



Call of the Wild

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MISSION STATEMENT

At Whitby Shores Public School, our mission is to inspire all children to achieve their full potential academically, emotionally, physically and socially. We will work cooperatively to promote responsibility for self, caring for other people and the natural environment, and service to the local community and beyond.

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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

It's November and we are well into our school year in both academics and extra-curricular activities. The cooler weather has arrived, please check the daily forecast and be prepared for outside recesses.

October was a very busy month at Whitby Shores with many activities beginning and some coming to an end – Cross Country, Intermediate Volleyball, QSP Fundraiser, We Scare Hunger, Flag Football, Cricket, Picture Day, Celebration Assemblies, BCI's, Great Pumpkin Race, Parade of Costumes, Junior Volleyball, to name most but not all.

Great to see a lot happening at Whitby Shores.

Progress reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 14th. The progress report provides an indication of how well students are achieving as they move toward First Term Report Cards in February. The progress reports will not have grades or marks, but will give parents a better understanding of areas of strengths and needs in the curriculum subjects and learning skills.

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on November 15th in the evening and No-

vember 16th in the morning. Information has been sent out about the parent interview schedule. Please complete and return any forms as soon as possible so we can hopefully accommodate all requests.

Thanks for a great first two months and looking forward to continued success here at the Home of the Wild!

B. Head, Acting Principal

S. Christopher, Vice-Principal

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place Friday, November 9th from 10:45 am to 11:15 am. At this time we will recognize and remember those who have sacrificed and dedicated their lives so that we may live freely. Each student will receive a poppy and will have the opportunity to make a

donation, which will be forwarded to the Royal Canadian Legion.



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Forget**

OUR BOARD'S STRATEGIC PLAN

This year, our board has renewed its strategic plan to clearly outline the various priorities that our board will continue to develop and grow. We sought out parent/guardian, student, DDSB staff, and community voice by asking "What is important to you

at the DDSB?" The answers shared have shaped our core priorities and focus. This will help us to set our direction as leading-edge school board, now and in the future.

We've established six strategic

priorities that will drive us forward:

- * Success
- * Equity
- * Well-Being
- * Engagement
- * Leadership
- * Innovation

PA DAY REMINDER

A reminder that Friday, November 16th is a PA Day and there are no classes for

students. This day will be used for Parent-Teacher conferences.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

On Thursday, October 11th, the first School Community Council Meeting of the new school year was held. Here are the members of your SCC for the 2018-19 school year to date:

Chairperson: Kristy George
Vice-Chairperson: Stacey Kimmet

Secretary: Meghan Kawa
Treasurer: Lisa Timmins
Principal: Brian Head, Dave Hogg
Vice-Principal: Stacey Christopher
Teacher Rep: Stephen Tufford, Brittney Forester

Our next School Community Council Meeting will be held Thursday, November 8, 2018 @6:30pm in the

Library Commons. New parents are always welcome to attend a meeting to learn more about the SCC and the latest information about Whitby Shores Public School. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT PICTURE DAY

We wanted you to know that your child's school picture is available online. Simply go to mylife-touch.ca to view your school pictures. Use the Portrait ID & Access Code

on your proof sheet to claim your school pictures online. To redeem your complimentary digital Pictures2Protect® card, click here. Parents/Guardians, how was this year's school

picture experience? Take survey.

A reminder that Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

WE SCARE HUNGER

The Intermediate Free the Children Club recently completed a campaign called We Scare Hunger. This is a campaign that donates canned goods or other non-perishable food items. All donations of canned goods

came to the school during the last two weeks of October. All donations will be going to Feed The Need Durham.

We feel that it is important

to be a part of this campaign because 38% of people who use food banks are children and over 100 000 people in Durham rely on food banks at least once a year. Thank you for your donations!

