

## October 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

The month of October is upon us and we have settled nicely into our new routines here at school. I am extremely impressed at how well our students have adapted. We continue to follow all Covid 19 protocols as outlined by HWDSB and Public Health in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Thank you to our families who contributed online to the Terry Fox Day fundraiser. We raised over \$260.00 for this charity! A special thank you to Miss Bujara and to Mr. Black for organizing the event for our school. It was so nice to see our students participating in activities within their cohorts on our school playground.

As many of you are aware, the parent portal has re opened for parents to select the learning option that best suits their family's needs. Please log into the portal if you wish to change your child's current learning option only. There is no need to log in if you are not interested in changing the current arrangement. The portal will remain open until October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact our front office staff if you have any questions.

Progress Reports will be sent home on October 29<sup>th</sup>. This report card is only a snapshot of your child's learning as observed by their teachers so far this year. Parents will have an opportunity to discuss the report cards with teachers at the end of November. More information to follow.

We are excited to announce that our first School Council meeting and School Council election will be held October 13, 2020 at 6p.m. This is a great opportunity to help guide our school's direction. At this meeting, school council members will elect council leadership positions. The meeting will take place via Microsoft Teams – more information will follow.

As we adjust to our new ways here at school, a gentle reminder to ensure that your child comes to school prepared with lunch and a water bottle for the day. Our hydration station is available for refilling water bottles but our drinking fountains may not be used. We are doing our best to limit outside visitors to the school and to ensure that staff are not touching your child's belongings. When you drop off items for your child we do our best to sanitize the item however it is best for us to not be in contact with those items. We thank you in advance for your support with this matter. Your child's safety comes first to all of us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. Giardino  
Principal