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# The Sheridan Showcase

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## **WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!**

Welcome back Sheridan families! We are so glad to see all of those familiar faces and are excited to get to know all of the new ones! You will notice that we've sent home a welcome package with some forms that need to be filled out and returned. Please ensure that those have been sent back to school BEFORE Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

This year we have some new faces in the halls. Make sure to say hi when you see them! The 2018-19 Sheridan Staff is as follows:

Mr Stone/ Mrs Shahab - Kindergarten  
Ms Matheson/ Mrs Walker - Kindergarten  
Ms Manson/ Ms Verma- Kindergarten  
Mrs Kent/Mrs. Ralph - Grade 1  
Mr. Middleton - Grade 1  
Mrs Ramsden - Grade 1  
Mrs Kozak - Grade 2  
Ms. Conway - Grade 2/3  
Ms Woods - Grade 3  
Mrs Knapp/Ms. Jakob - Grade 4  
Mrs Redman/Ms. Jakob - Grade 5  
Mrs Salmon - Resource Support  
Ms Brush/Mrs Matthews - Office  
Mrs Tran - ESL support  
Mrs Restivo - Kindergarten and Primary Coverage  
Mrs. Ralph –Music and Library  
Ms. Britton - Primary Coverage  
Mrs Iqbal, Mrs Selinger, Mrs Rashid, Mrs. Summers - Educational Assistants  
Mrs. Goulart, Mrs Silveira- Custodians  
Ms. Wright - Principal

## **Communication Home and school- Please check weekly**

**Sheridan Website:** Most general information will be posted here. There will also be links to download forms and field trip notices.

**Google Classroom:** Junior grades will use this tool to see and submit assignments as well as to communicate home with parents.

**Agendas:** Grades 1-5 have paper agendas that should go back and forth each day. Please initial these or feel free to write a note to the teacher. Also please note that a note to the teacher about an appointment or absence still needs to be called in to the School Connects system.

**Kindergarten:** we are trying to establish an easy to access site for our Kindergarten parents- details to follow shortly. All messages and mail will go back and forth in their Zippy bags

**School Messenger:** Quick messages that will come to your email account. (see flyer sent home with this newsletter)

## **Attendance**

Please remember to register for and use the new system, School Messenger, to report all absences and lates for your child. This must be done by 9:00 am otherwise the system will do an automatic call out to ALL of your contact numbers until they reach you. Call ID will say Sheridan School calling, but it is School Messenger doing the callout.

## **Open House -Save the Date**

We are planning an Open House for Wednesday, October 3rd from 5:30-7:00. Come and meet the teacher and view the classroom. Please remember this is a meet and greet, if you feel you need an interview or longer conversation, then you can book a mutually convenient time with the teacher.

## **Cross Country**

Cross Country for students in grades 3-5 will begin soon! Children practice during lunch breaks. The Cross Country meet will be Thursday, October 4th in the morning at Kelso. Parent Volunteers requested.

## **Terry Fox Walk**

Our Terry Fox walk will be Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm. Parents are invited to walk with us. Our goal will be for each child to bring a Toonie for Terry. To make this meaningful the children might earn that money by doing a chore, or donating money that they may have spent on a treat. We thank all families for their support of this event.

**Pizza Days**- Every Wednesday we order pizza to be served for the second lunch break. Please ensure that your child has snacks and drinks for the balance of the day. Please ensure the pizza order form has been filled out and returned to the office no later than Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>! We will also need volunteers to make our Pizza Days a success. Please keep your eyes open for the online volunteer sign up!

**Picture Day** – Our school photographer will be here on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendar. Students will have an individual and a class picture taken on that day. **Picture Retake Day** is November 8<sup>th</sup>. You must indicate in writing if you want a retake on that day. We will ensure we take pictures for all students who were away on the first picture day.

### **Fundraising Plan**

We would like to be upfront with our fundraising plan for the year to help you to choose what you would like to participate in: (Tentative based on participation of new Council members)

QSP Magazines and gift item campaign Sept-Oct  
Terra Cotta Cookies- Nov-Dec  
Hot Dog Day  
Dance A Thon- Feb-March  
Spring Fling Basket Raffle- June

Money from these items will be used to directly benefit the children at Sheridan in Technology, Literacy, Numeracy, Sports and Games, and Cultural presentations.

