



THE HOWLER



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Hello South Meadow Students, Caregivers and Community Members!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you are all doing well, be it back here at school or in temporary remote. Thank you for your support during remote learning. We know that it is was a challenging time. We are so happy to have the kids back in the building!

We have had a few staff changes for a variety of reasons. We would like to welcome Mrs. Ritz as our new half time Office Administrator. She works here in the mornings only. We would like to welcome Ms. Fargiorgio to class 5A and we are in the process of hiring for class 4B. Ms. McLean has been covering class 5/6B for the last month as well. All of these positions are temporary and regular staff will be returning.

There are new and exciting initiatives being taken on in the school that we are excited to share with our learning community. The Grade 3/4A class is starting the *Wolves Take Back Mother Earth* initiative. They are promoting litterless lunches and school wide environmentally friendly actions that students can do for the planet. Secondly, your administrative team is in the process of designing some school logo art for our gymnasium (on the mats and below the stage). Lastly, we now have stage lighting and a sound system in the gym.



Artwork by Adelyn B.

We have challenged our students to help develop a creed based around our wolf mascot. We will be doing some activities over the next couple of months to develop a student-centered school creed.

Thank you to those of you who have returned iPads and chargers to the school. We still have a few devices and chargers/cords that need to be returned. We'd like to get these iPads back into the classrooms for student use, please return them to the school as soon as possible.

Upcoming events:

- PA Day – Friday, January 28th, School is closed to students.
- School Council & Home & School Meeting – February 3rd (link for MS Teams meeting will be sent on School Messenger closer to the date)
- Grad Photos and Picture Re-take Day – March 29th



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Teachers are beginning to prepare term one report cards. With all the stops and starts this year, we are sensitive to the impact of these challenges on students this school year. Report cards will continue to focus on the learning that students have been able to demonstrate. The report cards will come home with students on February 18th.

A reminder:

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 and sign off on the verification calendar everyday
- 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.

With the snow and cold weather here, we wish to remind caregivers that students need to come to school with coats, hats, mittens and boots. Please remind your children that snow is to remain on the ground and not be thrown at others. Unfortunately, excess snow was piled onto our back playground and students are not to be climbing up the hill of snow.

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 in the bus loading zone or across from the loading zone (there is a fire hydrant there anyways and 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. Student safety is our paramount concern, your co-operation is needed.

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/>

Love seeing all the students back in the building! Please know that we are here to help. Do not hesitate to reach out to our teachers or the office team with any questions, concerns or compliments!

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