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School Year 2018-2019
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The Sheridan Showcase

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Please remember that the most current information for the school is available on our website: <http://she.hdsb.ca>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SHERIDAN'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION EVENINGS

Grade 1-5
Monday, December 10th
at 6:00 pm (2 tickets only)
Or join us at 2:00 pm for our Afternoon Performance

Kindergarten
Tuesday, December 11th
6:00 pm (2 tickets only)
Or join us at 2:00 pm for our Afternoon Performance

All of our students have started to rehearse their songs in order to make this show a memorable occasion for parents and students alike.

Tickets will be coming home soon!

Mark your calendar for the December 21st Float Parade!

Kindergarten registration is coming soon!!

We look forward to welcoming your child to school!

Junior Kindergarten 2019-2020: Children must be **4 years old by December 31, 2019.**

Senior Kindergarten 2019-2020: Children must be **5 years old by December 31, 2019.**

NOTE: If your child is currently attending one of our schools for Junior Kindergarten, you do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten.

To determine your designated home school, access our website www.hdsb.ca and click on "Parent Information" (Where will my child go to school?). You can call your designated school to find out which dates have been established for Kindergarten registration.

Please bring the following **original** documents with you to register:

- two proofs of residency via lease, purchase agreement, utility bill or property tax bill.
- birth certificate, passport or baptismal certificate for your child.

If you are not the child's parent, or if you have sole custody, please bring proof of custody (court order).

Please ensure your child is registered by January 31st, 2019

French Immersion in 2019-2020

There will be a French Immersion Information Night held at Garth Webb High School at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018. Registration forms for HDSB families are due to the home school no later than Wednesday, January 31st, 2019 (4 pm deadline).

Elementary Optional Attendance

Halton students seeking placement at schools **other than their home schools** do so by way of an Optional Attendance application. The process is open from December 1st, 2018 to January 31st, 2019.

Please contact Sheridan if you require a form for either French Immersion or Optional Attendance or download them from the Board website www.hdsb.ca. Both are due by **January 31, 2019.**

Caribou Contest

The Caribou Mathematics Competition is a world-wide online contest that is held six times throughout the school year. Congratulations to Joel in Grade 5 who ranked in the top 8% in Ontario!

Bag 2 School

Thank you to all of the Sheridan Families that donated items to our Fall Bag 2 School Fundraiser. Together we raised **\$107.08**. Thank you to School Council for organizing this initiative!

Sheridan's Sugar Rush Candy Collection

A big thank you to all the students and families that sent in their unwanted Hallowe'en candy to help support Canadian Food For Children! Together we collected 8 boxes full of candy and they will now be sent to starving children around the world!

Terra Cotta Cookie Fundraiser

Thank you to all Sheridan families for participating in our Terra Cotta Cookie Fundraiser. We are hungrily awaiting our frozen treats! Please remember that cookie delivery will happen on Wednesday, December 19th. Please make arrangements to pick up your cookie order anytime between 3:15pm-6:00pm that day. Remember, these products are frozen and you need to get into a freezer as soon as possible. School Council is in need of volunteers to help pack and hand out these orders. If you are available, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aadab23a0f49-terra>

Holiday Gift Bazaar



Every year at Sheridan we offer our students a unique in-school experience. For two days the Sheridan School Council elves set up shop in the gym and invite all our students to come and buy gifts for their family members. ALL ORDER FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 10th.

This year's Holiday Bazaar is being held on Thursday, December 13th and Friday, December 14th.

On the day of the Bazaar your child will be asked to bring cash (no cheques please) so that he/she can shop. We offer a variety of gift items that range in price from \$1 to a maximum of \$5 and are broken into easily determined categories: Mothers/Grandmothers, Fathers/Grandfathers, Sisters, Brothers and Pets. After your child makes his purchases, his gifts will then be wrapped by one of our very own elves.

We need a minimum of 12 volunteers per timeslot on both Thursday and Friday during school hours (from 8:45 to 3:15). If you are interested in helping out, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aadab23a0f49-holiday>

Also, we are looking for donations of Holiday gift bags, gift tags, tissue paper, curling ribbon, bows and tape. Here's a great chance to clear out your closets and under your beds!! Please send in donations to the school with your child.

Shopping on December 13th

Period Two: Mr. Middleton's -1-2
Period Three: Mrs. Matheson/Mrs. Walker – KF2
Period Four: Mrs. Kent – 1-1
Period Five: Mrs. Kozak – 2-1
Period Six: Mrs. Ramsden – 1-3

Shopping on December 14th

Period One: Mr. Stone/Mrs. Shahab – KF-1
Period Two: Mrs. Redman/Ms. Jakob – 5-1
Period Three: Ms. Manson/Ms. Verma – KF-3
Period Four: Mrs. Knapp/Ms. Jakob – 4-1
Period Five: Ms. Conway – 2/3-1
Period Six: Ms. Woods – 3-1

Festive Day!

