



THE HOWLER



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Hello South Meadow Students, Caregivers and Community Members!

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I have really enjoyed getting to know the students of South Meadow over the past couple of weeks. What a great group of kids we have here!

Last week, Mrs. Pink, along with her grade 8 class, planned our Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly. After the virtual ceremony, students placed their own poppy they created on two cenotaphs placed on each level of the school. The kids showed immense respect during and after the event. Their Remembrance Day art, as a symbol of their thanks has been displayed throughout the school. Their actions and kind words made me a very proud Principal that day!

I would like to express my gratitude to South Meadow's amazing staff for providing our student's with fantastic academic programming along with opportunities outside of the classroom. Thank you to Mrs. Pickard and Mr. Zanatta for coaching senior basketball.



I am also excited to share that Mrs. Sirianni has started to organize a Student Council for South Meadow students. It is in the planning stages but we're looking at format and how to involve the whole school in planning exciting events for the remainder of the school year. Again, during an initial meeting, our student's kindness emerged as they spoke of doing a food drive ahead of the holiday season. These students fill my heart on a daily basis!

As Progress Reports are going home with students today, if you have questions about your child's classroom program or level of achievement, please connect directly with their teacher through email or by calling the school.

I would like to remind our school community of the HWDSB policy around personal electronic devices (cell phones and tablets). Electronic devices should only be used at school as a learning tool during instructional time upon the invitation of the classroom teacher, otherwise, they should be stored in backpacks. We recognize that these devices can be a huge distraction and derail learning for students. School staff are working with students on the responsible use of their devices.



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Upcoming events:

- Scholastic Book Fair – we are holding an online Bookfair where you can purchase books for your family. This is a fundraiser we are doing as a school to purchase more culturally diverse books for our library. The website will be available beginning Monday, November 22nd and run until December 6th. Books will be delivered to the school and sent home with students. Use this link to shop: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5169771>
- November 26th – PA Day (No school that day)
- November 30th – Picture Day
- School Council – December 1st, 7pm
- Home & School Painting Event – Friday December 3rd (You must RSVP to Home & School for this event through their email SouthMeadowHS@gmail.com, Instagram @SouthMeadowHS or School Council's Facebook page). This is a free event, but you will need to purchase your own supplies from the DollarStore.

COVID Protocols remain in effect at all HWDSB schools. These safety measures help everyone in our community (including those at home) remain safe. Here is a summary of the safety measures at South Meadow;

- Daily Screening – Complete the daily screener to determine if you are safe to come to school but you no longer need to sign off on the calendar log
- Masks – Students and staff need to wear a mask when inside the building and outdoors when physical distancing can not be maintained. Neck gaiters are not allowed by the HWDSB as a replacement for a mask.
- When at school, students learn and remain in their cohort/class for the instructional day. At nutrition breaks, students have designated areas to move and play in. Please remind your student that they must stay in their cohort area during nutrition break.
- Staff and students are asked to physically distance (2metres) themselves as best they can when interacting in classrooms and hallways.
- Each classroom is provisioned with hand sanitizer. Students are asked to sanitize their hands when entering their learning spaces.

Entry & Dismissal:

Cones will be placed at the front entrance to prevent cars from entering between 8:05 and 8:35pm and again at dismissal from 2:35-2:55pm. This is for safety reasons.

The bus loading zone is marked with a sign. Please don't park there or across from the loading zone (there is a fire hydrant there anyways so it shouldn't be blocked). Parking across from the bus loading zone is impeding traffic and making it difficult for buses to pull in and out of that area.

Please consider walking or biking to school if you live close by. This is fun to do and great exercise – a great way to get your steps in! It is recommended to get 10,000 steps a day! If you have a spot on the bus, consider using the bus instead of driving to school.





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Thank you, South Meadow community! My first three weeks have been great!

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Principal



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