



# Strathcona Elementary School

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Greetings! The 2022 – 2023 school year is off to a great start at Strathcona. Students are settling into routines and enjoying the opportunity to learn and play with friends and classmates. Last week we held an assembly to welcome our grade 1 to 5 students back to school and review playground, hallway and bathroom expectations. It is important that all students follow these expectations to ensure safety for themselves and others. Thank you to our families for your support in settling students back into school routines. We recognize that some students may struggle with these transitions and encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher to discuss any concerns you might have so the school can do our best to support you and your family.

## Terry Fox Walk/Run and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Strathcona is committed to reflecting on and honouring Terry Fox, as well as Indigenous survivors of Residential Schools, their families and communities. We are committed to telling these stories so that people continue to learn about both legacies.

We are proud to be participating in this year's Terry Fox Walk/Run. It will take place on **Friday, September 23** (rain date Monday, September 26). Let's get our fundraising going and show everyone how we can "Try like Terry!". You can donate at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/StrathconaJPSHamilton>

We will observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation **Friday, September 30**. Students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on September 30th to represent a commitment to a journey of understanding and reconciliation.

## Cross-Country

All students in grades 3-5 are invited to try out for Strathcona's Cross-Country team. An introductory meeting will be held Monday, September 19 with permission forms going home the same day. Team selection will be based on behaviour, attendance, and the ability to complete the race distances. Our meet will be held on Tuesday, October 11.

## Swimming

Strathcona's Swim Team will be coming soon to a pool near you (at Kanetskare/Ryerson Community Centre). All interested students in grades 3-5 are invited to try out. Students must be able to complete a swim test in order to make the team. Permission forms and information are coming soon. Our swim meet will be held at the end of October.

## School Council

We are excited to announce that our first School Council meeting and School Council election will be held on **Tuesday October 4 at 6 pm**. The meeting will be held virtually on MS Teams. A link to the meeting will be shared closer to the date. School Council is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to be involved in your child's education and to help guide our school's direction. At this first meeting, the School Council will anonymously vote on Council leadership positions. If you are interested in joining the Council, please complete the self-nomination form attached with this update and return it to the school. If you require a paper copy, please contact the school office. For more information on School Councils in Ontario you can visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/school-councils-guide-members>



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## SAGE Steering Committee

The first meeting of the SAGE Steering Committee will be held on **Tuesday October 4 at 7 pm** on MS Teams. A link will be provided to all families in the SAGE Program prior to the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Steering Committee, please contact the school.

## SAGE Fall Fling

The SAGE Steering Committee is hosting a Fall Fling event in Victoria Park on **Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 – 2:30**. All funds raised will support SAGE educational enhancements. If you have questions about being a vendor, please contact Jaime-Lee McIntosh at [jaimелеemcintosh@gmail.com](mailto:jaimелеemcintosh@gmail.com). The event also includes a presale of Chrysanthemums with order forms sent home with students today. These are due back to the school by the end of the day this **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## Home and School Association

Strathcona Home and School Association (SHASA) is hosting an information session **Wednesday September 21st from 6-7pm** in the school library. Come out and learn more about SHASA and how you can get involved this year! Please email them at [strathconashasa@gmail.com](mailto:strathconashasa@gmail.com) and follow them on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with SHASA news and events.

## Communication

Families are encouraged to keep up with communications from HWDSB by subscribing to email updates or following HWDSB on social media. You can also subscribe to the Strathcona website [www.hwdsb.on.ca/strathcona](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/strathcona) to receive updates in your e-mail. Please reach out to the school office if you have any questions. When you connect to the school answering service, press 0 (zero) to reach the main office.