



## Henry Larsen Elementary School

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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 December, 2021:

3 December 2021

### Good Evening Henry Larsen Families,

We've had a strange week for weather but we're happy to have a sunny Friday! Thank you to everyone who has already sent in items for our Food and Essential Items Drive.

Here are a few reminders and updates:

### School Photos (individual only) and Grade 8 Grad Photos:

We have individual photos planned for:

- Wednesday, January 12 for **K-8 individual photos** (no class photos at this time), and
- Tuesday, February 15 for **grade 8 grad photos** as well as **K-8 retakes**



**Reminder:** HLES Virtual Book Fair is on now! Here is the [link](#).



### **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 are: cans of tuna, canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cake mix and holiday treats, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, new mittens, new winter accessories, diapers, 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.

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

**Happy Hanukkah** to all of those who are celebrating!



**Spirit days:**

For fun during our last week before the winter break, HLES is having a spirit week. The days are listed on our website calendar.

**From Ottawa Public Health:**

**There is a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for students and community members at HLES on Tuesday, December 14th.**

OPH will be operating a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in the gym after school hours on Tuesday, December 14th.

Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and may start arriving at 3:30 pm and the clinic goes until 7:25 pm.

Please go to [Ottawa Public Health](#) website for further information.

**Daily Student COVID-19 screening:**

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.

**Online Tutoring Support from the Ottawa Public Library:**

Sign your child up for free online tutoring and homework help. Volunteer tutors from Frontier College will meet with learners one-on-one for activities that support learning and literacy. Meetings will take place once a week using the Zoom platform from a computer or mobile device. Available for children in grades 1 to 6. Click [Here](#) for more information.

**Important Dates:**

HLES Virtual Book Fair: November 29th until December 12th - here is the [link](#)

Next School Council Meeting: Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

Have a wonderful weekend!

Amanda and Dianne

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10 December 2021

**Greetings Henry Larsen Families,**

Thank you for your continued support with screening your children before they come to school. The screening tool from OPH was recently updated. Here is the new [link](#).

This time of year students are going through masks faster as they get wet outside. We have some extras in the office for students but they are on the smaller side. Please place a few extras in your child's backpack for the wet weather ahead- thank you!!!!

**Book Fair Updates from Mrs Dunn:**

Scholastic is working to fill our virtual book fair orders, however, our suggestion is to place your order sooner rather than later just to make sure that it arrives by the 17th of December.

[Here is the link](#)

**Food and Essential Items Drive:**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Essential Items and Food Drive. We are letting items sit over the weekend and will update you next week on the generous amount of items :)

Next Week is Spirit Week - please see our website calendar for details!

**From the District:**

**Celebrating the holiday season** - Based on guidance received from OPH, these guidelines must be followed in all school sites:

- Students may bring a personal treat or food for celebration, but there should be no sharing of food or exchange of treats (i.e. no distribution of treats by staff, parent council, parent donations, student councils, etc.)

**School-Based Preparations for the Holiday Break:** Although there have not been any discussion suggesting a move to remote learning is being considered, out of an abundance of caution we have been asked to **encourage students to bring home any needed personal items** for the holiday break, in the event of an unexpected closure in January.

**Verification of Student COVID Screening for the first two weeks after the winter break:**

We have been asked by the Ministry to verify that families are screening for COVID -19 after the winter break. This is similar to the first two weeks of school. The classroom teacher will reach out to let you know how the process will work in January.

**Rapid Testing Kits for Students:**

The Ministry of Education is providing a package to each student that includes 5 rapid antigen tests for voluntary use over the winter break. Test kits will be sent home next Thursday and Friday. If your child is going to be away please call the school and we will have it ready for pick up if you would like one. Please know the kits are voluntary and not monitored by the school or OPH. More information regarding these kits will be sent next week.

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Monday: Wear Green

Tuesday: Wear a Holidays sweater/gear

Wednesday: Wear Red

Thursday: Fancy Day

Friday: Pajama Day

Have a wonderful and safe weekend,  
Amanda and Dianne

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17 December 2021

Dear Henry Larsen Families,

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your understanding and ongoing support this Fall. We know there were stressful times for many, but we wanted to share how proud we are of our amazing students and staff as they navigated these challenges with determination and resiliency.

From the office team to all of our wonderful families, we are wishing you all a very relaxing winter break. To those who are celebrating, we hope your celebrations are joyful and safe.



Take good care and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on January 3rd, 2022. A reminder that the school will be closed from December 20th until January 3rd, 2022.

Happy holidays!

Amanda and Dianne