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# The Sheridan Showcase

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

## Special Education Process

At Sheridan we have staff in addition to our Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Early Childhood Educators who support children with unique needs. Mrs. Salmon our Resource Teacher, Ms. Alves our Child and Youth Counselor, Mrs. Dean Burns our Literacy Resource Teacher and Mr. Marien our English Language Learner Teacher each bring skills and knowledge about resources and supports that students may require.

If a parent or teacher identifies that a child is having difficulties that are not being fully addressed in the regular classroom program, the teacher would bring the concerns forward to the School Team Committee to discuss and plan strategies and supports within the classroom.

Should further investigations or supports be recommended, the child's file is then brought to School Resource Team Meeting held once per month, which includes, the Child and Youth Counselor, the Speech and Language Consultant and the Board Psychologist that is assigned to our school. Parents are invited to share concerns and medical information and be part of the discussion at this meeting to set goals and access outside resources where necessary.

## Elementary Progress Reports

Grades 1-5 students will be bringing home **Elementary Progress Report Card on November 20th** followed by **Elementary Provincial Report Cards in February and June.**

Kindergarten students will be bringing home their **Communication of Learning Reports** following the same timeline as the older students.

These reports allow students, teachers and parents with an opportunity to reflect upon progress to date and discuss plans to ensure future success.

**The Elementary Progress Report Card you receive will not contain grades or numerical marks, but will indicate progressing with difficulty, progressing well, or progressing very well.** The focus of this progress report will be on six learning skills; responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation. These learning skills are essential for success in school.

The comments related to subject areas will describe a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations. As always, we encourage parents and guardians to discuss concerns and questions with their child's teacher at any time.

**Please make sure that you return the interview preference sheet that is going home today as soon as possible.**

**The majority of Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Please note that Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> is also a PD day - no classes for students.**

## QSP Magazine Fundraiser

Thank you to the many families, extended families and friends of Sheridan for supporting literacy at home with this year's fundraiser. We hope that all our subscribers enjoy their new magazines. The proceeds will be used to support student and staff learning. If you didn't get a chance to order your subscriptions, you can continue to order online during the year.

## Snacks and Treats

Please be very careful checking snacks and treats for Peanut or nut products. We have children with severe allergies, we will send treats back home to enjoy there if they contain nut products. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## BAG 2 SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who cleaned out their closets and dropped off their bags on October 25th. We collected over a ton of items and received a cheque for \$167.50 to be used for student and staff learning. Our next BAG 2 SCHOOL day will be in the Spring, so start saving your items now!

## School Council Members

Thank you to all the new and returning Council members – it's great to have so many parents actively involved in supporting our teachers and students!

Our next Council meeting will take place on **Monday, November 6th at 7:00pm** in the staff room. **All Sheridan parents are welcome.**

### **Picture Retake Day**

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you missed the original Picture Day or were unhappy with the ones you have please mark your calendar.

### **It's Back!!! The Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

Sheridan Public School has once again joined together with TerraCotta cookies for an exciting Holiday Fundraising Campaign.

The TerraCotta Cookie Dough Fundraiser will generate extra funds for technology and sports while at the same time providing a delicious selection of high quality, convenient food products for our families and friends to enjoy (especially over the holidays!).

The product is portioned into small ready for the oven "pucks". They are flash frozen for your convenience.

**Forms come home November 9th**

**Orders are due December 1st**

**Product arrives at school for Pick Up on Dec 20th**

(please note no late orders can be accepted)

### **Remembrance Day Service**

Please join us at our Remembrance Day Service on **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.** in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend - please sign in at the office.

### **Author Visit**

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** Susan Aguilo is coming to visit. She is the author of *Mummy on the Nile*, *Adventure in Antarctica* and *The Earth's End*. There is a preorder form for students who would like to order a book from the author. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will meet the author at 1:40 and grades 2-5 will meet the author at 2:20. She will share stories and experiences about being an author, and have time to answer questions that students may have.

### **French Immersion Info Night**

There will be a French Immersion Information Night for parents of children going into Grade 2 in the 2018-19 school year on **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at **Garth Webb Secondary School**.

### **See Hear Testing**

Families are offered sight and hearing screening on **November 20 and 21st**. During the screening basic vision and hearing abilities are checked. Any concerns will be reported to you, for follow up with your family doctor. If you cannot afford this service but need it please send the form back to school with a note requesting free service. We will accommodate families in need.

### **Book Fair November 22 to 24th**

It's almost time for the annual Sheridan Book Fair! Students will have the opportunity to preview the wonderful books on offer during their regular Library time with Mrs. Restivo. "Wish Lists" that include the title and price of the books students would like to be able to purchase will be brought home. Students who are ready to make their purchases may do so **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, you will also be able to shop from **3:15 to 7:30 on November 23rd**, and from **8:30 am to 10:30 am on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Support literacy and the love of reading at Sheridan – see you at the Book Fair!

Mrs. Restivo is looking for parent volunteers for the Book Fair. Please contact her at 905-845-3925 if you are able to volunteer.

### **Home Reading Logs**

Don't forget to have your child read to you each night. Please record the title in their Home Reading Log (one book per night). As soon as they have read 25 books, they will visit Mrs. Bonanno in the office to share their favourite reading stories and get a small prize.

Children who are reading chapter books can record the sections they read each night, rather than only doing one entry per book.

### **Is it your Birthday?**

At Sheridan students will get to choose a birthday book from the office to keep and read at home. By doing this, we encourage the Love of Reading that we hope that all children will develop.

### **Sending Medications to School \*\*\*NEW\*\*\***

Please note we are not able to dispense medications to your child(ren) unless it is a prescribed medication from a physician and the appropriate HDSB forms have been completed and signed by both your child's doctor and a parent. (Available for download from the Sheridan and HDSB websites in the forms section) As well please refrain from sending in non-prescribed medications such as Tylenol, throat lozenges, cough & cold products. We are unable to dispense these to your child(ren).

### **Volunteering Opportunities at Sheridan**

Do you have your Police Check?

You can now go online at <https://www.haltonpolice.ca/about/courtsrecords/policerrecordchecks.php>

If we have a police check on file for you, you now need to do an Offence declaration yearly

at

<https://www.hdsb.ca/Documents/HDSB%20annual%20offence%20declaration%20form%20for%20volunteer.pdf#search=offense%20declaration>

We are looking for looking for volunteers for the Holiday Bazaar (Dec 12-14) and still need volunteers for our pizza lunches in the new year.

**Do not miss out on a chance to help out at our school!**