



Shannen Koostachin
KODIAKS

SHANNEN KOOSTACHIN NEWS!

April, 2024 Edition

Shannen Koostachin Elementary School

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From the Principal's Desk ...



Hello Shannen Koostachin Families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome back all Kodiak students and their families from March Break and now the Easter long weekend. We hope that everyone was refreshed and ready for a busy Spring season at Shannen Koostachin Public School. We welcomed our new Vice Principal Chris Hollingsworth (check out his section!) and he has settled into the Kodiak spirit very quick! There are many exciting events planned for the weeks ahead, which include: our Spring Fling dance, some special dress up days, School Council Meeting, and more. As a reminder the school is closed to students on April 8th for a teacher professional learning day as well as the solar eclipse – check out your child's backpack for some cool protective glasses!

We have so many ways to celebrate the wonderful creative learning that is always in progress at Shannen Koostachin! As we are into the final part for this academic school year, we challenge each and every student to make the most of every day and really take the time to enjoy the learning process, take risks and try something new every day! Parents are encouraged to connect with your child's teachers to follow-up on any goals that were set during interviews in the fall. As always, I am pleased to meet with parents who wish to discuss their child's academic, social, or emotional progress.

Kind Regards
Tricia Nelson
Principal



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Apr. 1- HOLIDAY (EASTER MONDAY!)

Apr. 2 – World Autism Awareness Day



Apr. 2- Grade 7 Immunizations (Round 2)

Apr. 2- Senior Kindergarten Vision Screening

Apr. 3- Pizza Day

Apr. 3– Jr. Boys Basketball Game– Home (vs. Mount Albion) 4:15-5:15pm

Apr. 4– Jr. Girls Basketball Game– Home (vs. Highview) 4:15-5:15pm

Apr. 8- PA DAY– NO SCHOOL! (REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES!!)

Apr. 10– Pizza Day

Apr. 12– “When I Grow Up” Spirit Day! (dress as your future job)

Apr. 15– 4th School Council Meeting– 6 pm

Apr. 15– Junior Basketball Games at Ray Lewis (boys first then girls) 4:30-6:30pm

Apr. 17-19- BANDFEST at Sherwood Secondary School

Apr.17– Pizza Day

Apr. 17- Junior Basketball Home Games (girls first then boys)

Apr. 22– EARTH DAY & LITTERLESS LUNCH DAY



Apr. 24– Pizza Day

Apr. 24– Grade 6 Trip to Warplane Heritage Museum

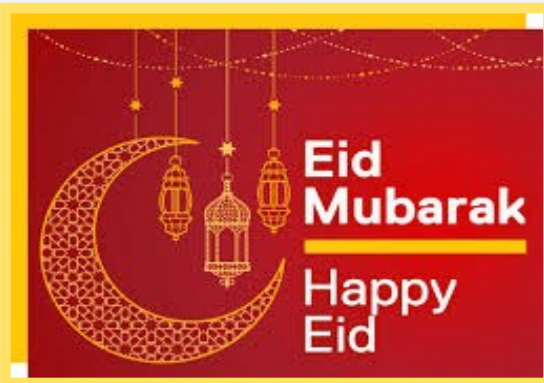
Apr. 26– Superhero Day! (dress as your favorite Superhero)

Apr. 26- Monthly Celebration Assembly- (9:30-10:30am) for Students Only

Apr. 30– Swim Team Meet at Jimmy Thompson Pool (1:00-3:30pm)

Bell Times

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.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

**WHOLE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE!**



Thursday, May 9th
5:30pm-7:30pm

PIZZA DAYS ...FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED



EVERY WEDNESDAY
April 3, 10, 17, 24

Welcome Mr. Chris Hollingsworth!

Hello Shannen Koostachin community. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Chris Hollingsworth. I am the new Vice Principal and I'm very excited to be at Shannen Koostachin.

I have been in education for 28 years as a teacher and administrator in the Toronto District School Board.

Having lived in Burlington for the past 20 years it was time to move a little closer to home. During the past 2 weeks I have had the opportunity to meet many of the students and parents, and look forward to meeting many more in the days and weeks to come.

