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“Through Caring and Sharing We Learn”

Here are the School Messenger emails that we have sent to families during the month of November, 2020:

2 November

Greetings Henry Larsen Families:

What a beautiful day!

Here are some updates from this week:

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be available on the Report Card Portal page on November 20. New families who do not have an account to the Report Card Portal may begin creating their accounts. Existing families who forgot their password can use the self serve password reset on the Report Card Portal. Please visit this [Report Card Portal](#) page for excellent instructions on how to register.

Treaties Recognition Week - Nov 2 to 6

We all benefit from learning about Treaties. This learning supports our understanding of First Nations, Métis and Inuit history, cultures, and perspectives which is essential for reconciliation to occur amongst all Canadians. Students were learning about Treaties this week.

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

We have a virtual Scholastic Book Fair booked from November 23, 2020 - December 7, 2020. More information to follow. All orders are shipped directly to your home.

Remembrance Day 2020

Henry Larsen will of course be honouring this important day on November 11th, 2020. We will be holding a virtual assembly and our wreaths will be placed in our classroom windows to share with the students, families and the community. The OCDSB will be broadcasting a ceremony. We are not permitted to have the traditional poppy boxes for students to purchase poppies, but we will be providing poppy stickers to each classroom for the teacher to hand out to students.

We are not able to collect any cash so we have set up two different options for families wishing to make contributions:

School Cash Online: Families are able to make a \$2, \$5, or \$10 online donation from now until next Friday, November 13. We will then make a cheque out to our local Orleans Legion OR families may wish to make any donation amount to the main Canadian Poppy Campaign are able to do so here:

<https://legion.ca/donations>

Veteran's Week 2020 - Aboriginal Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day

Veteran's Week is observed in Canada during the week of November 5-11, and honours those who have served, past and present, in times of war, military conflict and peace. Aboriginal Veteran's Day is observed yearly on November 8, and Remembrance Day is observed on November 11. The theme this year for Veteran's Week is the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Backpack Donation from Real Canadian Superstore on Innes Road

A huge thank you to the Real Canadian Superstore on Innes Road for the donation of brand new backpacks to our school. We appreciate this community support for the students in our school family!

Health and Safety

Thank you for continuing to [screen your children](#) for possible symptoms of COVID-19. It's important that we do everything we can to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep schools open. Thank you for your patience as we stay on top of Ottawa Public Health updates for screening and responding to illness.

Fire Drills

We had our second fire drill of the year yesterday. Students did well with some reminders to exit the building silently.

Virtual Cross Country

Henry Larsen has some amazing athletes! Congratulations to our students who participated on this beautiful day for our virtual cross country meet! Thank you to M. St-Onge and Mr. Martin for organizing this event for our students!

School Council Updates

A message from Council:

Dear Henry Larsen Parents,

Our first online craft auction is set to be held on November 27th and 28th on our Facebook page.

If you have any donations please email council (at sc-henrylarsenes@ocdsb.ca) to let us know by November 20th at the latest. There will be a preview of items on the 25th and 26th and the auction will run on the 27th and 28th.

The auction will be held on the Henry Larsen Elementary School Council Group on Facebook and we will be doing a draw for all Facebook members after the auction.

We hope to see you there!

Take Care, School Council

Up and Coming

Nov 8: Aboriginal Veteran's Day

Nov 9 - 13: Veteran's Week

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Nov 20: Progress Report available on Report Card Portal

Nov 23 - Dec 7: Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

Nov. 27 - 28th School Council Online auction

Dec 7 at 7:00 pm: next School Council meeting - a Google Meet link will be sent that day via School Messenger

Have a great weekend!!!!

Amanda and Dianne

13 November

Greetings Henry Larsen Families!

What a beautiful week! How lucky are we? Gratitude is something we will be learning more about leading up to the winter break!

Special Announcement for Tonight:

On Thursday, March 12, Henry Larsen hosted a special OCDSB Speaker Series event with Dr. Michael Cheng, a child and family psychiatrist at CHEO. He discussed the many things that we can do as families, communities and a society in order to reduce our screen addiction, and reconnect to sleep, nature and one another.

This event was also filmed by CBC's The Nature of Things for a documentary they produced called [Kids vs Screens](#), which will be airing on CBC tonight. You can watch the documentary here: [CBC Gem - The Nature of Things](#)

Dr. Cheng's full presentation can be found on the OCDSB website:

<https://ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=238219>

Remembrance Day:

On Wednesday as a school we honoured and remembered our war veterans, peacekeepers, and serving military members who have fought and continue to fight for the peace and freedom that we have in Canada today. We held a virtual assembly where each class made a contribution to the ceremony. This included recordings of readings of poems, artwork and videos. Wreaths and other artwork was placed in windows to share with the community. A total of \$110 was donated through our school cash online and we will ensure those funds get to the local Orleans Legion- Thank you for your support!!!



Facilities Update:

Earlier this week a large crane that was outside the school was there to help with the changing of the filters on the roof.

SRO Visit to Kindergarten classes:

We also had our School Resource Officer Alan Porteous come for an outside visit to our kindergarten classes for a lesson on community helpers. Thank you to Constable Porteous! The students had a wonderful visit.

For those celebrating Diwali have a joyous celebration this weekend!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support this Fall!

Have a safe and happy weekend!

Amanda and Dianne

20 November

Greetings Henry Larsen Families!

Progress Reports:

Today, you are able to access your child's [Progress Report online](#). You may also find the link on the school board's website https://www.ocdsb.ca/contact_us/report_card_portal.

A letter was sent out earlier today about booking Virtual Interviews.

Updates from Mrs. Dunn in the Library:

[Here's the link to my Reading Nook](#) which has a number of book fair books on display. The big yellow sign will bring you to the new page in the Virtual Library which has info on the book fair - the book fair link, featured books are linked, and there are even some trailers to watch.

[Here's the link to the Virtual Library's book fair page](#)

[Here is the link to Henry Larsen's Scholastic Book Fair page](#) where all the shopping can begin on Monday November 23rd.

Reminder School Bus Cancellations:

School bus cancellations are made by OSTA. Please consult their [website](#) for cancellations, delays or notifications.

If your child does not take school provided transportation and is not attending on a day that school buses have been cancelled please continue to contact the office at 613-830-4634. This saves our office staff a great deal of time. Thank you!

Snowsuit Fund:



The Snowsuit Fund is by appointment only this year due to COVID. The family can register for an appointment online at

<https://snowsuitfund.com/get-a-snowsuit/>

The snowsuits are \$10 each for children 0-15.

If you require any assistance with this please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will be happy to help.

Have a safe and happy weekend!

Amanda and Dianne

27 November

Greetings Henry Larsen Families!

The days go by very quickly when you are as busy as we are at Henry Larsen ES! Through our continued work to create and maintain safe and caring learning environments, we were excited to provide a virtual assembly last week and this week for each class. The focus is celebrating individuality and differences, using songs and creative movement to teach students the importance of kindness towards oneself and others. Key concepts include care and celebration about what makes us all different, share and be proud of your race, ethnicity and culture, and give others that same respect. The presentations are for divisions K-3 and 4-6, are delivered by The Saidat Show <http://www.saidat.ca/schools/>

Winter Clothing:

There continues to be many outdoor learning opportunities for our students, and we do go outside for recess unless the weather is prohibitive. We remind all families to be sure children are dressed warmly, and to please let us know if we can support with any winter clothing needed.

Parent/Guardian Interviews:

Thank you to all families who were able to participate in parent/guardian interviews

A message from School Council: Henry Larsen – Winter Auction

This auction is being held to raise money for the teachers and students at Henry Larsen Elementary School. Requests in the past have been books for the reading clubs, sports jerseys, the Monster Mash Halloween (postponed for 2020), new playground equipment, and so much more!

We have some very talented individuals at Henry Larsen and have received a great collection for this auction.

