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Harold Longworth

Hurricane



The latest news and events from the school

Welcome Back

To Another School Year!



For families new to the area – or bringing children into kindergarten for the first time – to our long established neighbours and to everyone in between... *WELCOME!*

We hope you had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. We know that September has both excitement and challenges as you work out the kinks of new routines. Our first few days here at school have been very smooth and we're off to a great start. Our hats go off to the remarkable work done by our custodial staff over the summer. The school looks great.

Teachers worked hard to get their classes and programs ready for your children and the office has everything in place to support them. We appreciate that it is the hard work and dedication of everyone, including our families and volunteers, that makes Harold Longworth the warm, inviting, positive school community it is. Our routines are coming together and we are even more optimistic for the future.

Optimism is the 'character trait' for September. Being positive in our outlook makes a dramatic difference in our interactions and learning. Be-

ing hopeful for the future, makes us more likely to be successful. Optimism is particularly appropriate for September, as we set things in place for the school year.

One of the things we set in place for the year is our school records including contact information, permission forms and medical issues. Please help us out by promptly completing and returning any forms you receive from your child's teacher. If you have a child with medical issues, please ensure the office has updated information about this as soon as possible.

At Harold Longworth, we are extremely proud of the amazing work done by our School Council. Over the past few years, we have benefitted from an involved, academically supportive and highly efficient Council. School Council is about much more than fundraising – it is about working together to make our school the best it can be! It's a fantastic way to get to know other parents and hear first-hand about some of the school priorities. Our first meeting is **Wednesday, September 11** at 6:30 p.m. in the Library, and we would love to have you join us! If you are interested in being part of the executive, please see *page 5* of this newsletter for all the details.

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming school. If you have concerns, or just want to come in for a chat, our doors are open.

– Mr. Beers and Ms. Davidson

OPTIMISM: "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

– Helen Keller

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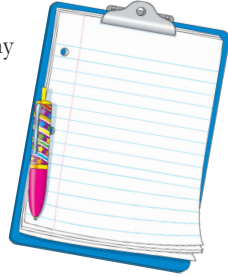
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Classroom Organization 2019/2020

Note that we still have occasional new registrations coming through, so some re-organization may need to occur. However, as of September 9, the Staff Roster is as follows:

JK / SK	Ms. Robinson	Grade 4/5	Ms. Jamieson
	Ms. Taggart, ECE	Grade 5	Ms. Hudson-McLean
JK / SK	Ms. Worboy / Ms. Sinker	Grade 5/6	Ms. McEathron
	Ms. Campese, ECE	Grade 6	Mr. Cooper / Ms. Ellenor
JK / SK	Ms. Johnstone	Grade 6/7	Mr. Hansford
	Ms. Brown, ECE	Grade 7	Mr. Reid
JK / SK	Ms. Jones	Grade 8	Mr. Noseworthy
	Ms. Barrett, ECE	Grade 8	Ms. Carisse
Grade 1	Ms. Langford	SERT	Ms. Richards
Grade 1	Ms. McGurk	French	Ms. Bettiol
Grade 1/2	Ms. Henze	French	Mr. Cooper
Grade 2	Ms. Stopps	Planning	
Grade 2/3	Ms. Eickmeier	& Music	Ms. Barrie
Grade 3	Ms. Adams	Planning	
Grade 3	Mr. Cumberland	& Phys. Ed.	Mr. Renaud
Grade 4	Ms. Bonnier	Library	Ms. Glasser
Grade 4	Ms. Wagner	CYW	Ms. Brouse



Safe Arrival

Starting this month, KPR is continuing with the automated Student Absence Report System this year. This means that parents and guardians will have to create a NEW account to report their child/children's absence(s) online.

To create your new account and register your child/children for the new automated system, please visit studentabsence.kprdsb.ca. If you use the mobile app, please search for **SchoolMessenger** (one word) on Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

Once you have re-registered your child, you will once again be able to inform the school of your child/children's upcoming absences at:

- By calling **1-844-434-8119** toll free
- By logging into the School Messenger website at studentabsence.kprdsb.ca
- By downloading the SchoolMessenger app onto your iOS or Android device

Re-registering will allow you to report all of your children's upcoming absences at a time that's convenient to you – 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school.



Safe Welcome Reminder

Please remember to begin your visit at the office after buzzing into the school. Don't use other entrances before and during school hours to enter the building. In order to be sure that we can keep all of our students safe, we must know exactly who is entering and exiting the school at all times. If you are volunteering, please remember to sign in at the front desk and take a volunteer badge, and please remember to return the badge at the end of the visit. If you drop your child off after classes have started, please bring them to the office to sign in. Office staff will ensure that they get safely to their class.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation!

Please Join Us for Curriculum Night!

