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Harold Longworth

Hurricane

The latest news and events from the school



Welcome to February!

We have arrived at the mid-point of the school year and things are getting busier.

On January 23, the Grade 3 to 6 students participated in MATH-LETES, an interactive and fun day where the students participate and

attempt to solve as many hands-on math activities as possible. We are pleased to announce that our students completed an outstanding 6621 math questions over the course of the day. Additionally, we would

like to recognize the Intermediate students who demonstrated excellent leadership and were fabulous role models for the Mathletes participants. This day of math fun will continue to help build on the great work already being done at Harold Longworth. Special thanks to School Council's fundraising efforts to provide our students with this opportunity.

We recently celebrated Literacy Day on Friday, January 24 with a special dress-up as your favourite storybook character. Numerous students and staff participated in this fun and successful day. Thank you to everyone who made this day possible!

*All the best,
Bryan Beers and Carrie Davidson*

EMPATHY: When we show empathy, we understand the feelings of others and can use that understanding to be able to react to them in supportive ways. Students with a strong sense of empathy are aware of what their friends are feeling. They do things to help them feel better when things go wrong and can enjoy the good times when things are going well!

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Black History Month Recognized

February 1 marks the beginning of Black History Month. It is always important to reflect on the contributions of diverse communities throughout Canada's history to ensure that all students feel represented through their education experience.

Black History Month provides increased opportunities to recognize and learn about the significant contributions individuals and groups have made to the life of Canada in education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics, human rights and more.



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Plan for Success

KPRDSB is offering a guide for Grade 8 students and their parents. The 16-page Plan for Success – A Guide for Grade 8 Students and Parents provides information to students and parents on the transition from elementary school to secondary school.

Some of the areas covered in the document include: Decoding course codes and timetables; selecting a stream; assessing your learning skills; how to prepare for a career; specialist high skills major and dual credits; and the Ontario Secondary School Diploma(OSSD). To obtain a copy of the Plan for Success document, visit Plan for Success at <http://kprschools.ca/content/dam/kpr/documents/planforsuccessbrochure2019.pdf>

Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022



Every four years the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) consults with students, staff, families and community members about the most important areas to focus on, to prepare all students for future success.

The result of these consultations and visioning, is KPR's Strategic Plan 2019-2022. Not only does this plan provide a guide for planning and decision-making, it also includes how the board allocates funds moving forward.

If you wish to review the Strategic Plan, it can be downloaded from the KPR site at <http://www.kprschools.ca/content/dam/kpr/documents/KPRStratPlan20192022.pdf>.

Parking Lot SAFETY

Following are the top six ways parents and caregivers can keep our parking lot safe:

- (1) Walk to school with your children;
- (2) If walking isn't an option, park on the road and enjoy a short walk to school;
- (3) If you need to use the parking lot, arrive early to drop-off your children. Yard supervision starts at 9 a.m.
- (4) Avoid the 'No Parking' strip closest to our west doors. Remember, 'No Parking' means that you are dropping passengers off,

then moving away again carefully;

(5) Take your time and move through the parking lot cautiously, both as a driver and a pedestrian; and

(6) Discourage your children from playing on the snow piles around the parking lot.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Registration Open for Junior Kindergarten

Registration is now open for Junior Kindergarten for the coming 2020 / 2021 school year. Your child can attend JK in September 2020 if he / she is four years of age by December 31, 2020.

Please bring a birth certificate or other proof of age, proof of address, and current immunization record when registering your child.

You may pick up a registration package at the school office at any time, or register online at kprschools.ca and click on the



"School Registration" link under the Quicklinks area.

RAZ-Kids Gets Kids Excited About Reading

All families at Harold Longworth have access to an amazing online literacy program called RAZ-Kids.

EBooks and eQuizzes for the 400+ titles on RAZ-Kids can be accessed on your home computer via their website, or you can download the RAZ Kids app for your tablet, iPhone or iPod Touch.

Download the app to your hand-held

mobile device today.

Raz-Kids delivers hundreds of interactive, leveled eBooks spanning 27 levels and the motivational "Raz Rocket" gets students excited about reading and strengthens the school-to-home connection. Read anywhere and improve your child's reading levels. Visit <http://www.raz-kids.com/> for more information.



