



Viola Desmond Elementary School

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Progress Reports

Elementary Progress Report Cards are used to inform parents and families of the progress students are making toward the achievement of curriculum expectations for each subject. Progress Reports focus on what students have learned and describe their significant strengths while identifying next steps for improvement. Parents and caregivers who wish to discuss their child/ren's

progress should contact their child's educator. **Please note that there is no scheduled P.A. day for parent-teacher conferences this term.**

Parent Council Update:

This year virtual elections were held. Congratulations to the following parents:

- Chair - Ms. L. Neubrand
- Co-Chair - Ms. N. Silva Khan
- Secretary - Mrs. M. Walker
- Treasurer - Ms. S. Williams
- Members-At-Large
 - Ms. N. Silva Khan
 - Ms. M. Walker
 - Ms. M Minic
 - Ms. S. Williams

Parent Council

Meetings:

- Wednesday, December 1st
- Wednesday January 19th
- Wednesday March 23rd
- Wednesday May 18th

New Staff

Please join us in welcoming the following staff members to Viola Desmond School while staff are on leave:

- FDK1 - Ms. Stewart in for Mr. Mcdermid
- FDK2 - Ms. Harrison in for Ms. Surla
- FDK3 - Ms. Valdivieso in for Mrs. Deboer

FDK4 - Ms. Cirillo in for Ms. Quaini

FDK5 - Ms. Baison in for Ms. Forster

FDK6 - Ms. Pesko in for Ms. Abdul Malik

2/3B - Ms. Moffat in for Ms. Chilsett

5/6A - Ms. Ataalla will be in for Ms. Williams starting on November 29th.

Music - Ms. Clark in for Ms. Dawson

Primary Prep Coverage - Ms. Simioni in for Ms. Cantwell

Public Health Guideline Reminders

HWDSB

Access Guidelines During COVID-19




- Screening is required before entering the building. Access the online screening tool at hwdsb.info/screening or by scanning the QR code.
- All visitors must wear a mask when entering the building.

Main Office Phone Number:

Please go directly to the Main Office upon entry.

As we are following Hamilton Public Health Guidelines to keep everyone safe, a reminder that we are limiting access of visitors to the building.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher or the administrators you must call to make an ap-

pointment and staff will get back to you with their availability.

If parents/guardians are picking up or dropping off, masks must be worn at all times when on school property.

When students are outside for nutrition break it is very important that

they stay in their class cohort. Please remind your child of the importance of following this Public Health Guideline to limit the potential spread of Covid-19.



Bulldog Hockey

Letters were sent home on Monday, November 15th, for families that were interested in ordering FREE tickets to the Hamilton Bulldogs Hockey Game against the Kingston Frontenacs on Saturday November 27th at 4:00 pm. Tickets will be sent home with your oldest

child on Friday, November 26th. As stated in the letter that went home, this is NOT a school trip and therefore families will need to provide their own transportation and supervision of their children for this event. As per Public Health requirements all those attending over the

age of 12 must be fully vaccinated.



Book Fair



November 22 - December 3
The Scholastic book fair will be held Virtually. More information will be sent home next week.

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Bus Presentations

BUS SAFETY PRESENTATION

This week your child participated in a virtual Bus Safety Presentation offered through the Safe Rider Program. Each year presentations are offered to ensure that students know and follow safety procedures while riding

on a school bus. Participation is provided to all students. Whether students ride the bus to and from school each day or ride the bus for school trips and events, it is important that all riders on the school bus are being safe.



Office Information

SCHOOL MESSENGER

If your child is going to be absent from school or coming in late, please report their absence in School Messenger. If you are having issues with your Parent Portal, and cannot access School Messenger, please call 1-844-506-4350 to report their absence.

MEDIA CONSENT AND VERIFICATION FORMS

Please complete and return your child's media consent and verification forms as soon as possible. If you do not have a copy, please contact the school, or your child's teacher to let them know and we will provide another copy.