ANOTHER GREAT CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

This year we had a cross country team consisting of 139 students from grades 3-8. The athletes trained hard both at school and on their own time through the various sports they participate in. Whitby Shores always has a strong cross country team and this year was no exception. At our area meet we had eight teams and two individuals

qualify to move onto the Regional Finals! The Regional Finals consist of the top finishing athletes from all the schools in Durham region. From there we had our Grade 3 boys team place 2nd and Grade 8 boys place 3rd! A few honourable mentions for our top 20 Regional finishers are: Kali 3rd, Andrew 2nd, Emma 11th, Ava 11th, Sarah 19th,

Mia 8th, Carrie 8th, Elliot 10th, Ethan 7th, Caleb 8th. Congratulations everyone for a job well done and we hope to see you next year!

FLAG FOOTBALL

On October 19th, Mr. Raiken and Mr. Gordon took our two Intermediate Flag Football teams to a Durham wide Flag Football tournament. Whitby Shores played in the non-competitive, recreation division and the students had a great day. Tryouts for the team were very well attended, as 57 students showed up to tryouts, eager to learn. The team also participated on October 15th at a mini-tournament

hosted at Village Union Public School. Mr. Raiken and Mr. Gordon were very impressed with the competitiveness, play calling creativity and fair play showed at both tournaments. Thank you to all the parents for driving groups of students and thank you to all our student-athletes for your positive attitude and spirit. Go Wild!

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THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING

The Scholastic Book Fair is back at our school! We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books of all reading levels. Your support is a key part in helping us obtain new books and resources for the school. Each child will be sent home with a flyer that will preview some books that

will be available at the Book Fair. The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw that parents can deposit during the Fair. You could win \$50 in books- \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom!

We look forward to seeing you and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Don't

forget to mark the dates on your calendars: Monday, November 12th to Friday, November 15th 8:30am to 4pm – please note: the Book Fair will be open during evening interview times on Thursday, November 15th. It will close by 11:30am on the Friday, November 16th PA Day.

BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

As part of the on-going commitment to Bully Prevention, the Ministry has identified November 19th to 23rd as the 10th annual Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week in Ontario schools. At Whitby Shores Public School we will be focusing on these key messages: 'we care about each other; we respect each other; we see each other; we support each other.' Our staff and administration will focus on a variety of grade and age appropriate large and small group activities that connect to this message such as:

- * media/web based information and messages about standing up and not standing by

- * lessons that teach the difference between conflict and bullying and how play can escalate from conflict

into bullying

- * examples that teach the difference between tattling and telling (i.e. getting someone into vs out of trouble)

These activities are designed to open the door and continue the courageous conversations about bullying and promote a proactive, positive approach to teaching students how to get along with each other. The idea for a Bullying Awareness Week began with Canadian father and educator Bill Belsey. Not long after he launched the educational web site www.bullying.org on February 16, 2000, he was often asked to make presentations about bullying to media and in schools and communities across Canada and around the world. Through the Web and his travels, he

quickly realized that bullying was an issue that touches all people, directly or indirectly, regardless of their age, gender, culture, religion or nationality. He also dreamed of a world where bullying was no longer seen as a "normal part of growing up," and that prevention through education and awareness was the key. He realized most people do want to "See something done" about bullying.

Bullying Awareness Week is now spreading to other countries around the world. www.bullyingawarenessweek.org is the "mother ship" for this movement and will endeavor to share these international initiatives as they develop resources in other languages.

CLEAR COMMUNICATION

We always encourage parents to get in touch with school staff regarding school related concerns. Please do not hesitate to telephone or make an appointment to visit the school. The following is a list of school personnel who will assist you:

Classroom Teacher: Anything related to a subject or classroom question can be resolved by contacting the particular teacher.

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Sullivan will answer general school questions or direct you to the appropriate person. Telephone 905-666-6667.

Principal and Vice-

Principal: Mr. Hogg and Mrs. Christopher can assist you with any questions which relate to the school. Please speak to the classroom teacher first if your question is subject or classroom related.

Administrative Officer:

Mr. Fitchett can be contacted to clarify/answer any regional questions or questions that were not answered at the school 905-666-5500.

