



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. The next PA Day on Nov. 17th has been reserved for interviews with teachers.

Parent Council

Congratulations and thank you to our returning Chair – Ms. L. Neubrand for volunteering to lead our School Parent Council.

Next Meeting Date:

November 23, 2023
5-6pm
VDES Library

Upcoming Dates

November 3
Senior Boys Volleyball
Tournament
November 10
Senior Girls Volleyball
Tournament
November 13
Progress Reports go
Home.
November 17
Interview Day

Bus Safety

For everyone's safety please do not cross the road in the Bus Drop Off Zone. It is very dangerous to walk between buses, so we encourage everyone to use the crosswalk with the crossing guard. We ask that everyone avoid making 3-point turns in the Bus Drop off Zone as it increases congestion in front of the school.

Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test

(CCAT7). Each year Grade 4 students across HWDSB complete the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT7). It is administered in HWDSB as an in-person test only. No preparation is necessary for the test. Assessments at Viola Desmond will take place during the first learning block of the day.

Testing will begin the second week of November.

School Operations:

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.

ACCESS TO PLAYGROUND

Due to the large numbers and for the safety of our students, parents/ guardians are asked to remain on the perimeter of the playground during morning entry and after school dismissal.

BELL TIMES



Supervision Begins:

8:30 am

Entry: 8:45 am

Nutrition Break #1: 10:25 - 11:05 am

Nutrition Break #2: 12:45 - 1:25 pm

Dismissal: 3:05 pm

Supervision Ends

3:20 pm

Meet the Teacher Night

We were lucky to have had our community partners join us for our Meet the Teacher Night! We had **Raina Coolen**, librarian assistant from the **Red Hill Library**, **Rufayda**, our **SWIS** (Settlement Workers in Schools) from **YMCA**, **Kwbana Beckles**, **Manager of Sports and Recreation** and **Emmanuel Tewodros**, **Coordinator of Sports and Recreation** at **Empowerment Squared**. We appreciate their support.

