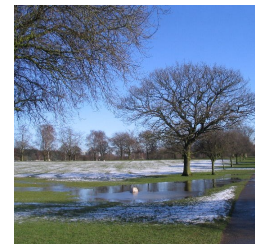




Shannen Koostachin
KODIAKS

Shannen Koostachin News – March 2020



Shannen Koostachin Elementary School

110 BELLAGIO AVENUE
HANNON, ON LOR 1P0
TEL: 289.768.2755
FAX: 905.692.9880

EMAIL: shannenkoostachin@hwdsb.on.ca

www.hwdsb.on.ca/shannenkoostachin

PRINCIPAL: Julie Anderson (@SHANNEN_HWDSB)

VICE-PRINCIPAL: Tricia Nelson (@VPnelson_hwdsb)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ...

Welcome March!

At the time of writing, I am happy to report that we continue to see the completion of various finishing touches to our wonderful new school. We have a beautiful new trophy case in our main hall that has been recently filled with information to honour Shannen Koostachin. We continue to add new books to our library collection every week through various grants and supports. There are wonderful new room signs with staff names added as well as clocks in our hallways. You may have also noticed that our sign out front is now fully operational with our logo and messages changing weekly. Lastly, we are looking forward to seeing our Kodiak added throughout the gym in the coming days. Unfortunately, at this time we are still awaiting the projection/sound system to be completed and installed in the gym on the stage. As I am unable to provide a final date of completion for this project, all assemblies will continue to be booked tentatively at this time. I know and understand how important it is to celebrate as a community in the gym, and will plan to have an assembly open to parents/guardians as soon as we are able. Please continue to read the newsletter and check the monthly council minutes for my construction updates.

Some of you may have received a letter about our parking lot in the last week of February. This letter was handed out to cars around the school and is also posted on the school website. As indicated, the parking lot will be closed off to parent and student use at entry and dismissal in the coming days. In order to support safe entry to the playground, facilities will be opening up a pathway to the school off of Keystone Crescent while the back of the school is still under construction. We encourage you to use the sidewalks to enter the school playground or FDK area off of Bellagio or Keystone each day. Thank you all for your support in putting student safety as our number one priority.

March brings our school photographer back into the school to photograph all Grade 8 students for graduation. Please be sure to get your money in for your Grade 8 Graduation Class Composite on the day of photos– March 25th ! A letter will come home shortly outlining all of the instructions for Graduation Photos.

Save the date- Grade 8 Graduation this year will be on June 18th. Please watch for more information to come out after March break regarding Grade 8 Graduation.

Just a reminder that March Break runs from March 16th to March 20th this year. I hope you are able to relax and enjoy your week with family and friends. As always, please reach out to me at the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful March.

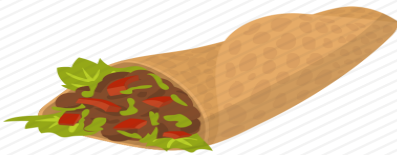
- Mrs. Anderson

MARCH EVENTS

- Ongoing — Registration for Fall 2020 Junior Kindergarten
- March 6 — P.A. Day—no school
- March 8 — Daylight Savings begins—set clock forward 1 hour
- March 11 — School Bus Safety Presentations for students
- March 16-20 MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL
- March 19 — First day of Spring!
- March 25— Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- March 27 — March Celebration Assembly tentative date
- June 18 — Save the date—Grade 8 Graduation

PIZZA DAYS

March 2, 9, 23 & 30



PITA DAYS

March 12 & 26



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

Please continue to check the Shannen Koostachin website and follow [Mrs. Anderson on Twitter @SHANNEN_HWDSB](#) or [Mrs. Nelson @VPnelson_hwdsb](#) for upcoming events and special occasions throughout the year!

Smoking is
Prohibited



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

School Council (an open invitation)

We are Always looking for Extra Help!

How to Get Involved:

If you are interested in attending our monthly School Council meetings or are able to lend a hand please

email: shannenkoostachinSC@hwdsb.on.ca

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

***Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Learning Commons/Library.***



JUST FOR FUN!

Q. How do bees get to school?

A. By school buzz...

Q. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

A. Because his students were so bright!

Q. Why did the computer sneeze?

A. It had a virus.



Cars idling around schools are a risk to your child's health!

Car exhaust is especially harmful to children's lungs because they are still developing. Children's height puts them closer to the height of car exhaust pipes. Some things to think about:

*Do we have enough anti-idling signs installed around the school? Get free anti-idling signs by contacting Shelley.Rogers@Hamilton.ca

*Do we need to organize volunteers, such as students, to educate idling drivers?

*Do we need to put more reminders in school newsletters?

The City of Hamilton has an anti-idling by-law. Cars are not permitted to idle for more than 3 minutes per hour when the temperature is between 5°C and 27°C. Please do your part to keep our children safe and don't idle your car around the school, or even better, fight climate change and walk or wheel to school!



Our Parking Lot



A reminder that our school grounds are open from 9:15 until 9:30 when our instructional bell rings. Teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants are ready to assist and support students during this time. 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!

MY FAVOURITE CHILDREN'S BOOK

THE TALE OF
PETER RABBIT

My favourite childhood book is Beatrix Potter's PETER RABBIT.



BEATRIX POTTER
The original and authorized edition

I loved looking at the beautiful illustrations as well reading about how mischievous Peter Rabbit was! I loved reading all the books by Beatrix Potter, she has so many books about animals and their curious

lives! Now my children also love Peter Rabbit.

It was very hard to just choose one book, because I love reading. I especially enjoy reading in the summer by my pool!

~Submitted by Mrs. T. Nelson

LOOKING FOR SOME WINTER FUN?

- * Play board games
- * Go tobogganing
- * Skate inside or outside
- * Take a hike!
- * Write a letter and mail it
- * Visit the Public Library
- * Go swimming
- * Visit the Art Gallery of Hamilton—(free the first Friday of each month)
- * Go bowling
- * Bake cookies
- * Play card games



Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

coloringpage.eu

MARCH 17

Allergy Aware 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!

Attention Families!

Do you have a drum kit that you'd like to see re-homed? The Music Department is looking for a kit to enrich the program and give our students the opportunity to experience percussion beyond snare and base. If you have a kit you'd like to donate, please contact Mrs. MacNeill.



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

~Shannen Koostachin Staff



We love our new school and we are grateful to our caretaking staff for clearing the walkways of snow, taking care of spills during the school day and keeping our classrooms clean.

Thank you Mr. Denman, Head Caretaker and your staff—Mr. Francella, Ms. Fisher and Ms. McIntosh for all the work that you do at Shannen Koostachin School!



Is your child leaving early for an appointment?

Please notify us of this by sending a note to school with your child or writing a short note in your child's agenda.

You can also report this on School Messenger or via a phone call to the office.

Thank you!



REMINDER!

Now is the time to sign up for summer camps!

SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE REPORTING SYSTEM

At HWDSB, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all students safely arrive at school every day.

SafeArrival, a student absence reporting system, makes it very easy for families to report student absences. It also allows school staff to respond quickly and thoroughly to all unexplained absences.

Our goal is to continue to have all absences explained and all student accounted for each day, knowing that they are all safe.

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

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.

1. 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.



Call the toll-free number **1-844-506-4350** to report an absence using the automated phone system. These options are available 24 hours/day, seven days a week. You can report a future absence any time.

In addition, we will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose elementary school child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents multiple times until parents confirm and explain the absence. If this system cannot reach the designated contacts, elementary school office staff will follow up.

If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.

If you report your child's absence in advance using either the SafeArrival toll-free number, the website or the mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.