Superintendent of

Schools: Mrs. Robinson can be contacted to clarify/answer any regional ques-

tions at 905-666-5500.

Trustees: Your elected trustees are:

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They both welcome your input on educational matters.

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DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE—NOVEMBER

Treaties Recognition Week November 5-11

Ontario has designated the first week of November as Treaties Recognition Week to promote education. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced to honour the importance of Treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about Treaty rights and Treaty relationships. Treaties Recognition Week provides an opportunity for educators to begin planning curriculum-linked learning activities about Treaties and will help build awareness and a greater understanding of why we acknowledge the land/territory we are on.

November 11 - Remembrance Day (Canadian)

World War I came to an end at 11 o'clock on November 11, 1918 and special services have been held on this day ever since the first one in 1919. This day was known as Armistice Day for many years. In 1931 the Canadian Parliament changed the name to Remembrance Day and November 11th is now a time to remember those who served Canada in past wars and also those who sacrificed their lives in military service. At Whitby Shores Public School Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will recognize and remember those who have sacrificed and dedicated their lives so that we may live freely. Our school will also be represented at the service at the Whitby Cenotaph, placing a commemorative wreath alongside other schools at the service.

November 16 – Louis Riel Day

Every November 16th, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) join other Métis governments across the Métis Homeland in commemorating Louis Riel. 2016 marks the 131th anniversary of the execution of the Métis leader who was hanged by the Canadian Government on November 16, 1885 for leading the Northwest Rebellion. The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) celebrates Louis Riel Day to recognize the many contributions of the Métis to Canada and to highlight the continuing struggles that Métis continue to face.

On November 16, we reflect on the legacy of Louis Riel and the impact he had, not only on Métis history, but also Canada's. In 1992 the Government of Canada recognized Louis Riel as the founder of Manitoba, the fifth province to join confederation. Louis Riel Day is a time to recognize and respect the history, culture and identity of Métis people. We are grateful for their historic and ongoing contributions to Ontario and Canada!

November 20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance takes place on November 20, 2018. Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR) is a day to memorialize those who have been killed as a result of transphobia, or the hatred or fear of transgender and gender non-conforming people, and acts to bring attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender community. The Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1998 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender graphic designer, columnist, and activist, to memorialize the murder of Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts. Since its inception, TDoR has been held annually on November 20, and has slowly evolved from the web-based project started by Smith into an international day of action. Typically, a TDoR memorial includes a reading of the names of those who lost their lives during the previous year and may include other actions, such as candlelight vigils, speeches, food drives, film screenings, and marches among others. The

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November 23 – Holodomor Memorial Day

The Holodomor is the name given to the genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine from 1932 to 1933. As many as 10 million Ukrainians perished as victims of a man-made famine under Joseph Stalin's regime, with 25,000 dying each day at the peak of the famine.

The name Holodomor is the Ukrainian word for "plague of hunger" or "death inflicted by starvation" derived from two words, "holod" – starvation/famine and "moryty" – to inflict death. Holodomor Memorial Day was introduced on February 18, 2009 as the first tri-sponsored Private Member's Bill of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. On April 9, 2009 the Province of Ontario unanimously passed Bill 147 – The Holodomor Memorial Day Act, which calls for the fourth Saturday in November to be a day of remembrance. The Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration was assigned responsibility for the administration of the Act on October 28, 2009.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 8	SCC Meeting at 6:30pm
Nov 9	Remembrance Day Assembly @10:45am Pizza Lunch
Nov 12	Subway Lunch
Nov 12-16	Book Fair
Nov 15	Progress Reports sent home Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences/PA Day
Nov 20	Picture Retake Day
Nov 22	Screenagers SCC Event 6:30pm
Nov 23	Pizza Lunch
Nov 20-24	Bully Prevention and Intervention Week
Nov 26	Wok Box Day
Nov 29	Celebration Assemblies K to 3 9:15am/Gr 4 to 8 10:25am
Nov 30	Primary Theatre Trip

