

Rockton November 2023 Newsletter



To our Parents/Guardians,

As we begin to prepare for a change in season and daylight savings, our hope is that families enjoyed the end to October with the Halloween weekend. It was great to see students dressed in costumes! We have now officially completed two months of school and it has been a very busy, but exciting two months. There is a lot of great learning going on in all classrooms and we thank the Rockton staff for their commitment to student learning and to our continued work on our Reading and Math goals.

At Rockton, the month of November signals a period of reflection as it marks the first reporting period of 2023-24. It is the perfect time for students and guardians to receive a formal update of "how things are progressing". The goal of this interim report card is to provide an opportunity to identify both the student strengths and areas for improvement early in the school year. It provides parents with a snap shot of their child's progress. It also gives us the chance to reflect on the great opportunities that living in a country like Canada offers us and to remember that many men and women lost their lives so we can have these opportunities.

As our weather begins to change, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for what the weather may bring. Only in extreme conditions such as pouring rain, or extremely cold weather, do we keep students inside for recess. You should always assume that students are heading outside for recess each day and plan accordingly for the weather.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Mr. J. Manzin

Date	Activity
Wed. Nov. 1	Hindu Heritage Month All Saint's Day
Thurs. Nov. 2	SC Poinsettia Fundraiser – Nov 2nd to 21st Rockton Ravens Spirit Wear SC Fundraiser – Nov 2nd to Nov 24th
Mon. Nov. 6	Treaties Recognition Week
Wed. Nov. 8	Indigenous Veteran's Day
Fri. Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Sun Nov. 12	Start of Diwali
Mon. Nov. 13	World Kindness Day Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week Progress Reports go home
Thurs. Nov. 16	Teacher/Parent Conference – After school
Fri. Nov. 17	PA Day – Teacher/Parent Conference



PARENT PORTAL UPDATES



Parent Portal is a login-protected space that collects useful tools and information for HWDSB families.

All information about phone numbers, addresses and contacts for every child is managed now by parents/guardians through the Parent Portal. Please be sure to review and update these records so we can accurately contact you, other guardians and/or emergency contacts should the need arise.

If you need help accessing your Parent Portal account, please contact rockton@hwdsb.on.ca or talk to Mrs. Fogel or Mrs. Jeffrey in the office at 289 345-4555.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your child's school fees with the click of a button,



wherever, whenever. Trips to the school to drop off cash or sending your child with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your child's school items and activities.

It's easy to register, add your children, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events. Once you sign up for an account and connect the student(s) you will be paying for, the account will move with the student(s) as they progress to other HWDSB schools.

If you have not yet registered for School Cash Online or need help doing so, please visit us at the School Office or call Mrs. Jeffrey for support.

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEPs)

Classroom teachers, with the help of Mrs. Blunsdon and Mrs. Grodde spent some time updating IEPs and a revised copy was sent home on October 18, 2023. We kindly ask that you take some time to review your child's IEP, and sign and return the consultation form that will be attached to the IEP.

This IEP is an important part of your child's learning journey and we truly appreciate you taking the time to go over and share your thoughts.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

At Rockton, we have made it a priority to set aside time on November 10th for the whole school to pause and consider the significance of Remembrance Day. Unlike most special occasions, this one is not a celebration.



Remembrance Day is about showing our respect and gratitude to the serving and previous members of our armed forces who have sacrificed for our country. On November 11, we observe a moment of silence to honour the courage, valour and sacrifice of the heroes who have served – and continue to serve – Canada during times of war and conflict. Find your moment – honour those who have served and show thanks for their sacrifice.

Once again, this year, we would like to invite the family members and veterans from within in our community to join us.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

In 2016, Ontario passed the first legislation of its kind in Canada declaring the first week of November as Treaties Recognition Week. This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. The 1st week of November is Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario. During Treaty Recognition Week, we acknowledge **the many Treaties that the Canadian Government signed with the First Peoples of this land.** It's important for all Ontarians to understand the role treaties play in our lives and relationships with each other today as we move forward together to advance reconciliation. By building understanding, we are advancing reconciliation with Indigenous people to help create equitable and respectful relationships to enable a better future for all Ontarians.



PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

Reporting student progress is an essential part of the communication and partnership process between home and school. Teachers have been working hard at completing progress reports for their students. Progress reports will be sent home on November 13th. Teachers will be reaching out with any concerns and likewise, should you wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a phone call or virtual meeting as needed.



The report card provides a “snapshot” of student learning that reflects grade-level expectations and standards, student achievement of and progress toward independently meeting expectations, and indications of where help and support are needed.

What does Progressing VERY WELL, WELL and WITH DIFFICULTY mean?

- Progressing Very Well: demonstrates ongoing, consistent improvement towards meeting or exceeding the provincial standard by the end of the term/year.
- Progressing Well: demonstrates ongoing, consistent improvement towards meeting the provincial standard by the end of the term/year.
- Progressing with Difficulty: demonstrates that the student will require improvement and/or assistance to meet the provincial standard by the end of the term/year.

This year HWDSB is once again having parent/teacher conferences. The evening of November 16th and November 17th a P.A. Day has been established for Parent/Teacher conferences. Notices will be sent home via messenger with information on how to set up the interview with your child's teacher. Please adhere to the guidelines and timelines that have been established to secure an interview time. The interview is an opportunity to sit down with your child's teacher to ask questions, celebrate successes, raise concerns and assist your child in establishing attainable goals moving forward.