Make sure you're wearing your most festive outfit on Friday, December 14th to help us celebrate the upcoming holidays! Wear your most fun Christmas sweater, reindeer ears and anything else that celebrates the season.

Ho-Ho-Hoedown

Tuesday, December 18th is Sheridan's Ho-Ho-Hoedown! All of our students will participate in fun activities throughout the day and enjoy a delicious, peanut-free hot chocolate from Tim Hortons. Please be sure your child is dressed in comfortable clothing and running shoes.

Pizza Day Volunteers for the New Year

We are still looking for Pizza Volunteers for our Wednesday Pizza Days in the New Year. If you're are available Wednesdays from 12:45pm – 1:30pm and interested in helping out, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aadab23a0f49-pizza2>

FROM THE LIBRARY



Book Fair

A big thank you to the Sheridan School community for its terrific support of our 2018 Book Fair – Enchanted Forest! Together we raised almost \$1,200 to help support literacy at Sheridan! All students at our school will benefit from the new titles Mrs. Ralph will be able to purchase for the Library! Congratulations Ava E., our draw winner.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!

The December month brings our school community many cultural and faith celebrations: like Hannukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. This is also a time that we can reflect on all the special days that have happened this school year for our families: Rosh Hashana, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Eid, Halloween and Bandi-Chor Divas to name just a few. These days of significance, although unique and special to each community, also represent for us the universal values of peace, generosity, kindness and family togetherness.

At our school we encourage students to celebrate our many differences and similarities in authentic ways. We truly hope that your family will find ways of sharing the many holidays of our community together with joy, respect and understanding.

Crayola Colorcycle

Thank you to all of our classes and community for bringing your dried up markers to the office. We have sent our first shipment back to Crayola to be recycled and we have already collected a little over 24 pounds!!!

Walking Wednesdays

Sheridan's Walking School Bus, "driven" by Mr. Stone, is in operation again this year. The "bus" departs from the intersection of Golden Meadow Trail and Lincoln Gate (Golden Meadow Trail Park) every Wednesday morning at 8:15 am. The "bus" travels east along Lincoln Gate and continues onto Lancaster Dr. arriving at Sheridan School at 8:30. Please join us if you are able to or honk and wave if you pass by us on the way to school. If you have any questions about the bus, please contact Mr. Stone.

Vital Youth Report

The Oakville Community Foundation has published a report on what it's like to grow up in our communities. To read their findings, go to: <https://theocf.org/our-impact/vital-solutions/vitalyouthreport/>

Inclement Weather Procedures

Conditions such as severe weather may cause schools to be closed for all or part of a day. If you suspect that this might occur, please listen to CHFI 98.1; CHML 900; CFRB 1010; CKOC 1150; CHWO 740; CJOY 1460; CHFI 680; CKFM 99.9 (FM); KLite 102.9 (FM); Y108 107.9 (FM); CBC 99.1 (FM); WAVE 94.7 (FM); CING 95.3 (FM); CIMJ 106.1 (FM). Also, CH Television (Morning Show) will announce any closures. Generally, schools would not be closed after 11:00 a.m. except in extreme circumstances.

As is always the case, the ultimate decision of whether to send your child to school on days when we have inclement weather rests with the parent. If you feel that the road conditions are not safe for your child to travel to school, then it is acceptable to keep them at home but please make sure you call the absence check to let us know that they are safe with you.

For Bus Students:



Please listen to the above-mentioned radio stations for announcements on whether buses are running or not. **Sometimes the schools are open, but the buses are not running.**

IF BUSES ARE CANCELLED IN THE MORNING, THERE WILL BE NO BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ENTIRE DAY.

Sheridan School's Annual Shoebox Float Parade Friday, December 21st @ 1:00 pm

Yes, it's that time of year, time for great minds to create that special float. Here is what you need to know:

1. At home, take a shoebox, put the lid on.
2. On top of the lid and on all the sides, decorate the shoebox just like one you might have seen in Oakville's Santa Claus Parade in November. You may choose any theme you want and decorate it to your heart's desire. However, there are rules to follow:
 - **Do not use remote controls to make your float move.** The floats must be pulled behind you through the school.
 - **Make sure that the pull string is attached securely.** Some people had to carry their floats last year because the string broke.
 - **Bring your float to school on the morning of the last day of school and keep it in your classroom.** There is not enough room to store any floats that have arrived earlier.
 - The participants will meet in the gym at **1:00 p.m.** and the parade will begin shortly after. Parents are most welcome to attend and sit in the mall to observe the parade. Dismissal time is 1:45 p.m. so parents may take children and floats home at that time. If you choose to leave prior to dismissal, please ensure that you sign your child out with their homeroom teacher.