### **Services provided-** optional participation

Pizza lunches and milk  
Special events- may include  
Cookie Day and Ice Dawgs Day

### **QSP Magazine Fundraiser**

We know that Sheridan families look forward to renewing subscriptions of their favourite magazines and occasionally trying out new ones. We are running this popular fundraiser again at Sheridan. The event begins with an assembly for students on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>. Students will take home information packages that day. Thanksgiving weekend is a convenient time to share this opportunity with family, friends and relatives. Please note that there is a user friendly online ordering option as well as our regular ordering process. All orders are due to be handed in to the office by **Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Kiss & Ride**

Parents are asked **not to get out of their cars in the Kiss & Ride Lanes**. Students are to be dropped off on the RIGHT curbside after 8:30 a.m. From there, they cross via the crosswalk to the playground. **Adults who wish to leave their vehicles** are asked to **please park in proper parking spaces in the parking lot or nearby using street parking**. In this way, we can keep the Kiss & Ride area clear and moving safely through the parking lot and will avoid unnecessary and potentially serious accidents. **Also, never drive past a bus while it is loading or unloading students**. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Learning is a Hungry Business!!**

At Sheridan we have two 45 minute breaks each day - the children go out for 25 minutes then come in and eat for 20 minutes. During this time students are encouraged to have a healthy snack, and a drink to refresh their tummies and minds.

Please remember healthy snacks that are low in added sugar help to maintain blood sugar and balance throughout the day. Fruits, vegetables, cheese, and meats are all excellent choices. Juice and milk are great but we also encourage the children to have a water bottle to refill during the day at our **Water Filling Station**.

### **Classroom food basket program.**

Some days kids are really hungry so each classroom has a healthy foods basket where students are able to choose an additional item once they have finished all of their food sent from home.

Our bins include: Unsweetened apple sauce, Fruit cups (**in juice**), Individually packaged crackers: (Melba Toast; Goldfish)

These are popular items and our donation from Halton Food for Thought only goes so far in keeping the bins filled. We would be happy to receive any monetary or product donations to help us through the year. Keep in mind that any of these items are great additions to your child's lunch too!

### **Allergy Reminder**

Parents please remember when packing your child's lunch that there are some members of our school community who have a **LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY to ALL NUTS/TREE NUTS INCLUDING PEANUTS AND PEANUT BUTTER**. Please help us to ensure a safe environment for all children by not sending these items to school.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot accept any food treats for birthdays and special occasions. If sent to school they will be returned home to you.

### **School Council Meeting Invitation**

Just a reminder that all Sheridan families are invited to Sheridan School Council meetings. School Council meets every month from 7PM to 8PM. Come and find out what goes on at the school, help plan fun activities and have your say in the allocation of School Council fundraising dollars. Don't be shy - it's a casual atmosphere! Our first meeting is Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you there. At this point we have very few parents that have indicated a willingness to be on school council this year.

### **Insure My Kids Student Accident Forms**

Insure My Kids Student Accident Forms are available in the office. Please contact Ms. Brush at [brushc@hdsb.ca](mailto:brushc@hdsb.ca) if you would like one sent home. Alternatively, feel free to contact them directly at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

**PIC Conference – Save The Date**

The Halton District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee welcomes parents, guardians and community members to connect with each other and learn together. This event is planned by parents for parents.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

8:15 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Garth Webb Secondary School

2820 Westoak Trails Blvd., Oakville, Ontario

**Upcoming Dates To Remember:**

Wed. Sept. 11 – Milk Order Forms due to the office

Fri. Sept. 14 – School Start Up Forms and Pizza Order Forms due to the office

Mon. Sept. 17 – P.A. Day (No School)

Tues. Sept. 18 – Milk Begins (for those that have ordered)

Wed. Sept. 19 – Pizza Day (for those that have ordered)

Fri. Sept. 21 – School Council Nomination Forms due to the office

Wed. Sept. 26 – Pizza Day

Thurs. Sept. 27 – Terry Fox Run 1:45pm (Parents are welcome) – Please bring a toonie for Terry

Fri. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – QSP Kick Off Assembly