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Shannen Koostachin News – September 2019

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW SAFE AND COMFY SCHOOL!

Welcome to Shannen Koostachin School!

We have been very busy at the school preparing for the new school year in our beautiful new school. Coming home the first week of school will be many important documents to support the safety of your child (ren) while they are at school. Please make sure to fill out all of the required forms and return them to the school as soon as possible.

You will also see an agenda come home with your child in Grades 1-8. This agenda is an important organizational and communication tool. Please use the agenda to support your child with homework as well as communicate information to your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to an amazing school year. We have many events planned for the year and hope to see many families out to celebrate all of the wonderful things going on around the school. Please check our Shannen Koostachin website and remember to 'subscribe' to get email updates about what is going on around the school. As we are still under construction, you will also see our 'construction updates' posted on the website.

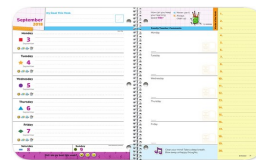
The best education occurs for students when home and school work together to support the development of each child. In the words of Helen Keller- "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." We all look forward to working with our parents and our community to make Shannen Koostachin the best place to learn and grow in the 2019-2020 school year.

Have a wonderful year!

Mrs. J. Anderson

COMMUNICATION AGENDAS

Grades 1-8 students will be provided with agendas this school year. We feel that agendas are such an important communication tool and, although they are partially subsidized, we are asking that families please contribute a donation of \$6.00 to help cover some of the costs of the agendas. We hope it can be a way to help you and your child keep things organized. It is also a great way for home and school communication, including homework assignments and upcoming events.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 20- PD Day (No School)
Sept. 26- Terry Fox School Run (2:10 p.m.)
Sept. 26- Voting Day (2019/2020 School Council Representatives)
Sept. 30- First School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30- Orange Shirt Day (to support "Every Child Matters")

Dates Ahead:

Get ready get set for our **Shannen Koostachin debut OPEN HOUSE and KELSEYS BBQ!!**

Thursday, October 3rd from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (...keep watch for more details to follow)

"Craft Club" Kicks Off in October! (Oct. 7, 15, 22 & 29 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Art Room). All Craft Club Permission Forms and Money to be returned to Mrs. Mielko by Sept. 23rd!

Please continue to check the Shannen Koostachin website and follow Mrs. Anderson on Twitter @SHANNEN_HWDSB for upcoming events and special occasions throughout the year!

To keep current on upcoming school events, check out our School Website and Calendar www.hwdsb.on.ca/shannenkoostachin/events regularly!

Parking Lot

In order to keep all students and families safe, we ask that you review the parking and dropping off guidelines:

- * Please enter through the **IN** land of the parking lot– follow the arrows
- * Please exit through the **OUT** lane of the parking lot– follow the arrows
- * If you are parking, please use the designated parking lot. There is also parking along the streets around the school
- * If you are dropping off, please drop off at the back gate at the back of the parking lot and continue through the parking lot and out– follow the arrows
- * **DO NOT ENTER** the main lane in front of the school. This is considered a fire lane and for **BUSES ONLY** at pick up and drop off times
- * Please be patient, drop off and pick up take s 10-15 minutes
- * During our construction the only gate open to the playground will be off of the parking lot. Once construction has ended, we will have an entry gate at the other side of the playground along Keystone Crescent.



A reminder that our school grounds are open from 9:15 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. when our instructional bell rings, as well as Playground Supervision is provided from 3:50 p.m. until 4:05 p.m. Teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants are ready to assist and support students during this time. As always, we encourage students who live close by to walk to school, this will cut down on the congestion in our parking lot.

Thank you for your continued support and attention to this matter. **Student safety is always our number one priority!**

Teacher/Parent Communication

We are always striving to improve our communication with our community.

We believe that community partnerships are important to educate our students. Therefore, we know that we must have open, honest communication with you. The agenda (Gr. 1-8) or important bag (for our Kindergarten students) is the easiest way to communicate with your teacher.

If you need to contact your teacher by phone, you can leave a message for them in their mailbox .

If you need to meet with your teacher an appointment is necessary to ensure no interruption to programming.

We ask that you always contact your child's teacher about any concerns as the initial step to problem resolution.



Safe Arrival Attendance Reporting System

It is the Parent's responsibility to contact the school to report all student absences on a daily basis.

It is now **easier** for you to report– and respond to– your child's school absences. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

With SafeArrival, families report a child's absence in one of three ways:

1. Use the SafeArrival website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (or from links at go.schoolmessenger.ca). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-844-506-4350** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

Learn more about SafeArrival at bit.ly/safearrivalHWDSB

September 2019 Classroom Organization:

FDK - Ms. Kuczerepa/ Mrs. Gear

FDK - Mr. Creatchman Mrs. Hill

FDK - Mrs. Restivo/ Mrs. Down

FDK - Mrs. Dore/ Miss Thompson

FDK- Mrs. Feudo/ Mrs. Khan

FDK– Ms. Corbett/ Miss Speziale

Grade 1 - Ms. Mitchell

Grade 1 - Mrs. Forrest

Grade 1/2 - Ms. Nardi

Grade 2 - Mrs. Ritchie

Grade 2/3 - Mrs. Bos

Grade 3 - Mrs. Wilson

Grade 3 - Mrs. Lewington

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Lambie

Grade 4 - Mr. Giordano

Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Federico

Grade 5 - Ms. Pitt

Grade 6 - Mrs. Passmore

Grade 6/7 - Ms. Leroux

Grade 7/French - Ms./Mme. Chiasson

Grade 7/8/Music - Ms. McNeill

Grade 8/Science– Mr. Asquith

ASD - Ms. Copeland



HWDSB School Cash On-Line

With the support of School Cash Online, we're making paying for school related expenses easier. It is a win/win by making it safer and more efficient for everyone by reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school.

