please let us know if you need more forms.

Pizza

New pizza order forms will be sent home on Wednesday, November 7th and will be due back on Monday November 12th for the period of Nov. 21—Dec. 12. November pizza days are Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Please note: Late orders cannot be accepted. Thank you to our pizza volunteers!

Spirit Day—Celebrating Twins



For those who are a twin and those of you who have always wished they had a twin, here's your chance.

On November 30, 2018 Holbrook will have a Twin Day. Find a friend, dress the same, do your hair the same, everything the same. Let's see how many doubles we can spot!

Lifetouch—MyFamily Rewards Program

Lifetouch Canada has introduced a "MyFamily Rewards" program. This program rewards every family and ensures you get the best value when making multiple purchases. Families who enroll in MyFamily Rewards receive a free high resolution digital image download and earn ongoing discounts that can be easily applied through the Lifetouch online ordering channel. Families of all sizes, including those with students in multiple schools, will benefit from these rewards. See more at: mylifetouch.ca

Picture Re-take Day

Wednesday, November 28th

Holbrook Dress Code Reminders

Clothing should be conducive to the learning environment at Holbrook school.

- Hats will be removed upon entry to the school – religious garments excepted.
- Clothing will provide adequate protection from the weather.
- Jackets and coats will be removed prior to entry into the classroom.
- School bags and knapsacks will be left in the lockers.
- No clothing, hats or jewelry will be worn that bears: Any sexual or racial comment, suggestive or disrespectful message or advertisement for alcohol, drugs or tobacco
- Clothing that reveals underwear, navels or midriffs will not be worn. Shirt straps should be two fingers wide. Shorts should be to the finger tips.
- Proper footwear is needed for P.E. Having a change of footwear is helpful for cleanliness and safety in the gym.

This code is in effect at all school activities and school sponsored activities.

Cold Weather and Outdoor Play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom.

With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning **extra mittens and a hat**, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. **Boots, mittens or gloves and hats** should be worn to school and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

As always, Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill.

Congratulations to Hadil in 12-3 for winning the Book Fair draw! Hadil and her class won \$25.00 worth of books!

