



THE HOWLER



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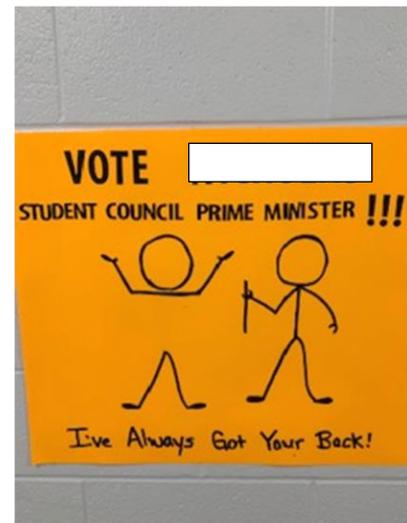
Hello South Meadow Students, Caregivers and Community Members!

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Less than a week until the Winter Break! I hope you will have time to spend with family and friends as well as take some time to relax and unwind.

I wanted to officially welcome our new Vice Principal, Mr. U. Qureshi to South Meadow. We are very excited to have him join our team. He wrote you all a special message I'd like to share with you here:

I would like to take this opportunity to connect with you as the new Vice Principal at South Meadow. I am excited to join this wonderful learning community and support student success with a fantastic school team. I cannot wait to meet everyone! My focus is on how student learning occurs and its impact on achievement to help develop a comprehensive evidence-based plan that is student centered and facilitates student growth. I believe each student has incredible potential and I look forward to celebrating our collective successes. I am delighted to begin a new journey with fantastic educators and look forward to great achievements together!

*In the spirit of possibilities,
Mr. Qureshi*



This week, Mrs. Sirianni is coordinating and leading our students through student council executive elections. Candidates have been making posters, announcements and we will hold a virtual assembly for elections later in the week. Their creativity and wit is coming through on these posters – I just love them!

The Ministry of Education has provided all schools with 5 rapid tests that will be sent home on Wednesday. We will not be demonstrating these in class. They come with instructions for you to use these at home. Staff will ensure these kits go home in backpacks on Wednesday. An information letter from the Board is also attached in this School Messenger communication.

In January, we will be returning to the Daily COVID Screening Verification Log. It will be sent home on Friday and needs to be completed for the first day back in January. Students in grade 7 and 8 can do their screener electronically and show their teacher the green check mark if they have their own



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devices.

Thanks to all who participated in our online Scholastic bookfair. We were able to raise just over \$200 in Scholastic credit that will be used to purchase books for the library. Thank you to School council for helping to organize!

Upcoming events:

- Ugly Sweater Day – Wednesday, December 15th
- Pajama Day – Friday, December 17th

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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<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/southmeadow/>

Hoping you have a safe and happy holiday, all the best to you in 2022!

Mrs. J. Harvey
Principal



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