



Coming Events

Oct. 31 – Halloween / Black and Orange Day

Nov. 3 – Intermediate skating begins

Nov. 3 – Photo Re take day

Nov. 10 – Progress Reports go Home

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:45 AM –public Welcome

Sports News

Cross Country Running - Congratulations to our Cross-Country Running team. 9 runners participated in a 3 km race on Friday, Oct. 14 they all ran excellent races. Congratulations to: John G., Andy X., Prabina B., Destiny C., Abdi O., and Yasin A. Honourable mention goes to: David X who came 8th, Ethan W. who came 9th and Monique B. who placed 10th. This group of three will be running at the All-Boards Meet on Thursday. We wish them well.

Football - Our girls touch football team played 5 exciting games of football on Monday. They worked well as a team and made it to the semi-finals. Congratulations to: Monique, Nour, Shaniah, Amani, Parnia, Sylenna, Amy, Kyara, Fatima, Abdane, Karina and Emily. Many of these girls had never played football before this year and they developed some great skill and teamwork.

News

1. **Terry Fox Run** – An amount of: \$1500 was raised for cancer research. We enjoyed great weather for the run. Students ran in their colour houses, with older students encouraging our younger children. Thank you to our volunteers who came to assist with the day.
2. **Adopt A School** - We had a very successful campaign to raise money for books in our library. \$910 dollars were raised in the Indigo Adopt A School on-line fundraising campaign. That means about 94 new books for the library. Huzzah!

Learning at School

1. This year our School Learning Plan will be focusing on Student Wellness and Numeracy. Staff will be releasing details of our Bullying Prevention plan and Healthy School Program. Currently we are reviewing data about our school's journey in Numeracy. We have been identified as a School receiving Intensive Support by the Ministry of Education and as such will benefit from additional resources. This means an instructional coach will be working with staff members in classrooms and we have received resources for Numeracy.
2. **Intermediate – Mobile Maker Day** – Students participated in a mobile maker day on Thursday, Oct. 6. They learned about 3D printing, coding and the use of lasers. The day was rounded out with an Art

project focusing on the work of Kadinsky, Math problem solving and logic. Students were grouped by their colour houses and had an opportunity to work with new partners. This added value program was brought to school by Ottawa U engineering students at a nominal fee. The learning was extended as students worked on developing bulletin board ideas to show what they learned last week.

4. We were awarded \$2000 to supplement our **Arts program** this year through the Education Foundation. The Margaret Loughrey Award will allow us to bring The Company of Fools Theater troupe to work in a workshop setting with students. The focus will be on the use of Mask and Character Development. All classes from Kinder to Grade 8 will be involved in this leaning. We will be extending the learning to the classroom with follow up activities and learning.

5. Our grades 1 to3 enjoyed a trip to the **National Art Gallery**. The trip was funded by Bell, and allowed for children from grades 1 to 3 to visit the Art Gallery with their teachers. They will be doing a Play With Clay program today and they will be visiting the gallery exhibits.

6. **Grade 1 to 3 are going wild**. They will be having a visit from Ray's Reptiles in the coming weeks. This will be part of a focus on Life Systems.

7. **Individual Education Plans** - Families are asked to have their signed copies of IEPs returned to school by Friday, Oct. 21.

Coming Events

1. **Halloween is approaching**. It is a tradition at HPS, on Halloween that students in the spirit of fun dress in either black and orange or wear Halloween costumes to school. We encourage students to be creative and design their own costume, but store bought costumes are permitted. If your child is going to wear a costume we ask the following of you, please:
 - a. Please leave masks and fake weapons at home
 - b. the child must be able to participate in all parts of the school day
 - c. Remember we are a school with children ranging in age of 3 to 14 years old. Please choose themes or costumes that are appropriate for all ages at school

Treats / nuts - Children will ask to bring Halloween treats to school following a night of Trick or Treating. Please, review the contents of your child's bag and ensure that all treats are safe to eat. We ask that students do not bring nuts or treats that contain or may contain nuts to school. Treats at school should be consumed as "treats" in moderation, not as a substitute for a healthy lunch.

Gifted Review Recommendations Recently the OCDSB released information regarding recommendations for gifted programming for students. The School Board met on Tuesday evening to review the recommendations and to vote on the next stage in consultation. Parents and staff will be given an opportunity to provide feedback in the coming weeks. I encourage interested families to review information as it is provided on the school board website.

Parent Council

1. **Pleasant Park Book Sale** HAVE ANY BOOKS, PUZZLES, DVDs you want to donate? Books will be collected at Pleasant Park School and Hawthorne PS from Oct. 24th till Oct 27th (8am-4pm or 6:30-8:30pm). We will need gently used books of all kinds, for all ages (toddler to adult, but especially children and youth) and in any language especially in FRENCH. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines. Also accepting CDs, DVDs, VHS and complete puzzles. Items may be dropped off at the Hawthorne Office marked Book Sale. Each year the Pleasant Park Parent Council supports Hawthorne PS by sharing the proceeds of their sale.
2. **Movie night** - Coming in November. The Parent Council will be sponsoring a movie night for families. Watch out for details.
3. **Being involved** - Parent Council is always looking for parents who are interested in joining in the support of our learning community. At meetings we discuss learning focus for students; we offer opinions on School Board consultation, support school program through fundraising events and offer advice to the principal on a number of issues parents care about. Consider joining us on November 8th, for our next Parent Council meeting.

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