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# Shannen Koostachin News – October 2019



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PRINCIPAL: Julie Anderson

VICE-PRINCIPAL: Tricia Nelson

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK..

Thanks to the wonderful Shannen Koostachin community for a great September start up. It has been a busy month with getting organized and settled into our new school and classrooms. I want to send a great big thank you to every parent, guardian, student and staff member for working so hard to make the start of the school year amazing and pulling together to be flexible and supportive when faced with the challenges of construction delays. I have been truly inspired by my staff as well as many parents who have been sending me messages of thanks and appreciation.

October brings your child's first report– the Progress Report. All students K-8 will receive a report on progress to date on Oct. 29th. All parents/guardians will also have an opportunity to meet with teachers in November to review this progress. Please take the time to review your child's progress report and set goals for the coming year. If you have any questions at any time please feel free to connect with your child's teacher– together we will work hard to support your children learn and grow.

October also brings many school events including craft club, Gr. 3-8 cross– country meet as well as our Picture Day. Remember to check out our website and hit the subscribe button to get reminder emails about the event happening around the school!

Have a wonderful October!

Mrs. Anderson

Principal

### OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct. 1-4– Scholastic Book Fair (library)
- Oct. 3– Meet the Teach BBQ (5:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 7– Cross Country Meet at Christie Conservation Area (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
- Oct. 14– Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
- Oct. 21– School Council Meeting (6:30 p.m. in the library/learning commons)
- Oct. 23– Picture Day
- Oct. 25– Celebration Assembly (9:45– 10:45 a.m. in the gymnasium)
- Oct. 28– Grade 4 Trip to Ruthven Park
- Oct. 28/29– Public Health Dental Screening (JK, SK, Grade 2)
- Oct. 29– Progress Reports Come Home
- Oct. 31– Halloween Activity Day

Craft Club Dates: Oct. 7th, 15th, 22nd, 29th (8:00– 9:15 a.m.– art room)  
Swim Practice Dates: Oct. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th (8:00– 9:00 a.m.)  
Flag Football Games: Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (4:00– 5:00 p.m.)

#### Dates Ahead:

- Nov. 5– Grade 3 Trip to Redhill Orthodontics
- Nov. 8– PA Day (No School) Parent/Teacher Conferences



To keep current on upcoming school events, check out our School Website and Calendar [www.hwdsb.on.ca/shannenkoostachin/events](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/shannenkoostachin/events) regularly!



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### What is School Council?

School Council is an important part of Shannen Koostachin Elementary. It provides a forum through which members can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance. Our council is made up of elected parents and Principal Julie Anderson.

Working in an advisory capacity, we provide input and make recommendations to the school Principal on a wide range of topics. Examples of areas that may require consultation with School Council includes provincial test results, student code of conduct and parental involvement, and student safety.

### How to Get Involved:

If you are interested in attending our monthly School Council meetings please email [shannenkoostachinSC@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:shannenkoostachinSC@hwdsb.on.ca)

*Thank you to all parents and guardians who came out to the school to vote for our school council. We are pleased to announce the following parents/guardians who have been voted in for the 2019-2020 school year:*

- Chair/Co-Chair-** Chantal La Duke
- Chair/Co-Chair-** Cassandra Grant
- Treasurer-** Kaity Vowels
- Secretary-** Farwa Bashir



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

**Monday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons/Library.**

## Sports Desk

We are off to a fantastic start with athletics here at Shannen Koostachin! Our Grade 5 & 6 Flag Football team has been working hard to prepare for their season. They have been learning plays, pulling flags and scoring touchdowns. The season begins Oct. 2 and will continue every Wednesday after school. The season will wrap up with a celebration at Tim Hortons Field on Nov. 12. Our Cross Country team has also been working hard to get ready for the upcoming meet on October 7 at Christie Conservation Area. The team consists of 54 athletes across Grades 3 to 8. We are looking forward to cheering them on soon. Finally, our Senior Girls and Senior Boys' Volleyball teams are preparing for their season start. The schedules have been posted on the board website under athletics. Great job to all of our athletes. Go Kodiaks!



## Reminders...



### 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. **Notes must include the date and parent's signature. 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!

#### Smoking is

#### Prohibited



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

## Shannen Koostachin Terry Fox School Run 2019

This year our school was proud to take part in our first annual Terry Fox Run for cancer research. Terry never gave up – and neither will we. Although we hosted our first run on a smaller scale, we still raised over \$615. Next year’s run will be bigger and better!

You can still donate at any time before February 2020 to our school total. We hope you will support us by donating at:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ShannenKoostachinESStoneyCreek>



Thursday,  
October 3, 2019



5:30 - 7:30 pm

### MEET THE STAFF BBQ and OPEN HOUSE!

Check out our Scholastic Book Fair in our new Library! (purchases can be made through debit, credit or cash)



#### Kelsey's BBQ Items/ Prices:

- Hamburger- \$3.00
- Veggie Burger- \$3.00
- Hotdog- \$2.00
- Water/Pop- \$1.00
- (CASH ONLY BBQ)



Please purchase BBQ tickets on the playground during the OPEN HOUSE

# HALLOWEEN PARADE



### Halloween Funtastic Agenda:

**Kindergarten-** Costume Parade over to the park at 9:45 a.m.

**Grade 1-5-** Parade over to the park after the Kindergarten classes have come back inside the school.

**Grade 6-8-** Halloween Dance (during Periods 5 &6) if our gym is ready, with a back up plan of Halloween activity rotation.

Parties/celebrations in rooms as determined by the teachers/ divisions.



*“We will be known forever by the tracks that we leave.”*

~Shannen Koostachin Staff

