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Happy Friday Bobcat Families!

As we move into the month of October, we want to share with all of our Ballard families, how proud we are of what we have accomplished together in such a short period of time – we've only been back for three weeks!

During our third week at school, we continue to focus our attention on educating our students in the area of physical distancing – what does it look like and why is it important to remain physically distant from your peers on the playground? At the end of the day, students are still reminded that if they cannot physically distance from the dismissal areas, that they should wear their mask until they leave the playground area.

- The Government of Ontario has released a new daily screening tool for school-aged students and child care. This link will take you directly to the screener. Please remember to complete the daily each day with your child <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- Thank you to those who have returned our HWDSB Ipads. We continue to receive this technology and hope that all Ipads, as well as chargers will be returned to the school asap. We will be following up with families who have yet to return this technology back to Ballard.
- We completed two fire drills this week. We will have our final drill for the Fall hopefully next week weather permitting. Covid-19 physical distancing requirements are maintained during drills only. All other fire/evacuation procedures will continue as usual.
- As we look at potential weather changes such as rain, over the next few weeks, we would like to share that our routines for inclement weather will be different than in the past. At 8:35, students will be permitted to enter the building using the entrance that they normally use in the a.m. Students will be required to maintain physical distancing while making their way to their classrooms. Students will remain seated in their classrooms until the bell rings at 8:50 which is instructional time. Hallway supervision will be maintained from 8:35 – 8:50 a.m. We will be sharing end of day inclement weather routines next Friday.
- On Wednesday October 7th we will honour Terry Fox. This year we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his run. We are encouraging students to do challenges of "40" – please ask your child about this for more details. Students are encouraged to wear a Terry Fox shirt if they have one. If students do not have a shirt – red and white to honour Terry as a proud Canadian. Thank you to everyone for your support – do not forget to wear your running shoes all week!

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