ANISHINAABE CALENDAR

MKWA-GIIZIS Bear Moon February

Bear Moon is the second moon of Creation. This sacred time is given to the bear to honour the spiritual journey that he will soon return from. During this time, he has journeyed with Nookomis in a vision quest of the spirit world.

Nookomis takes the bear gradually through the spirit world to receive the spiritual power of the universe. He receives the ability to see beyond the physical world and to communicate through energy rather than sound.

The foods required for such a quest are not taken by chance. The knowledge and wisdom passed through the hereditary line are needed for this long journey with Nookomis.

In the time of the Bear Moon, Nookomis awakens the bear to return to the physical world to complete his quest. At this time it is not wise to get near the bear because he is marking his territory and searching for nourishment, consisting of different types of berries, roots and fish. All keep the mind sharp and the body strong and pure, the way the Creator intended from the beginning.

HLPS Personal Electronic Device Policy

Our school follows the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's policy on the use of many different kinds of available personal electronic devices (PEDs) – smartphones, iPhones, iPods, iPads, cell phones, etc. - in schools. The policy states PEDs may be used only during designated times, and in areas designated by principals. At Harold Longworth, cell phones and other PEDs must be safely stored in student lockers or other teacher-assigned locations during instructional time.

Please note that we generally discourage the use of personal electronic devices, games or other toys at school. These items frequently tend to be a distraction to learn-



ing, and the school cannot be responsible for these items when they are lost or stolen. Your assistance to ensure that students do not bring these items to school is greatly appreciated!

Anti-Bullying Measures

At Harold Longworth, we take the issue of bullying extremely seriously.

Everyone in our community has the right to be safe and feel safe at our school and we consistently strive to make our school environment a comfortable place for everyone. Sometimes, however, this isn't enough and children need further support or consequences for their actions.



Also, sometimes children feel bullied, but don't report it.

If you hear, see or suspect there is bullying occurring, please contact the school at (905) 623-3682 so we can investigate and act accordingly.



Anaphylactic Allergies

This is just another reminder that we need to stay constantly vigilant about the food that we bring into our school.

Please remember that we have children in our school who are allergic to nut products. Please continue to help us to keep our students safe by making certain that all snacks and lunch items do not contain any nuts or nut products of any kind. Thank you!

Pink Shirt Day - February 27

On February 27 we will be honoring Pink Shirt Day. This is a day when we stand up to show our determination to reduce bullying and promote constructive problem-solving. February Pink Shirt Day was started by high school students in Nova Scotia who wanted to demonstrate support for a fellow student who had been harassed.

pink tank tops for other students to wear, they showed bullies that they were outnumbered and showed their fellow students that they were willing to stand-up to bullies.

We encourage staff, students and families to find something pink to wear on February 27 as a way to show our support for Anti-Bullying Day in Canada.



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February Spirit Days

February 14

On February 14 we have another exciting spirit day for Valentine's Day! Dress in pink, red, white and hearts to show your school spirit!!

February 27

On February 27 dress in pink to stand against bullying!

Make sure you show your spirit by participating in these school spirit days!

See you in March!

– Student Council

Mark Your Calendar - Family Day in February

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Family Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 18.

Dates to Remember

February 12 & 26 –
Popcorn Sales
– \$1 each*

February 7 –
Muffin Sales
– \$0.50 each*

February 21 –
Cupcake Day
– \$0.50 each*

* Sales held during second nutrition break



- Obey No Parking and No Stopping signs
- Park safely at schools
- Respect residential areas
- Leave bus stops for buses, and fire routes for emergency vehicles



SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



In school zones, the “**No Stopping**” sign indicates that there is no stopping at any time, or during the times posted. No stopping means you cannot stop, even momentarily to pick up or drop off passengers, otherwise your vehicle may be ticketed.

Drivers are allowed to stop in “**No Parking**” zones while picking up or dropping off passengers. Do not leave your vehicle unattended. Vehicles left unattended may be ticketed.



Drivers must obey the No Parking or No Stopping zones near schools. These areas are usually located on either side of the street near schools and must be clear to provide visibility for motorists and students.

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