



Shannen Koostachin
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SHANNEN KOOSTACHIN NEWS!
January, 2024 Edition



Shannen Koostachin Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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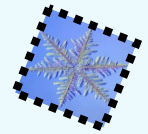
Principal: T. Nelson

Vice-Principal: L. van der Put

Assisting Vice-Principal: A. Ricci

Dear Shannen Koostachin Community,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year!



We hope that you had a wonderful holiday and were able to spend some time enjoying your family and friends. We were so happy to see so many families enjoying our student Winter Wonderland concert and welcoming everyone into our building. We thank all the students and staff for their work in putting this all together for you to enjoy.

Our student leaders were busy in December with many fundraising events, including our Food Drive where we were able to donate over 2000 items to the local Food Bank, which we know would have supported many families through the holiday season and beyond. We are now running a used clothing drive to support the Kidney Foundation, which students took information home about in December. Thank you to our wonderful staff and student leaders for organizing these events to support local foundations.

January brings many days of cold weather. Please be aware that students will continue to head outside to play and must wear appropriate clothing for winter play! As always, I will make decisions day to day based on extreme cold (-15 without or -20 with wind chill) and/or unsafe conditions to keep students inside at break.

A reminder that our school is currently in a Boundary Review process and we will be having some further meetings at our school regarding this process. Please continue to check your emails and letters that come home regarding communication around this process. We also have a section on our Website titled "Boundary Review updates," where you can find further information.

Please continue to check on our school website, your school-provided email, and your child's classroom notifications around important events, updates, and information. Communication is so important to support you and your child(ren) so please always reach out to us with questions, concerns, or suggestions as we continue to work together as a community.

Have a wonderful January and all the best in 2024!

Kind Regards,

Tricia Nelson
Principal



Jan. 8-19- Kidney Clothing Drive

Jan. 10- Basketball Games at Lawfield School (4:30-6:30 pm) Sr. Boys then Sr. Girls

Jan. 15- Basketball Games at Shannen Koostachin (4:15-6:15 pm) Girls then Boys (vs. Gatestone School)

Jan. 16 & 17- Public Health Dental Screening (JK, SK, Gr. 2, Gr. 7)

Jan. 17- Basketball Game (4:15-5:15 pm) Girls vs. Ray Lewis School

Jan. 18- Boundary Review Meeting (6:00 pm) in Shannen Koostachin Gymnasium

Jan. 22- Basketball Game (4:15-5:15 pm) Boys vs. Mount Albion School

Jan. 23- Boundary Review Meeting (6:00 pm) in Shannen Koostachin Gymnasium

Jan. 24- Basketball Games (4:15-6:15 pm) Boys then Girls (vs. Bellmoore School)

Jan. 25- Celebration Assembly- (9:30-10:30 am) for Students Only

Jan. 26- PA Day (No School)

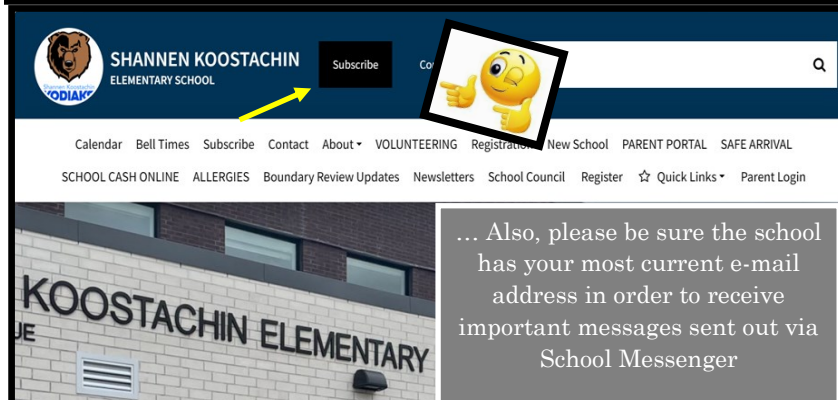
Jan. 27- Family Literacy Day

Jan. 31- Basketball Games at Ray Lewis School (4:30-6:30 pm)

