

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Until further notice all extracurricular activities & after school meetings will be cancelled. Monday's Cross Country meet is the one exception. It will go ahead.

"When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time."

Saint Francis de Sales

"Difficulties are things that show a person what they are."

Epictetus

"Man needs his difficulties because they are necessary to enjoy success."

P. J. Abdul Kalam

"Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."

Helen Keller

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

All families should have received a letter from the Director of Education regarding potential job actions and the effect on school operations. A hard copy is attached here for reference.

To make things clear for our community, the following extracurricular events will be affected by the job action:

1. The Cross Country Meet on Monday will go ahead.
2. Grade 5 & 6 Bus Patrol training will go ahead.
3. Swim team practices are cancelled.
4. The School Council meeting on Wednesday is cancelled.
5. All other extracurricular activities will not go ahead.

The YMCA Before & After care will be cancelled.

Any trips, such as the Kindergarten trip to Merry Farms or the Grade 1&2 trip to Brantwood Farms, will still happen at this point.

I had questions from some parents during the open house around bussing. I have had clarification that bus assignments cannot be changed during the job action. Students will continue to use their assigned busses.

It is everyone's hope that this will be resolved this weekend, but these steps must be put in place to ensure families have the necessary information to make plans.

Please make sure that you are keeping up-to-date with all information coming from the HWDSB. There may be information that may seem contradictory or confusing at times, as each school board is affected in different ways. This is because some boards, like the HWDSB, have only one bargaining group in CUPE. However, other boards have multiple bargaining groups in CUPE and thus are affected to a greater degree. It is vital that you pay attention to HWDSB specifically.

I want to thank the families that came out to our Open House. It was a great evening and I hope all the families who were able to attend enjoyed themselves.

Mr. S. Malcolmson