Chris Hollingsworth
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Very Important Reminders:

PARKING

In order to keep all students, families and staff safe, we ask that you review the parking and drop-off/pick-up guidelines below:

- * **DO NOT ENTER** the main lane in front of the school. This is considered a fire lane and for BUSES ONLY at drop-off (9:00am–9:45am) and pick-up (3:30pm–4:20pm) times. (Pylons will be placed in the lanes to ensure safety)
- * If entering (outside drop-off and pick-up times) please follow the arrows if using the lane at the front of the building. **Please do not enter through the NO ENTRY sign near the Daycare.**
- * The designated parking lot is for **STAFF ONLY**. There is parking along the streets around the school for parents. Read signs posted to ensure you are parking legally.
- * Please remember that Accessible parking (at the side) is reserved for individuals with the appropriate permit. These spots are not to be used for idling or for brief stops. Under no circumstance should cars without the accessible parking permit use these spots. Please be respectful and model this when picking up your child/children.
- * Please be patient, at drop-off and pick-up as this can take 10-15 minutes depending on the weather. A reminder that our school grounds are open from 9:15am until 9:30am when our instructional bell rings. 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.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

We are writing again to all children’s families to emphasize the importance of being at school on time and ensuring that students are receiving the required number of educational hours per day. There have been numerous incidents of some families routinely arriving at school past 9:30am or later and collecting their children very early before our end time of 3:50pm.

School starts at 9:30am every day. Children need to be in their class line at 9:30am so that they can start their lessons promptly.

Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to re explain work.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child’s own learning and that of others. We are required to monitor children’s punctuality and attendance.

On-going lateness is monitored by the school office and other agencies which have a duty to investigate further. We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances which can be documented through the parent portal. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child is reaching their full educational journey by bringing and picking up your child on time.



FAMILY CARNIVAL

CELEBRATE THE AUTISM COMMUNITY

FREE! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

APRIL 27TH, 2024
10:30 AM-2:30 PM
HWDSB EDUCATION CENTRE
20 EDUCATION COURT

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HWDSB EDUCATION CENTRE
20 EDUCATION COURT

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Let's Make A Splash

★ SENIOR SWIM TEAM! ★
★ 8:00-9:00AM ★
★ VALLEY PARK ★
★ April 4, 11, 25 ★



PRACTICES

Junior Boys Basketball Practices:

8:00-9:15am

April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 23, 25



JR. BAND PRACTICE (Music Room)

(Every Wednesday from 8:15-9:15am)

April 3, 10, 17, 24

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@hwdsb.on.ca

UPCOMING MEETING DATE: Monday, April 15th– 6:00pm
(In our Learning Commons/Library)



What should I do if my child is sick?

You have options:

- Call your Family Doctor or Primary Care Team
- Visit a local Urgent Care Centre
- Visit UrgentCareOntario.ca for a virtual urgent care appointment
- Speak with a registered nurse 24/7 by calling 8-1-1

Visit the Emergency Department if your child is:

- Having trouble breathing
- Not drinking well or is showing signs of dehydration
- Becoming unresponsive or persistently irritable
- Breathing too fast or working hard to catch their breath when not coughing
- Older than three months and has had a fever for more than five days
- Younger than three months with a fever



Scan the QR code above to get health tips on dealing with colds, flu, fevers and more.



How to care for your child at home if they are breathing normally and have mild symptoms:

- Ibuprofen (i.e. Motrin, Advil) or acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol, Tempra) can be used to help your child be more comfortable while they are recovering.
- A small spoon of honey to soothe coughing or a sore throat if they are older than one year.
- Wash everyone's hands thoroughly and often to help prevent spread.



Learn more about viral season to help prevent the spread of colds and viruses:

- Make sure everyone in your household is up-to-date with vaccines for flu, COVID, and other preventable illnesses per Ontario's immunization schedule.
- Wash hands thoroughly and often.
- Consider wearing masks in crowded indoor spaces.
- Stay home if you're sick.



REMINDER

Emergency departments are for patients who are seriously ill. If you think your child is experiencing a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 right away.