While parents will still have the option to send cash or cheques for school related expenses, we encourage you to get on board with our new service and register today and begin receiving notifications by email.

Step 1:

Visit: www.schoolcashonline.com

Step 2:

Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps to register

Step 3:

After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

How does School Cash Online Work?

1. School staff create items for purchase in School Cash Catalog and post it to the Parent Site.
2. Parents receive email notification, check the Parent Site and click through to pay.
3. Funds are moved electronically from the parent's bank account to the school's bank account.

Need help? Call the Parent **Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803**



School Cash Online

We have had overwhelming response for representation on school council for the 2019-2020 school year! While it is fantastic news that we have so much interest, it does mean that we must hold a vote. On September 26th we will hold a vote at the school for the following four positions on council for the 2019-2020 school year.: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Please come out to the school on Sept. 26th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to cast your vote for your school council representatives! Once the votes are counted, the four elected positions will be posted in a letter on our website.

We look forward to seeing you all at the first meeting:

***Monday, September 30th
at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons/Library.***



Sports Desk



Our athletic program is underway at Shannen Koostachin and we will begin with cross country! The HWDSB cross country meet is fast approaching and we will need to begin selecting a team to attend the meet. Students in Grades 3-8 are eligible to compete. Any interested students will have the opportunity to participate in running trials at the community park next door during nutrition breaks. Please make sure that your child has filled out the yellow walking form sent home at the beginning of the year.

Once we have had the opportunity to run trials we will select the team that will attend the meet on October 7th. If you are interested in learning further information regarding the board cross country meet you can visit:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/athletics/middle-school/cross-country/>

Nutrition Breaks

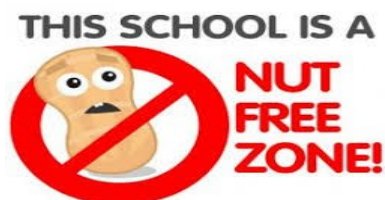


At Shannen Koostachin we are on a balanced day schedule. Our first Nutrition Break begins at 11:10 a.m. At this time students will go outside for a twenty minute break. At 11:30 a.m. students will return to their lunch room and have their morning snack. The second Nutrition Break begins at 1:30 p.m. Again students will have an outdoor recess for twenty minutes and return to their lunch rooms for lunch. Afternoon classes resume at 2:10 p.m.

Any students in Grade 6-8 that walk home or go out for lunch need to have written permission from home, daily, in order to leave school property. **Written permission must be handed in at the office before leaving school. Grade 6-8 students leaving property to go out for lunch are permitted to do so on SECOND BREAK ONLY, and are expected to sign in and out at the office.**

Peanut And Nut Safe School!

We have many students with life-threatening allergies to peanuts or nuts. **Please do not send your child with any nut products for lunch or snacks.** Working together we can help ensure the safety of all our children!



Safe Welcome Schools

As you may know, HWDSB initiated a Safe Welcome Program in 2013. The program supports a welcoming learning environment by ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors can access elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe.

Based on the HWDSB Safe Welcome Program, all visitors to the school will be directed to check in at the main office before being permitted to access the school during school hours via the main entrance.

Principals maintain ultimate authority for visitors admitted into their school.

Please contact the office if you have any questions about the program and our system.

As always, safety of our students and staff is our number one priority!

Kindergarten Drop Off and Pick Up



In order to support the safe drop off of our Kindergarten students we are asking that all parents and caregivers drop their child(ren) off in the appropriate Kindergarten fenced-in areas at the front of the school at the beginning of the day **between 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** There will be a teacher on duty in the gated area ready to accept your student. Once they are in the fenced-in area they will remain there until the bell rings at which time the teacher will lead them into the school. We ask that parents do not enter the fenced-in area or school at this time. Thank you for supporting us in keeping all of our students safe!

Shannen Koostachin Terry Fox School Run 2019

We are pleased to be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 26, 2019 period 5 (2:10 p.m.) [Rain date: Friday, September 27, 2019] We will be walking as a school at the park beside the school.

We are asking each student to bring a Toonie for Terry and to wear a White Shirt. All monies raised through our event will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation to further the cause of cancer research.

NO SMOKING Reminder...

Please be reminded that **smoking is Not Permitted Anywhere on School Board Property at Anytime.**



UMBRELLA DAYCARE

For inquiries regarding our before and after school care program, administered by the Umbrella Daycare program, please contact them at: **905-312-9836**



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Cam Galindo and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 9 and 10.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our wards.

I can be reached by email at cgalind@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-515-2563.



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Carole Paikin Miller and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 5.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our ward.

I can be reached by email at cpamill@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 365-336-4480.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

"We will be known forever by the tracks that we leave."

~Shannen Koostachin Staff

