

Ballard Connection

November 2019

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Dear Ballard Families:

As many of you saw during our Meet the Teacher Event, We have started a school-wide focus on Reading. Thanks to our staff and generous fundraising committee, we were able to provide every student with a brand-new book for home reading! We look forward to many exciting literacy initiatives this school year, and will be promoting them with the hashtag #VHBallardReads. Please follow our VHBallard news account on Twitter for updates and share your reading experiences with us. We look forward to many exciting literacy events throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

Reminder: We will be having our first mandatory Lockdown Drill on Monday November 4th @ 10 a.m.

Your Partner in Education.

J. Robertson-Heath Principal

D. Hill, Vice-Principal

We are excited to share that STEAM Engine (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) has been happening at WHB! STEAM Engine is a weekly program in which students explore areas of science and engineering. At this program, students work on hands-on projects to develop STEAM related skills such as coding, doing 3D modeling, learning about 3D printing and more! This year's four week STEAM Engine Program is teaching our students how to create and assistive device that could potentially help those who experience visual impairment. This program is supported by McMaster University and is partially funded by the Hamilton Community Foundation and General Motors Canada.



Important Dates:

1st- Pyjama Day

4th- Lockdown Drill

6th- Photo Re-Take Day & Grade8's Electives at Churchill

7&8- Parent Teacher Interviews

11- Remembrance Day Assembly 9:30 a.m.

12- Flag Football 7&8's

15- Poinsettia Orders Due

18- School Council Meeting 6 p.m.

20- Bulldogs Trip Gr. 4-6

26- Pre Vision Screening Sk

27- Churchill Band 11:15

28- Poinsettia Pick -up

In Remembrance

A Canadian tradition, the poppy is worn by many members of society during the two weeks prior to November 11th. The eleventh hour of the eleventh month marks the signing of the Armistice, on November 11th 1918, to signal the end of World War One. At 11:00 a.m. on November 11th, 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare.

Remembrance Day is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts.

Remembrance Day Assembly will be on November 11th beginning at 9:30a.m.

All are welcome to attend. Students who are in any type of Cadet program are encouraged to wear their uniforms.



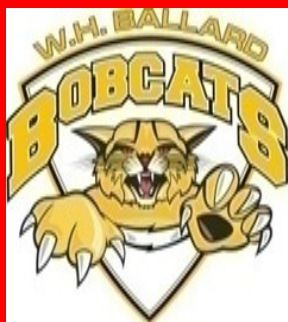
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W.H Ballard School Poinsettia Fundraiser

W.H Ballard is proud to offer quality Poinsettias, this year they will be supplied by Terra Greenhouses. All proceeds will go towards Grade 8 Graduation and other school initiatives. Please return your order forms along with money for plant orders by November 15, 2019. All plant orders will be ready for pick up on November 28, 2019 from 3:00– 4:30 p .m. In the auditorium.

Cash Only No Late Orders Will Be Accepted



Hamilton Bulldogs Day!!

November 20th, 2019 is Bulldogs Day!! We are so very thankful to the Hamilton Bulldog and the HWDSB who fund this trip for our grade 4-6 students. Students do not need to pay for this trip, so we hope to see everyone there.

A Few Notes:

- * Hope to see everyone wear Black and Gold
- * Game starts at **10:30 a.m.** bus leaves at **9 a.m.**
- * Students are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch
- * We **DO NOT** encourage students to bring money.
- * Students will not be permitted to leave our seating area without adult supervision



Grade 8 Electives Day!

On November 6th the Grade 8's will be visiting Sir Winston Churchill for Electives Day. Our grade 8's will get to view classrooms and learn all about the options they will have in Grade 9. The teachers will be walking the students over at 9a.m. and return to school at 3 p.m.

Photo Re-Take Day

Photo re-take day is November 6th. Please bring in a retake information sheet and have it available the day of.

Pre-Vision Screening Senior Kindergarten

On November 23rd, Public Health will be at Ballard to visit the Senior Kindergartens to check their vision. Information sheets will be sent home soon.

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November 7&8, 2019 is Parent/Guardian Teacher Interview Day

As interviews are upon us, we encourage you to take the opportunity to find out about your child's progress. You are part of the team and having these opportunities to problem solve and share information will make your child's school experience a better one.

Below are some questions and tips that you may find useful for the interview.

Great questions to ask

- What skills does my child need to work on?
- What activities can we do at home to strengthen those skills?
- Does my child complete work assignments efficiently and conscientiously?
- Is my child facing any struggles in class not related to his/her schoolwork?
- Are there learning goals my child is having trouble with?

Interview Tips

Talk to your child about school before the interview. Ask how they think they are doing and what they think they need to meet their goals
Ask your child about what their class is working on? What group of expectations is their focus?
Ask them what learning goals they are working on in class and about the success criteria for their assignments?
Get an idea of what the curriculum is like and the level your child is working at, and areas in which they are struggling.

Make a list of what you want to know before you go to the interview
Ask about strengths and weaknesses and possible problems. Finding out about problems before they happen will allow students to get help before they fall behind.
Find out how often and how much homework is being assigned. Ask if your child is completing homework regularly.

Reminder!

Entry Bell:
8:50 a.m.

Please meet your class prior to 8:50 a.m. in the back playground and join your friends and classmates walking into the school when the bell rings. Classes begin promptly after entry.

School Ends at:
3:10 p.m.

Students will be released to the back playground at the end of the day. Supervision is available until 3:25 p.m.



Grandfather Assembly

Please join us for our Grandfather Assembly on November 22nd at 9 a.m. to celebrate the character trait of Honesty

Churchill Band

We are pleased to share that the Sir Winston Churchill Band will be performing at W.H. Ballard on November 27th, at 11:15 a.m.

