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HIGHBUSH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Highbush Hawk "Eye"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mission
The Highbush P.S. Community will provide a positive, safe and collaborative environment that will promote respect for diversity and excellence for all, through active involvement in academic, athletic and artistic pursuits.

Great things continue to happen at Highbush! Students are actively involved in many activities outside of the classroom, showing their leadership and school spirit. In class, they continue to work on self regulation, attempting new challenges with a positive attitude and setting goals for themselves.

Progress Reports are coming home Wednesday, November 13. This report gives an initial report on how your child is progressing so far this year in each learning skill and subject area. Interviews will be scheduled on line this year. Please look for an email this week with instructions. This is a great opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and help your child make goals for the remainder of the term. We encourage all parents/guardians to book an appointment. If you are unable to attend the interview dates on November 14th or 15th, please call and book an appointment.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child is properly dressed for outdoors. Students are outside for 40 minutes at lunch and two recesses and should have warm clothes and footwear. If your child is ill and absent from school, they will be expected to go out for recess when they return.

The number of late students continues to be a concern. Please try to get your child to school by 8:45 so he/she can enter with the class at their recess door. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Our annual Remembrance Day Assembly will be held Monday morning beginning at 10:10. Parents/guardians are welcome to join us for this important assembly.

VOLUNTEER OF DISTINCTION

Each year one volunteer is selected to be honoured as the Volunteer of Distinction in each Durham school. This year we celebrate **Raji Deol** as the Highbush Volunteer of Distinction. Thank you, Raji!



Please stop by our Lost and Found. We are overflowing with items already! If you come during school time, don't forget to check in at the office first. Items will be laid out on tables by the gym doors during Parent / Teacher Interviews.

IMPORTANT DATES

12	Pita Day	21	Fun Fair Meeting @ 6:30 pm
12-14	SK Vision Testing	18-22	Bullying Awareness Week
13-14	Scientist in School (Gr. 3 am / pm)	26	Parent Voice @ 6:30 pm
14-15	Parent / Teacher Interviews	28	SCC Meeting
15	PA Day — NO SCHOOL	Dec 2/3	Art Workshop (Grade 1)
20	Let's Talk Science - UOIT (Grade 5)	3	Pizza Lunch



Music Notes 🎵

Holiday Concerts Information

❖ Wednesday, December 11: Kindergarten Classes

♪ 5:30-6:00 pm: Tipson/Marlatt/Lawless

♪ 6:30-7:00 pm: LeBlanc/Yiouroukis



❖ Thursday, December 12 6:30 pm

This year we are pleased to present all of the grade 1,2,3, 3/4 classes performing in a short musical titled, The Greatest Snowman. This heart-warming tale focuses on themes of respect, humility, and treating others with kindness. The primary musical is always a special event at Highbush - you won't want to miss it! The evening will also feature CHORUS, and Intermediate ensembles. Junior classes and ensembles will be given the opportunity to perform at a concert in the Spring. Stay tuned for more info on that!

Rehearsals & Performances

❖ Chorus rehearses every Wednesday morning at 8:10 am in Room 201

Upcoming performances:

★ November 11 at 10:30 am

★ November 30 (morning time TBA): Pickering Christmas Market, Esplanade Park

★ December 12, 6:30 pm: Highbush Holiday Concert, gym

❖ The Greatest Snowman

Gr. 3 Cast rehearses Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:50-12:15

For other rehearsal dates & times, lyrics to The Greatest Snowman, and programming info, visit Mrs. Fernandez's webpage at: <https://sites.google.com/ddsb.ca/fernandezmusic/home>

Mini-Concert Corner

Want to see a snippet of what your child is learning in music class? Ask your kindergarten, grade 1 or grade 2 child to show you how they "move" their body to "[Air on the G String](#)" by JS Bach. Ask them to tell you what silly substance they are imagining moving through!



Intermediate Girls and Boys volleyball teams finished third in the area thus advancing to the round of 24 on Tuesday Nov. 5. Good luck teams!

The Junior Co-ed Soccer team enjoyed a very successful season. They went undefeated for the entire season and had zero goals scored against them. Their Championship pennant can be seen hanging in the gym. Way to go Hawks!





EQA0 Sample Math Questions

Grade 3

Lucy has 70 beads.

She uses 5 beads to make each necklace.

How many beads does Lucy have left after she makes 6 necklaces?

- 45
 40
 35
 30

Grade 6

Four students run a relay race. Each runner's time is shown.

- 58.409 seconds
- 59.685 seconds
- 59.438 seconds
- 58.127 seconds

How much **less** is the total time of the four runners than the previous record of 240.201 seconds?

- 4.542 seconds
 5.552 seconds
 15.458 seconds
 235.659 seconds

Below is a list of upcoming events / promotions available for purchase. Please visit our website at <https://DDSB.schoolcashonline.com> to register.
IF YOU ARE UNSURE IF YOU HAVE PAID FOR AN ITEM, PLEASE CHECK YOUR PAYMENT HISTORY BEFORE PURCHASING.