(Don't Forget to hit **Subscribe** to our Webpage!)

www.hwdsb.on.ca/shannenkoostachin

Updates Posted Regularly



... Also, please be sure the school has your most current e-mail address in order to receive important messages sent out via School Messenger

PIZZA DAYS



EVERY WEDNESDAY for those who ordered:
Jan. 10th, Jan. 17th, Jan. 24th

COOKIE DAYS

EVERY FRIDAY for those who ordered:
Jan. 19th



CHOIR & BAND PRACTICE

CHOIR (Rehearsals in Library)

Primary Choir– Rotary Days 4 (2nd NB)

Jr./Intermediate Choir– Rotary Days 3 (1st NB)

JR. BAND PRACTICE (every Thursday from 8:15-9:15 a.m.)

Jan. 11

Jan. 18

Jan. 25

EDUCATION IS OUR
PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE,
FOR TOMORROW BELONGS
ONLY TO THE PEOPLE WHO
PREPARE FOR IT TODAY.

—Malcolm X



ENTRY/Classes Begin	9:30 a.m.
Period 1	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Period 2	10:30-11:10 a.m.
First Nutrition Break	11:10-11:50 a.m.
Period 3	11:50- 12:40 p.m.
Period 4	12:40-1:30 p.m.
Second Nutrition Break	1:30-2:10 p.m.
Period 5	2:10-3:10 p.m.
Period 6	3:10-3:50 p.m.
DISMISSAL	3:50 p.m.



KIDNEY CLOTHING DRIVE

RUNNING FROM:

MONDAY, JANUARY 8– FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH!

Shannen Koostachin is **PLEASED** to Participate in This Year's CLOTHING DRIVE for the KIDNEY FOUNDATION!

If your drawers are overflowing and your closets are in chaos, it might be time to consider donating to Kidney Clothes. We invite you to donate all clothing (from the socks on your feet to the hat on your head!) and cloth-based items such as footwear, outerwear and linens. We also accept small household goods like kitchenware, knickknacks, games and toys, tools, sportswear and more. Clothing will be accepted in your child's classroom until Friday, January 19th.

Tattered and torn?

Can't be worn?

Things you won't wear?

We don't care!

Give us your ugly.



Give us your old.

Give us what can't be sold!

Got one shoe?

Here's what to do!

Don't dispose...

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Donate to Kidney Clothes!



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

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Monday, February 5th– 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8th– 6:00 p.m.

(In our Learning Commons/Library)



*If parents have any questions or ideas
regarding the schools/students
educational and developmental needs
please email:*

shannenkoostachinSC@hwdsb.on.ca

STUDENT ILLNESS REMINDER...

Cold and flu season is upon us. Please use the Ministry of Health's up-to-date Self Assessment Screener tool if you are unwell or have been unwell. Following the screening steps and answering the questions will determine whether or not your child should be attending school, and when they are able to return.

<https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment>

COVID-19 self-assessment result

November 30, 2023 at 4:16 p.m.

Based on your answers, you **should stay home (self-isolate)**.

Stay home while you are sick to prevent transmission to others, except for testing or medical care if required.

You should stay home (self-isolate) until:

- your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea) **and**
- you do not have a fever **and**
- you do not develop any additional symptoms

These are general guidelines.

Wear a mask in crowded indoor public settings

All individuals are advised to wear a mask in crowded indoor public spaces, especially those at higher risk.

A Friendly Reminder...

During these messy winter months it is strongly encouraged that students bring clean, dry running shoes to school for gym class. This is especially important when it comes to the safety and care of our students, staff, and school. Thank you for your assistance!

Also, while our amazing custodial staff are diligent about salting icy school grounds, sidewalks, and driveways, we would like to remind our community to please be aware of icy conditions, take care when walking, and try avoid these areas at all possibilities. Safety is our priority at Shannen Koostachin!



January

is National Clean Up Your Computer Month and National Hot Tea Month!

PEANUT AND NUT SAFE SCHOOL

This year we have 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.