Please join us on **Thursday, September 12** for our annual Curriculum Night. Come meet your child's teacher, visit their classroom and see what they will be learning about this year. This event runs between 5:30 to 6:30 pm. See you there!



Violence Threat Risk Assessment

The KPR Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all. When students behave inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to change behaviour. When student behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, KPR's Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol helps principals take immediate steps to protect student well-being. While such incidents are rare, the VTRA outlines how we work with local police, mental health providers and community agencies to keep students

safe. Read more about the protocol, including notification requirements, in the Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools section of kprschools.ca. As always, student safety is our first priority. Should you have any questions, please speak with your principal.



ANISHINAABE CALENDAR

Midaamini-Giizis – Corn Moon September

Corn Moon is the ninth moon of creation. It is the time the Creator gave Nookomis (grandmother) the instructions of the corn to become the teacher of the continuum of life. This happens when the life cycle is near completion and a new journey readies itself. In one cob of corn, a total life is revealed in the thirteen rows of multi-coloured seeds. These colours remind Anishinaabe of all the spirits waiting to be honoured in a sacred feasting ceremony.

Exciting Library News

Exciting changes are underway in the Harold Longworth Library! Our “Library” is evolving into a “Learning Commons” where students can access new laptops, new furniture that can be easily



moved into different configurations and new shelving for our books.

Students will bring home their first library books at the end of September. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are allowed to check out one book per week; and Grade 2 to 8 students may choose two books. Students can take out new library books when they have returned their previous books.

Thank you for helping your child develop a love of reading at school and home.
– C. Glasser (Teacher-Librarian)

KPR 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!

Volunteers WANTED!

We need volunteers again this year! Volunteers play a very important part in helping us to deliver a wide variety of effective school programs. If you are interested in volunteering for any aspect of school life, please contact the school to discuss the many opportunities available to you. For the protection of our children, anyone who



volunteers at school is required to have an annual Criminal Record Check, which can be picked up in our main office to take to the police station.

Crossing Guard Information

Our School Crossing Guard will be at the corner of Longworth Avenue and Brooking Street at the following times each day:

- 8:50 – 9:15 a.m.
- 10:55 – 11:05 a.m.
- 11:25 – 11:35 a.m.
- 3:35 – 3:55 p.m.



Anaphylactic Allergies at Harold Longworth

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 extremely fatally 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!



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.

Yard Supervision

Yard Supervision in the morning begins at 9 a.m. Please do not have your children arrive before this supervision begins as they will be left unattended, and we cannot ensure their safety.



Walking & Riding

Please review the basic safety rules with your children. We will be stressing safety at school and, hopefully between us, we can get the message across.

All children should use the sidewalk where possible and cross in front of the school with our crossing guard.

Bicycle riders are reminded that they are considered vehicles and are required by law to wear helmets and obey traffic rules.

Parents are asked to make sure their children have and wear their helmets. Bikes are never to be ridden on school property during school hours.

Students riding bicycles are expected to dismount at the property's edge, walk their bikes to the racks provided, and lock them there for the day. Please note that we cannot be responsible for any damage that may occur to bikes.

As in the past roller blades, skateboards, ripsticks and scooters are not permitted on school property.

Nutrition Breaks



Our Nutrition Break Schedule will continue as indicated below for our students in Grades 1 to 8. Our Kindergarten students will follow the same schedule but in the reverse order, where they will eat first and go outside to play when the remaining Grade 1 to 8 students are inside. Our Grade 1 to 4 students use the lower field at recess, while our Grade 5 to 8 students use the upper field.

First Nutrition Break

10:55-11:15 - Outdoor Recess
11:15-11:35 - Indoor Eating Time

Second Nutrition Break

1:15-1:35 - Outdoor Recess
1:35-1:55 - Indoor Eating Time

Indigenous Self Identification

An information brochure has been sent home by our school describing the voluntary self-identification initiative for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students. Your Indigenous heritage is a vital part of who you are. By identifying your child or teen as a First Nation, Metis or Inuit student,

this helps us build the best possible school programs for all students. The information you provide when you self-identify will be private and confidential

For more information, please contact Sheryl Mattson, Indigenous Education Consultant K-12 – Sheryl_mattson@kprdsb.ca

URGENT! Student Registration Verification Sheets to be Returned

Student Verification Sheets were sent home last week with students. Parents are requested to make any changes and sign the back of the form. Also, please complete and sign the Information Release form which is attached. All forms are to be returned to your child's home room teacher as soon as possible, even if there are no corrections.

Thank you for your assistance!

Please Keep Dogs at Home

Please do not bring your dogs on school property at any time and especially not during the school day. The presence of visiting dogs creates several potential problems and we appreciate your consideration of student safety, not to mention the obvious hygiene issue. Even though responsible dog-owners "stoop and scoop" when walking their pets, we are still left with a significant problem of remnants that end up being lost, forgotten or left behind.

