



Northdale Public School

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STAR News UPDATE

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

October is here along with the changing leaves, cooler temperatures and our first holiday, Thanksgiving. The fall season is a great time of year to appreciate the many blessings we have. I am looking forward to spending time outdoors.

One recent blessing in our school community I am grateful for is the donation of an AED that is located outside our gymnasium doors. This donation was made possible through the Andrew Stoddart Foundation. Andrew was the son of a local Embro family. Andrew was playing soccer when he collapsed and later passed away. If there had been an AED available it possibly could have saved his life. We hope we will never need it but are grateful that we have it in the event it is.



SAFE ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE; Safety of our children is always our guiding principle when making any school community decisions. Please support us in our efforts to follow the public health unit protocols of social distancing and contact tracing during drop off and pick up times. We recommend parents wear their masks and keep social distanced. *Please move away from the gate area* after you have dropped off your children in order that other families with students can safely access the fenced in playground. Please do not walk your students onto school property at either entrance off of Northdale Ave. Thank you!

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Every year, schools are required to complete three fire drills, one severe weather/tornado drill and a code red drill in the fall and then again in the spring. This fall, our fire drills will be September 29th, October 7th and October 20th. The severe weather/tornado drill will be October 1st. The drills will run a little differently this year to follow new COVID protocols and procedures. The classes have been divided into three groups. Each group will have its own time to practice the drill on the dates stated. Please note, in the event of an actual emergency, the safety of staff and students takes priority over COVID protocols and all groups will follow the emergency plan at the same time. At this time, we are holding off on the code red procedure until we get further direction about how the drill will look within the new protocols and procedures this year.

STAFFING

We have to say some good-byes to staff this month. Mrs. Anne Bedard has accepted a leadership position with the board as a Learning Coordinator for Spec. Ed. Ms. Stephanie Witzel has agreed to take on the position of .5 LST for Kindergarten and Grade 1, 1/2 but will continue to provide the outdoor education for the 2 Kindergarten classes and the Kindergarten/Grade 1 class in the morning.

The grade 4/5 position continues to be filled by Ms Bruce until we are successful in hiring a replacement. Please join me in thanking Ms. Bruce for being a consistent person in our students learning journey! If you need to contact her you may do so by calling the school at 519-537-5761.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 10th World Mental Health Day

October 12th Thanksgiving Holiday / No School

October 16th Deadline for submission to Mrs. Kramer to change Mode of Learning

October 20th Fire drill #3

October 21st Life Picture Day – Tentative booking

October 26th-30th Media Literacy Week

October 30th Orange, Black and Purple Day (no costumes or soft sided items permitted at school)

November 5th Virtual Meet the Teacher/Celebration of Learning –more details to come

Reminders

-Student Health Agreement needs to be signed and returned.

-Please go into your Parent Portal and update your emergency contact and complete the student information sheets.



-*Please send 2 labelled filled water bottles to school with your student each day.*

ATTACHED IS AN UPDATED DECISION TREE FROM SOUTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH.