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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, 2021:

5 November 2021

Good Afternoon Henry Larsen Families,

We made it through our first full week after Halloween! Thank you for all of your support this week.

Here are a few updates and reminders:

From OSTA (Ottawa Student Transportation Authority):

Please complete OSTA's annual online transportation survey. We'd like to better understand how your child(ren) have been getting to school this year and what traffic impacts you have observed around your school site. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LM23GZF>

Celebrations:



To all those celebrating Diwali, may the beauty of the festival of lights fill your home with happiness and may the new year bring joy, peace, and prosperity in your life.

From School Council:

As we get into the swing of fall, we are happy to bring you a new fundraising idea that costs you nothing at all; FlipGive.

Download the app, join an existing team with code CCSRSC (that will take you the Henry Larsen Elementary School party), choose "I don't have a player, I'd like to support the team" and "Supporter", add the stores you like and to shop just follow the links through the app. You still get to shop at the same stores you normally would, with the same promos, but the school gets a cut of sales.

Every little bit helps!

Thank you for helping to raise funds for a new play structure,
School Council



Remembrance Day: On November 11th, schools will be participating in virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies to honour those who have served Canada in times of war, conflict, and peace. Families and community members are invited to join the District's [virtual ceremony](#) at 10:30 a.m.

There are a number of additional significant dates to recognize and learn more about throughout the month of November. During the first week of November, we are recognizing Hindu Heritage Month, International Inuit Day (November 7) and Aboriginal Veterans day on November 8. Daylight savings will also occur on Sunday, November 7, so remember to set your clocks back to accommodate the time change. We will share more November dates and events in future updates.

We will be offering poppies and poppy stickers here at the school. If you are able to and wish to make a donation please consider donating online through [SchoolCash Online](#) starting Monday for \$1, 2, 5 or \$10. All donations will go to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 632 (Orleans).

Progress Reports: Yesterday, all of our progress reports were sent home electronically via School Messenger. Families will need to refer back to previous report cards and progress reports to find the OEN which is the password to access the document. You can save or print the reports for your records. Thank you!

Virtual Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews: Families will have received a School Messenger email from the school this afternoon with the [link to book a virtual interview](#) for either Wednesday, November 10 (4:30-7:00 pm) or Friday, November 12 (8:30-11:00 am).

Important Dates:

School Council Meeting Monday, Nov 8th

Nov 8: Aboriginal Veterans' Day

Virtual Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, Nov. 10th 4:00 – 6:30 pm and Friday, Nov. 12th 8:30-11:45am

Virtual District Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov. 11th at 10:30 am

PD Day - no school for students on Friday, Nov. 12th

Take care and have a wonderful weekend,
Amanda and Dianne

12 November 2021

Thank you for another busy week. The weather was gorgeous! We continue to learn about and practice gratitude here at the school. Thank you to all the families who made donations for poppies.

We will be sending a cheque to The Royal Canadian Legion Orleans Branch 632 next week. We continue to be grateful for so much here at Henry Larsen!

Remembrance Day:

On Thursday, 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 many classes made a contribution to the ceremony. This included recordings of readings of poems, artwork and videos. Wreaths, poppies and other artwork were placed in windows to share with the community. We will let the community know of our total donated through our SchoolCash Online next week. Thank you for your support!!!

Free Virtual Counselling for students:

We wanted to share this amazing resource again with families. It is a free, one stop, same day or next day virtual counselling session offered by the community resources in Ottawa. They also have the availability to extend to more sessions if needed. It is available for any age group. See the link for more information: <https://www.counsellingconnect.org/>

Free Virtual Tutoring for Grades 7-12 OCDSB students:

The Virtual Tutoring Program is **FREE** for OCDSB students in Grade 7-12 looking to achieve greater success at school. This program provides students with a supervised opportunity to complete, review, practice and receive support in a range of subject areas.

Program starts: October 4, 2021

Days and Times: Monday - Thursday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm (*students are encouraged to attend 2+ evenings a week to receive the full benefits of this program*).

Cost: This program is **FREE** for OCDSB students.

Eligibility: Open to students in Grades 7-12 who attend an OCDSB Day School, Night School or other OCDSB Continuing Education Programs.

How to Join: To register for this program, please join the Google Meet any Monday-Thursday between 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at <https://meet.google.com/lookup/ocdsbtutoring> or using the Google Meet Nickname OCDSB TUTORING. During your first meeting you will be asked to fill out a registration form. Students must use an OCDSB email address to access this meet.

From Ottawa Public Health:

A reminder that the school has PCR tests available to any HLES student, household member or staff. Please call the school to pick one up and we will make arrangements for you.

Daily Student COVID-19 screening:

We know that mornings are busy, and please continue to do the daily screening with your child before coming to school. Here is the [link for the screening tool](#). It continues to be very important that we screen for symptoms every day.

Important Dates:

School Council Online Craft Fundraiser (on the [Henry Larsen Elementary School Council's Facebook page](#)): starting at 6 pm on Friday, November 19 and closing at 8 pm on Saturday, November 20
Next School Council Meeting: Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

Have a wonderful weekend and take care,
Amanda and Dianne

19 November 2021

Good Evening Henry Larsen Families,

We had a good week of learning, and our first snowflakes flew through the air! Thank you for making sure that your children are dressed warmly for outdoor learning, physical education and recess.

School Council Online Craft Fundraiser starting tonight at 6:00 pm:

[Here is the direct link to the Auction.](#) This fundraiser is happening on the [Henry Larsen Elementary School Council's Facebook page](#) starting at 6 pm on Friday, November 19 and closing at 8 pm on Saturday, November 20. Thank you for your support!

OCDSB Speaker Series: Technology and Youth - What Parents Need to Know

Date: Thursday, November 25, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration is not required. [Click here](#) on Thursday, Nov. 25 at 7 pm to attend the webinar.

On Thursday, November 25th, the OCDSB will be hosting this Speaker Series Event with staff from Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services. Join us for a discussion on helping youth maintain a balanced use of technology, and on what can be done if any problems arise. Speakers will include Sophie McNeil, School Based Counsellor, and Vanessa Turner, Family and Parent Counsellor. More information can be found on the [OCDSB website](#).

Henry Larsen Book Fair:

The [Virtual Scholastic Book Fair \(here is the link\)](#) starts on November 29th and runs until December 12th. This year, shipping of all orders is free because all orders will be shipped to the school. More information from Mrs. Dunn: [Save the Dates Henry Larsen](#)

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National Child Day, November 20th:

In Canada, November 20th is known as National Child Day.

It is our official day to recognize Canada's responsibilities to children and youth in fulfilment of their human rights, on the anniversary of the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#). This year marks the 30th anniversary of Canada's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. On this day in 1959, the UN General Assembly adopted the [Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#).

Important Dates:

- School Council Online Craft Fundraiser (on the [Henry Larsen Elementary School Council's Facebook page](#)): starting at 6 pm on Friday, November 19 and closing at 8 pm on Saturday, November 20
- [World Children's Day and National Child Day](#): Saturday, November 20
- Transgender Day of Remembrance: Saturday, November 20
- Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week: November 21-27
- Speaker Series Event - Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services - Technology and Youth: Thursday, November 25
- Next School Council Meeting: Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

Have a wonderful weekend and take care,
Amanda and Dianne

26 November 2021

Good Evening Henry Larsen Families,

Thank you for another amazing week! Here are a few updates:

OSTA message about school transportation:

This week, OSTA provided a status update on their transportation system. The update shares information about OSTA's driver shortage, transportation solutions, and more. Watch the video on [OSTA's YouTube Channel](#). Please also consider registering for updates from OSTA.

Information for all families: on days when transportation is cancelled, please call the school if you are keeping your child at home. If we do not hear from you and your child is absent, our office staff will need to call to confirm that your child is at home. Thank you for helping with this!

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.



Does your child need a new snowsuit?

The Snowsuit Fund distributes snowsuits to thousands of children in need every year. If you would like to benefit from this service, the process is very straightforward. Click [here](#) for more information.



Food and Essential Items DRIVE!

Henry Larsen Elementary School will be hosting a Food and Essential Items Drive from Nov 29th until Dec 10th.

Items that are needed by the food bank 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 and school snacks.

All donated food items will be delivered to the [Orleans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre](#) and all essential items will be donated to the [Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families](#) during the week of December 17th.

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 [SchoolCash Online](#) for \$2,\$5, \$10 or \$20 starting next week.

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

Free Access to French Online Homework Help and Practice for K-12 Students:

[Voilà Live's Virtual Immersion Campus](#) provides students with live, online support from Ontario teachers, as students practice their French; get homework help in French, English and Math; and play communicative French games. The Virtual Immersion Campus will be open Mondays to Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., from October 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 (excluding school breaks). To register:

1. Visit <https://voilalearning.com/en/ohh-registration>
2. Click on 'My school board is registered'
3. Complete the form and use the code: OCDSB0

4. You will receive a link to download the platform the next day

You can send your child's homework to homework@voilallearning.com before accessing the platform.

Reminder: HLES Virtual Book Fair Starts Monday! Here is the [link](#)

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