

## Community Weekly Time Lion

Hear us Roar

Oct. 30 - Nov. 3



Monday, October 30	Day 2	
Tuesday, October 31	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fall Festivities may occur in classrooms or across divisions – teacher discretion of class needs and interests (See community message in document below)</li></ul>
Wednesday, November 1	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 7&amp;8 Vaccinations</li><li>• Senior Girls V-ball game</li></ul>
Thursday, November 2	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senior Boys V-ball game</li></ul>
Friday, November 3	Day 1	

- November 13 Progress Reports go Home
- November 16 & 17 Parent, Caregiver, and Guardian Interviews  
*(Sign up Times electronically will be shared in the upcoming week)*
- November 17 PA Day No School

### Important Community Updates

#### **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.

## Parent/Caregiver/Guardian & Teacher Conferences

Parents/Caregivers/Guardians will have the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher in person this year to discuss their child's progress and next steps on either November 16<sup>th</sup> in the evening or November 17<sup>th</sup> during the day. Schedules for parents to sign up for the available times to meet will be posted in the upcoming week. Stay Tuned.

## Fall Festivities October 31<sup>st</sup>

We appreciate that some of our student community will want to celebrate Halloween or fall festivities at school on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### **Celebration Student of the Month across our Classes at the Monthly ROAR Assembly**

Our Grade 4 students (A. Cole's Class) shared various forms of bullying and strategies to help reduce the risk of bullying and how to support a friend in need.

Some of our Grade 8 students (C. Santaguida's Class) shared strategies of how to create a safe class community and explored various forms of bullying and how to support with our intermediate students.

Thank you for sharing!



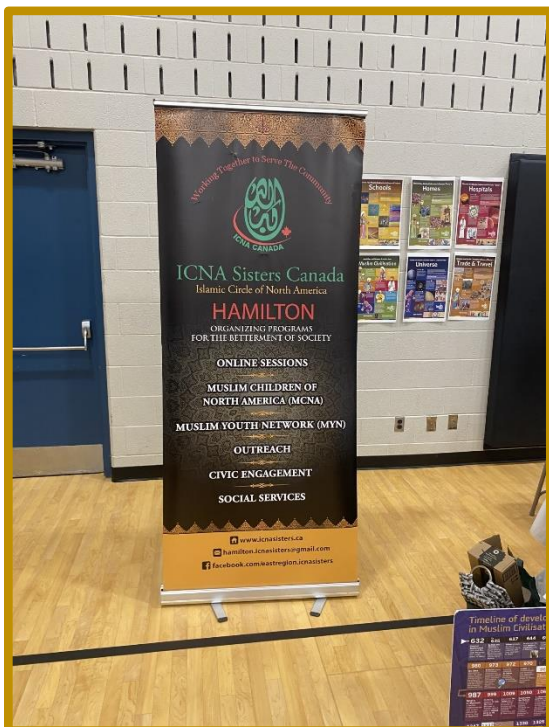
THANK YOU FOR VISITING SWL AND SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL AT  
THE ANNUAL OCTOBER OPEN HOUSE



**HEALTHY ACTION TEAM (HAT) ACTIVITIES WERE A HIT ONCE AGAIN**



# THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR SUPPORTING



THANK YOU, SCHOOL COUNCIL, FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CARE



ENJOYING CLASSROOM VISITS AND READING EXPLORATION

