



Shannen Koostachin
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SHANNEN KOOSTACHIN NEWS!

March, 2024 Edition



Shannen Koostachin Elementary School

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Dear Shannen Koostachin Community,

We have had a busy month, this past February. We enjoyed celebrating Valentines Day, with many candy-grams being sent! We have been learning and deepening our understanding with Black History Month. We also had a visit from the Director of Education for HWDSB Sheryl Robinson-Petrazzini, who enjoyed touring the school, visiting classes and seeing how we are embracing the new Multi Year Strategic Plan and the tag line "BE YOU. BE EXCELLENT."

You can read more about the school boards Multi Year strategic plan at:
<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/multi-year-strategic-plan/>

Here is a quick overview:



The Boards Vision for the next five years at HWDSB is: Growing Together.

The Boards Multi-Year Strategic Plan is rooted in a powerful new Mission:

To ensure every student experiences a sense of belonging and engages in dynamic learning to reach their potential and build their own future.

The plan's Mission is underpinned by HWDSB's new guiding Values: Compassion, Dignity, Trust and Joy.

The five new Strategic Directions:

1. Upholding Human Rights, Safety & Well-Being
2. Providing Equitable Quality Education
3. Collaborating with Students, Families & Communities
4. Building a Sustainable Education System
5. Reinforcing Indigenous Educational Wellness & Reconciliation

I would also like to continue to remind families to ensure their child(ren) are on time for school to set their learning day on the path to success. If your child(ren) are going to be late or absent, please continue to use the parent portal to report this absence.

We look forward to seeing what this month brings, we hope you all have a wonderful March Break and we will see everyone back on March 18th, 2024.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Nelson – Principal

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

curiosity.

creativity.

possibility.

HWDSB



(Don't Forget to hit **Subscribe** to our Webpage and **turn ON** Notifications for School Cash Online!)
www.hwdsb.on.ca/shannenkoostachin

Mar. 1- Cookie Day

Mar. 5 – Grade 8 Graduation Picture Retake Day

Mar. 6- Pizza Day

Mar. 8- Pajama Day!

Mar. 8- Cookie Day

Mar. 8– International Women's Day

Mar. 10– Daylight Savings Begins (Clocks Move Forward 1 hr)

Mar. 11-15- MARCH BREAK– NO SCHOOL!

Mar. 20– Pizza Day

Mar. 21– International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Mar. 22– Cookie Day

Mar. 22– World Water Day

Mar. 27- Pizza Day

Mar. 28– Dress as Book Character Day!

Mar. 28- Panzeroli Day

Mar. 28– Monthly Celebration Assembly- (9:30-10:30 am) for Students Only

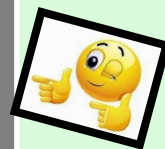
Mar. 29– Good Friday

Mar. 31– Transgender Day of Visibility

Mar. 31– Indigenous Languages Day



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



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.



Class Trip Days

Mar. 4– Grade 8 OFSAA Trip to Saltfleet (9:30-1:30 pm)

Mar. 4– Gr. 1 & 1/2 Trip to Warplane Heritage Museum (10:00-2:00 pm)

Mar. 5- Grade 7 OFSAA Trip to Saltfleet (9:30-1:30 pm)

Mar. 8- Valley Park Band Performance (10:30-12:30 pm)

COOKIE DAYS



EVERY FRIDAY
March 1st, 8th, 22nd

PIZZA DAYS



EVERY WEDNESDAY
March 6th, 20th, 27th

FOOD DAYS

...FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED



PANZEROLI DAY



Thursday, March 28th



To my Shannen Koostachin Peeps,

It has been an absolute pleasure to have served the Shannen Koostachin community over the past 3 years.

Staff - thank you to each one of you for bringing your very best selves to the important work you do everyday. We have undertaken challenges together navigating the pandemic and coming through to the other side more resilient and more focused than ever on well-being and literacy and numeracy achievement for every student. Continue to show compassion towards others and most of all for yourselves as you continue to adapt to the changes in Education. Don't forget to make time for laughter and joy with each other and with your students!

Families – thank you for sending your very best children to the Shannen Koostachin community. I have collaborated with many of you as you navigate the ups and downs of parenting. Continue to embrace the support of the amazing Shannen Koostachin staff who also want the very best for your children. If you have some time, please

connect with members of School Council to find ways you can be more involved to ensure Shannen Koostachin continues to be a 'safe and comfy school' for all who pass through its doors.

Students – you are *THE* reason why I chose this profession in the first place. I love you all. There have been many times when VP van der Put moved quickly through the hallways, her mind juggling many tasks, when she's greeted by a student with a quiet, "Hello", a funny joke or an invitation to show work that brings that student a great amount of pride. Whether you're in-person or on-line, always, always, always, be kind to each another.

Friday March 9th will be my last day as Vice Principal with the Shannen Koostachin team. After the March Break, I will continue my work at Winona and Tapleytown Elementary Schools. I trust you will make Mr. Chris Hollingsworth feel welcome as he steps into the VP role March 18th.

Love to all,

Louise

#2024Greatbigcrunch

Our school's Healthy Action Team has secured enough apples for our whole school to participate in the Great Big Crunch, a healthy eating initiative for students on March 7th!

The idea behind the initiative is to promote and make noise for healthy eating in schools by having students biting into apples at the same time.

On March 7th, our Kindergarten- Grade 8 classes will be invited to the gym where we will have a count down and everyone will bite into their apples at the same time.

If you'd like to explore any resources or activities with your children, please view the link below.

[Great Big Crunch | Coalition for Healthy School Food | Canada](#)

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SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to thank Kosco Flooring for their very generous donation of a red carpet to support our future school events!



PRACTICES



Junior Boys Basketball Practices:

8:00-9:15 am

March 5, 7, 19, 21, 26, 28

JR. BAND PRACTICE (Music Room)

(Every Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 a.m.)

March 6, 20, 27



(with Ms. Ngo)

8:15-9:15 am

March 5, 7, 19, 21, 26, 28



(with Mrs. Dore)

8:25-9:25 am

March 5 & 6



FUN IDEAS TO KEEP BUSY



- Play board games
- Indoor Skating
- Take a Hike
- Write a Letter and Mail it!
- Visit the Public Library
- Go Indoor Swimming
- Go to a Movie
- Go Bowling
- Bake or Cook a Recipe
- Read a Good Book



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, are able to lend a hand, or have any questions or ideas please email: shannenkoostachinSC@hwsb.on.ca

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Monday, April 8th– 6:00 p.m.

(In our Learning Commons/Library)