Please remember that we have a lot of



little people that are crawling and playing on our yard, and even when a mess has been picked up, children still end up being negatively affected. On behalf of all of our students and staff, thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Terry Fox Walk - September 26

Our Terry Fox run will be held on **Thursday, September 26, 2019**. Classes will be participating throughout the day. We are asking for a toonie from every student to continue raising money for the Terry Fox foundation. Our hope is beat last year's total of approximately \$1040.

Donations can be made on cash online

titled "Terry Fox 2019/2020" starting on September 11, 2019 or by sending \$2 with your child to their classroom teacher. Please know that donations of over \$2 is always welcome!

Thank you for supporting our annual Terry Fox run.

– Mrs. Barrie, Ms. Wagner, Mrs. Glasser

Sun Savvy Safety Tips

Although the heat of summer may be fading, the sun can still be dangerous for our health. Damage to eyes and skin from too much sunshine is easily prevented with the few simple steps below:

- Limit time in the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Look for shaded areas or create shaded

ed areas to do outdoor activities.

- Wear clothing to protect as much skin as possible.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim or a backflap.
- Put on UV protection sunglasses.
- Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher that gives protection from both UVA and UVB rays

HAVE A VOICE!

Be a Part of the HLPS School Council

What is School Council?

The purpose of school council, through the active participation of parents, is to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

School councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario. They provide a forum through which parents and other members of the school community can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance.

“Partnering to Make Our Schools Strong”... Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government and the community. By being a part of the school council team, we work together to ensure a high quality of education for our children.

Why be involved?

Parents play the first and most important role in their children’s education and are key partners in building a quality education system. One purpose of the school council is to promote and support the involvement of all parents in their child / children’s learning.

This involvement contributes both to the child / children’s success in school and to the quality of the school environment.

Participating on a school council is a rewarding experience for all those who value the opportunity to make a difference in their child / children’s education. Membership on a school council benefits the individuals involved by providing the following personal advantages:

- being an important partner in the education system, whose views are valued;
- contributing to the shared goal of improving student achievement;
- having a vehicle through which to express opinions;
- being able to keep informed about what’s happening at the school, the board and at the provincial level of education.

When & Where are the School Council Meetings Held?

School Council meets once per month in the School Library in the evening. Please check the school newsletter for specific details.

Who attends School Council Meetings?

If you have a child / children enrolled at Harold Longworth P.S., you are eligible to attend meetings. No experience is required! Just bring your ideas and your enthusiasm... everyone has a voice at the table.

The membership of the School Council reflects the diversity of the school community. Parents and guardians form the majority of members on the School Council.

What is discussed at School Council Meetings?

“To consult” means to seek advice, to confer, to discuss or to deliberate on the views and opinions held by others. In the spirit of the regulations regarding School Councils, there are clear expectations that all partners be consulted:

- School boards and principals are to seek advice from their School Councils.
- School Councils are to seek input from the parents of their school community about matters under their consideration.

Topics of discussion at the Council table include:

- Current Events
- Bullying Prevention
- School Culture
- School Spirit
- Student Recognition
- EQAO Results
- Code of Conduct
- School Improvement Plan
- Literacy and Math Initiatives
- Improving Communication
- Parental Engagement Activities

Elected Positions on School Council

Along with parent membership, the School Council is comprised of elected positions, including Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Regional Representative. Any parent representative may be nominated to one these positions.

If you are interested in participating on School Council or would just like to attend a meeting, School Council will host its first meeting of the 2019 / 2020 school year on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library.

School Council Parent Candidate **NOMINATION FORM**

Please fill in and return this form to the office prior to the inaugural School Council Meeting on **Wednesday, September 20.**

I wish to nominate

for the position of

on the Harold Longworth
School Council.

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

E-mail:

I am the parent/guardian of

(name of student)

who is currently registered
at this school.

(name of person nominated)

is the parent/guardian of

(name of student)

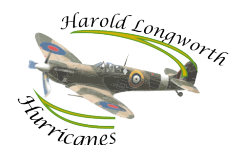
who is currently registered
at this school.

The person I have nominated
is an employee of the board

Yes No

(nominator’s signature)



(date)



September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 BACK TO SCHOOL First Day of Classes		Orono Fair September 5 - 8 Full Schedule at www.oronofair.com	All Kindergarten students attending	
1	2 Labour Day	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7
			Inaugural School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	HLPS Open House 5 to 6 p.m.		
8	9 Day 5	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14
15	16 Day 5	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21
				Terry Fox Walk 	P.A. DAY	
22	23 Day 5	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27	28
		Upcoming Dates: OCTOBER 1 - 15 November Pizza Lunch Sales @ School Cash Online OCTOBER 2 Picture Day				
29	30 Day 4					