Community Weekly Time Lion Hear us Roar

October 23 - 27



Monday, October 23	Day 5	
Tuesday, October 24	Day 1	• 10:15 Lockdown Drill
Wednesday, October 25	Day 2	 ROAR Assembly (Respect, Openhearted, Academics, Responsibility)
Thursday, October 26	Day 3	Open House5-6:30PM
Friday, October 27	Day 4	

- November 13 Progress Reports go Home
- November 16 & 17 Parent, Caregiver, and Guardian Interviews

Open House

Thursday, October 26. 5PM – 6:30PM

We are looking forward to meeting with our families at our fall Open House on Thursday, October 26 from 5:00PM to 6:30PM.

Families will have the opportunity to visit with their child's classroom teacher and check out some valuable activities and information or purchase items and treats in our gymnasium





Lockdown Drill

A lockdown is defined by police as the restriction of movement during the time of a potentially serious violent threat or violent incident that would endanger the lives of students and staff.

A lockdown is used when there is a major incident or threat within the school or in relation to the school. The threat is inside the school, or is on school property. All movement with the school and into and out of the school is restricted. Police notify the school when a lockdown has ended. Students have the responsibility to be familiar with the plan and quickly respond to staff directions during a crisis situation. Students will practice two lockdown drills each school year.

On Tuesday, October 24 students will practice a lockdown drill in their classrooms with their teacher. The Principal or Vice Principal will announce that the lockdown drill has begun and provide further instructions for students and staff.

You can also learn more about HWDSB's secure schools' protocol at https://hwdsb.info/secureschools

Media Consent & Student Verification Forms on Parent Portal Please Complete

If you have not yet completed your child's Media Consent and Student Verification Form in our Parent Portal, we ask families please have this completed as soon as possible. If you are not able to complete the form in the portal, please contact our main office for assistance

Please complete the media consent form by October 24th

We appreciate your support here.

Fall Festivities October 31st

We appreciate that some of our student community will want to celebrate Halloween or fall festivities at school on Tuesday, October 31st. We also appreciate that some students may not wish to participate in these activities. The choice will be respected and activities planned in class will not interfere with your child's schooling.

Students wishing to celebrate fall festivities or Halloween on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at school are welcome to wear costumes. Students can wear costumes to school as per prior years practice (e.g., no cultural appropriation, no offensive and insensitive costumes, no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images, etc.).

Costumes that are based on people's culture are offensive, harmful and insensitive. The following are suggested questions, to reflect on when choosing a costume to avoid being disrespectful or offensive.

- Is my costume making fun of a group of people, their culture, religion and/or belief systems?
- Does my costume reinforce jokes and stereotypes about certain groups, cultures, religions and/or belief systems?
- Am I altering my skin colour, facial/body features to make it like a particular race, ethnicity, or cultural group?
- Am I dressing up as a culture or borrowing from a religion that is not my own or is not part of my background?

We ask families do not send in food items on this day due to many allergy conditions in our building. There are alternative items (e.g., pencils, fun erasers, stickers) should you feel the need to share a Halloween treat with your child's class. Classrooms may be planning celebrations in which students can bring their own treat items. Your child's homeroom teacher will communicate this information.