



# Ray Lewis Legends Newsletter

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## November 2021

### From the Principal's Desk...

#### SCHOOL BELL TIMES:

Supervision Begins 9:00AM  
Entry Bell 9:15AM  
1st Nutritional Break  
10:55AM -11:35AM  
2nd Nutritional Break  
1:15PM-1:55PM  
Dismissal Bell 3:35PM  
Supervision Ends 3:50PM

#### PICTURE DAY:

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>,  
2021 (Proofs will be back  
before Winter break begins)

#### RETAKE DAY:

Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### PROGRESS REPORTS:

Will be sent home on  
November 19th

#### PA DAY:

Friday November 26th (No  
School)

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Our next meeting is Tuesday  
November 23rd at 7:00pm  
via MS Teams. All are  
welcome!

Please click on the links  
below to view the HWDSB  
School Year Calendar. Check  
for statutory, board holidays  
and PA Days.

[Elementary-2021-22-  
Calendar-FINAL.pdf](#)  
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#### Progress Reports

We value the communication and partnership between home and school and the importance of discussing strengths, areas of growth and next steps for your child's learning. Please connect with your child's classroom teacher if you would like to discuss their progress.

#### Personal Device Policy

Letters outlining our new personal device policy were sent home today. Given that there is no direct supervision during nutrition breaks, on the playground, in the washroom, changeroom, or during entry or dismissal devices are to be used ONLY for learning with the teacher's permission. If not in use, they are to be secured in backpack or locker. This policy aligns with the HWDSB policy and will be in affect beginning Tuesday November 2nd. Parents/caregivers are asked to please review the letter and policy with their child, sign, and return it to the school.

#### Parent Portal

Parents/guardians should be using School Messenger and Parent Portal for any forms, absences, schedules, school cash online, and transportation information. Parents can also use School Messenger to report student absences. If your child is absent or late, please use the Safe Arrival Program. This can be done by website, app or phone. [www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival](http://www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival). The services are available 24 hours, seven days a week. If we do not receive a notification and your child is absent, our automated attendance notification program will call your home and send you an email to inform you of your child's absence. We ask that you call the school or use the Save Arrival Program to report an absence.

#### School Activities

We are continuing to see a gradual return to clubs, committees, sports, and activities. Many thanks to the staff that volunteer their time to provide these opportunities for our students! Upcoming events include: November 4th-10th is Holocaust Education week, November 9th-15th is Bully Awareness & Prevention Week, and November 13th-19th is Transgender Awareness week. We will also be having our virtual Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov 11th.

#### Safe Student Drop off and Pick up

For the safety of all students, when dropping children off in the morning, parents/caregivers are required to use the parking lot as a "drop zone". We also ask that families please remain on the grass and remain physically distanced. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

#### School Fundraising

As we slowly return to school fundraising opportunities the school council has decided to do three fundraisers this year. The first one is MacMillan's. We will send home a parent letter attached to the brochure once we receive them. The campaign will run until November 22nd. Orders will be due to MacMillan's by November 24th and delivery to the school will be on December 15th. All orders will be done online and the school will book pick-up times for families.