EVENT DATE	EVENT / PROMOTION	PAYMENT DUE	COST
Nov. 21	SCC Chocolate Milkshake Day	Nov. 13	\$2.50
Nov. 26	Les Mis—Dunbarton Play (Grade 8)	Nov. 25	\$6.00
various	Scientist in School (Grade 3)	Nov. 11	\$21.00
Dec. 3	Pizza Day (meal includes cookie and choice of drink (chocolate milk, white milk, juice or water))	Nov. 26	\$5.00 1 slice \$7.00 2 slices
Dec. 17	Orchard Villa Nursing Home (JK/SK)	Nov. 29	\$4.00
Jan / Feb	Ski Club Deposit (Grade 5-8)	Nov. 17	\$50.00



When: Tuesday, November 26, 2019
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

***Gatherings held once a month

Where: Library — Highbush P.S.

Light refreshments will be served

Childcare available

*Come join us at our
November gathering!*

Who We Are:

PARENT VOICE welcomes Highbush parents/guardians of all backgrounds (including race, culture, religion, language, financial status, and disability) to gather, share, and discuss ideas and perspectives about our school and topics related to student learning and achievement.

Our Goals:

For Highbush parents/guardians to work in partnership with school staff and administrators to build a strong school community and to activate the academic success of ALL students at Highbush.

Do you want to ...

- share your thoughts and ideas** about student learning and achievement at Highbush?
- ask questions** about topics related to school (assessment, homework, extra-curriculars, etc?)
- give your input** into how Highbush develops and improves as a school?
- discuss the different **ways you can be engaged** in your child's learning?
- have a chance to **meet, network, and socialize** with other parents/guardians at Highbush?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, please join us at our first get-together!

For more information, contact the
Parent Voice Committee at Highbush P.S.
Ms. Young (Gr 7/Int French teacher) - juliet.young@ddsb.ca
Ms. Avison (Gr 2 teacher) - lindsay.avison@ddsb.ca
Ms. Peters (Early Childhood Educator)
Ms. Alfred (Educational Assistant)

ALL are welcome!
Visit the link below to **RSVP!**

<http://bit.ly/PVregNov>



Start your **HOLIDAY SHOPPING** for friends, family, colleagues and yourself with this exciting fundraiser, Fundscrip. Purchase gift cards from many popular retailers and a percentage will automatically be donated back to Highbush in support of Mental Health initiatives! Order forms will be sent home the first week of November. Please return completed forms by Monday November 25th and gift cards will arrive to school by the first week of Dec. Happy Shopping!

Thank you to our school community for your support of our Moms Pantry fundraiser. Stay posted for pick up details.

Reid's Dairy Chocolate Milkshake day is Thursday November 21st. Shakes need to be pre-ordered as there will be no day sales. Please go to School Cash Online and make your purchase. Last opportunity to buy is Wednesday November 13th.

SCC's next meeting is on Thursday, November 28th at 6:30pm in the Teachers' lunchroom. Child care is available. These meetings are open to all parent/caregivers. New ideas and suggestions can be emailed to us at highbushscc@gmail.com or dropped off at the office.

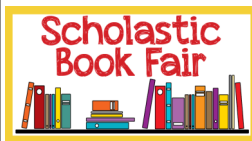
Fun Fair Fun Fair

Funfair 2020 planning has started. A date has been chosen. We need a committee to make it happen. Plan to attend our first fun fair meeting on **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21st** at 6:30 pm in the Teachers' Lunchroom. Childcare is available.

What's Brewing in the Reading Café

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners

- Primary Division "The Lorax" by Ryan
- Junior Division "Harold and the Purple Crayon" by Jocelyn
- Kindergarten Class "Pete the Cat" by Mrs. Lawless' class
- Teacher Category "Some Pig" by Ms. Ewing



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the library on Friday, Nov. 8 and will be here in the library until Nov. 18. It is open before school at 8:15 and after school till 3:45 (except Nov. 13). It will also be open during Parent/Teacher Interviews - Thursday, Nov. 14 until 7:30 pm and Friday, Nov. 15 until 11:30 am.

There are lots of overdue library books that are outstanding (over two weeks overdue). If your child receives a notice about having one of these books checked out, please have a look at home for the book. The library would rather have the book back instead of the money to replace it.



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From the DDSB – Some Dates of Significance for November 2019

November is Albanian Heritage Month

Ontario is home to more than 28 000 Albanian Canadians. During the month of November, people of Albanian origin celebrate the Albanian Declaration of Independence which declared them an independent and sovereign nation. Albania also commemorates Liberation Day in this month which is the day that it was liberated from Nazi Germany forces after the Albanian Resistance. On this day, the Province recognizes the meaningful contributions that Albanians have made to Ontario. It is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Ontario's rich history.

Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16a29>

November is Hindu Heritage Month

Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Hindu community. Since the first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century, Hindu Canadians from across Ontario have made significant contributions across all fields: science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture and sports. Hindu Canadians have helped build Ontario into the multicultural success story that it is and have helped to build this province into the best place to live, work and raise families. They continue to help foster growth, prosperity and innovation throughout Ontario.

Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario

Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s16035>

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 continue 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 7, Inuit Day

On International Inuit Day, we celebrate the cultural, history, and impact Inuit people have on Canada and around the world.



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November 8, Indigenous Veterans Day

National Aboriginal Veterans Day began in Winnipeg in 1994 when Indigenous veterans were not recognized in Remembrance Day activities.

Over 12,000 Indigenous people are estimated to have volunteered in all three wars, including 7,000 First Nations members, and approximately 300 died during these conflicts.

First Nations, Inuit and Metis people were not eligible for conscription because they were not citizens of Canada (they were also unable to vote), but many volunteered despite the challenges they faced, including traveling long distances from remote communities to enlist, learning a new language (English), and coping with racism against them. Indigenous people were not allowed to join the Canadian Air Force until 1942 and the Canadian Navy until 1943. Both men and women enlisted, serving as soldiers, nurses and in other roles. Many served with distinction, winning medals for bravery in action.

After the war, enlisted Indigenous people returned home to continued discrimination, including in some cases denial of benefits, loss of Indian Status, and expropriation of their land by the government for non-Indigenous veterans. It was only in 1995 that Indigenous veterans were allowed to lay wreaths commemorating their fallen comrades at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

The first monument commemorating the role of Indigenous people during these three wars was dedicated in 2001 in Ottawa. It took until 2003 for the Government of Canada to provide veterans' benefits to First Nations soldiers who had been denied them in the past, and Metis veterans have never received them.

Source: <https://www.righttoplay.ca/en-ca/national-offices/national-office-canada/whats-new/honouring-indigenous-veterans-this-national-aboriginal-veterans-day/>

November 11, Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day we honour all who served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, people who live in Canada as well as many other Commonwealth countries will stop what they are doing to observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the sacrifices that were made and are still being made on our behalf. Over 6000 First Nations soldiers fought alongside the Canadian Forces throughout the First and Second World Wars. However, those who returned from the war quickly realized that the freedom that they fought for did not equally apply to them. This then, may also be a time to look both into the past and forward toward a better future for Canada's Indigenous People.



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November 16, International Day of Tolerance

The United Nations has defined tolerance as respect, acceptance and appreciation of the endless richness of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human (Declaration of Principles on Tolerance, 1995). The International Day of Tolerance encourages people to learn about, respect and recognize the rights and beliefs of others. It is also a time to reflect on the impact of intolerance and how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and other forms of discrimination have a negative impact on society.

November 16, Louis Riel Day

Louis Riel was a Métis man who is also called the 'Father of Manitoba'. He was a heroic and influential teacher and leader who took on the challenge of ensuring that the Métis people could preserve their heritage and identity. To do this, Riel headed a Provisional Government which negotiated the Manitoba Act and provided some protection for the French language. He was a man of strength and courage, but he was not seen as a hero by everyone. Riel was labelled as a traitor for taking a stand and defending Metis rights and was consequently executed by the Canadian government.



Louis Riel Day is held every year across the homeland on November 16, the anniversary of Riel's execution in 1885. While Louis Riel Day marks one of the great tragedies of Canadian history, its recognition demonstrates their continuing resilience and determination to regain their rights and preserve their way-of-life in Ontario and across the Homeland. To commemorate Louis Riel Day, MNO citizens and communities hold events across the province to recognize the many contributions of the Métis to Canada, to celebrate Métis culture and to highlight the struggles that Métis continue to face.

The great niece of Louis Riel, Augustine Abraham called for unity among Métis people.

Listen to the voice of Alexandre, 7ans qui est Métis.

<https://unis.ca/videos?v=0j77zxwvot6ub>

November 19-23, Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance (Ontario Ministry of Education).

Looking at your School Climate Data and planning next steps is a part of how schools can work proactively in response to how students are feeling.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/climate.html>



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November 20, Transgender Day of Remembrance



Transgender Day of Remembrance is held in November to honour Rita Hester who was killed for being who she was. This day urges us all to raise awareness of the threat of violence faced by people who identify as transgender and the persistence of the prejudice felt by the transgender community.

November 23, Holodomor Memorial Day

The Holodomor is the name given to the genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine from 1932-1933 under Joseph Stalin's regime. As many as 10 million people perished. In Ukrainian, "Holod" means starvation/famine and "moryty" means to inflict death. This Memorial Day was introduced in 2009 in Ontario.

For more information and resources, please see: <http://www.holodomoreducation.org/index.php/id/181>

November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Violence against women is still a devastating human rights violation present in today's world. For far too long, impunity silence and stigma have allowed violence against women to escalate to pandemic proportions—one in three women worldwide experience gender-based violence.

While gender-based violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, some women and girls are particularly vulnerable - for instance, young girls and older women, women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex, migrants and refugees, indigenous women and ethnic minorities, or women and girls living with HIV and disabilities, and those living through humanitarian crises.

Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, peace as well as to the fulfillment of women and girls' human rights. All in all, the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - to leave no one behind - cannot be fulfilled without putting an end to violence against women and girls.

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/>