Here is the link to the Facebook Album - please share it with your family and friends:

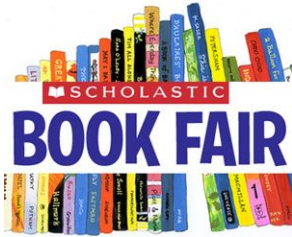
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set?vanity=henrylarsensc&set=a.367631914671040>

Auction Rules; Please Read

- The Auction will be posted on the Henry Larsen Elementary School Facebook group in the album Winter Auction. A preview of items is currently available, with the auction starting on the 27th at 10am and finishing on the 28th at 8pm. (Bids made before the auctions starts will not be valid.)
- All bids will be made as comments on the picture in the album, starting with the minimum starting bid given. Bid Increments will be posted with the description comment on each item.
- Retractions to bids are not allowed. If there is an issue with a bid please contact Facebook Admin.
- Payments will be made by e-transfer within 48 hours of the auction closing (November 30th at 8pm.) If payment is not received by this time the item will go to the runner up bid. Details on how to pay will be sent via private message upon the auction closing. Due to the pandemic we will not be accepting cash payments.
- Parent Council will deliver items in the Orleans area the first week of December, and local pickup is also available.
- Please keep comments on the items limited to bidding. All other comments will be removed.
- Please be kind and respectful to others; hateful or rude comments will not be tolerated.

- Have fun and enjoy!

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING IS: Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm.



Scholastic Virtual Book Fair ON NOW:

[Just follow the link to our home page](#), and click on shop now. This will bring you to a page that has a selection of bookshelves to browse (**like Great Reads for the Holiday Season, Must-have Best Sellers, Books for grades 3-6 etc.**) When you have finished browsing the bookshelf of your choice, click on the link just below the bookshelf title that says **Shop More...** and you get more selections, often in both french and english. This is a good way to see everything and not miss books that otherwise might not show up. There is also a search function to help you find things.

Don't forget free shipping on purchases over \$35.

Shop during our Virtual Family Nights (Wed. Nov. 25th and Wed. Dec. 2nd) between 6 - 8 p.m. and there is no minimum purchase required to get free shipping.

Happy browsing everyone,
Mrs. Dunn



Food /Essential Items DRIVE!

Henry Larsen Elementary School will be hosting a Food/Essential Items Drive from Nov 30th- Dec 11th.

Items that we need are: Cans of tuna, canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cake mix and holiday treats, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, new mittens, new winter accessories and school supplies.

Please know that we are not asking you to make any special trips into the community to get these items. We are asking that if you and your family are able to donate a few extra items this holiday season to please pick them up while you are already out doing your grocery shopping.

All items donated will be delivered to the Food Bank here in Orleans and all essential items will be donated to the Inuit Children's Centre the week of December 18th.

A box for these items will be in each classroom so we are able to follow all COVID-19 protocols within the school.

Families also have the option of making an online cash donation through school cash online for \$2,\$5, \$10 or \$20.

Thank you for your continued support and for your help in supporting the needs within our greater community.

Tech Safety Type of the week: Please see the attached poster on Youtube safety tips from the National Online Safety Institute

A message from the Ottawa Safety Council:

Crossing Guard 2-Step Whistle System coming to cross walks in Ottawa. Please see the attached flyer.

A message from Ottawa Public Health:

OPH knows that helping parents better understand the protocols we follow when it comes to positive COVID19 cases or high risk contacts is very important for a healthy school community. That is why some great nurses from our team here with Covid 19 School Support have put together a video that will help parents get more familiar with that process.

English:

[Process if a Student is sick or Tests Positive for COVID-19 - YouTube](#)

French

[Procédures si un étudiant est malade ou s'il a été diagnostiqué positif à la COVID-19 - YouTube](#)

Group for Parents/Guardians of Trans Youth:

The Ten Oaks Project is excited to be offering a 10-week group for parents and caregivers of trans, gender diverse, and gender-questioning youth, in partnership with Central Toronto Youth Services. This group is for parents and caregivers of youth in middle and high school, who are new to supporting their young person's gender identity or expression. Exceptions may be possible for parents and caregivers of youth outside this age range if the group is a good fit.

This group will take place via zoom on Thursday evenings from 6-8 PM, between January 21, 2021 and March 25, 2021. There will be a separate, optional, group for the youth that runs on a different evening.

For more information, or to apply, visit tenoaksproject.org/community-events/families-in-transition/ or contact Kaeden Seburn at kaeden@tenoaksproject.org.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a safe and happy weekend!

Amanda and Dianne