

**OCTOBER
2023**

WALTER E HARRIS HURRICANES!!

"A unique and caring experience"

"Me tient à coeur"

<http://www.ddsb.ca/school/waltereharris>

Safe Arrival Line 24 hrs

Toll Free Number:

1-844-350-2646

Website: attendance.ddsb.ca

Principal:

Trina Lewis

Vice Principal:

Susan Doern

Administrative Assistant:

Chelsea Phelan-Tran

Superintendent:

Kandis Thompson

Administrative Officer:

Jeffrey Maharaj

Oshawa Trustees

Deb Oldfield

Shailene Panylo

Linda Stone

Next SCC Meeting:

October 2nd, 6 PM

WORDS FROM WEH...

September of 2023 at WEH has passed quickly and yet, we have already shared so much as a community in the first 19 days of school! We were delighted to welcome so many families to our once-again-annual open house. Our students walked their families around the school with a palpable sense of pride as they showed off "their" school, classrooms and teachers. That WEH students feel a part of their school, welcomed, safe and included, is our highest goal, to which we aspire every day.

We enjoy a wealth of extracurricular opportunities at WEH thanks to our caring and dedicated educators and student volunteers. September activities have included volleyball, soccer, yoga, cross country running, flag football and social studies club. We have celebrated Franco-Ontario Day, raised funds in our run for the Terry Fox Foundation and honoured residential school survivors on Orange Shirt Day - and that was just this week! Want to know what else is going on at WEH? Students can access daily announcements in their google classrooms and many activities are listed on our school website calendar for parent reference.

Please read through our newsletters each month where we provide information on upcoming events, themes and activities as well as tips on how to support your children in their journey through school. Want to get more involved? Why not join our School Community Council (SCC). We have our first meeting Monday, October 2nd. Hope to see you there!



The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.



Tuesday, October 31st

Choose to wear a costume
or dress in fall colours

Please consider:

- respectful costume choices
(*A culture is NOT a costume)
- no weapons or weapon-like accessories
- no full-face masks (for safety)
- reduced make-up recommended as it becomes uncomfortable for a full day

USE SENSE WITH SCENTS



Please be respectful,
we share the air!

Refer to the scent awareness guideline



SAFETY: EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



Staff, students and visitors are reminded that we have staff and students who have medical sensitivities to scents. If you wear a scented product, please try using scent-free or unscented products as a substitute. A general guideline for scented products is that the scent should not be detectable more than an arm's length away from you. Avoid application of scented products in the building.



October tips:

- Check the forecast and dress for the changing October weather.
- Send extra clothing for younger students.
- Do those indoor shoes still fit? Students need indoor shoes for classrooms and the gym. Thank you!



Friendly Reminder:
WEH is a peanut-free facility. Please be mindful of what treats are sent to school in students' lunches.



Kiss 'n' Ride Etiquette - Top 5

1. Drive slowly and watch for students.
2. Breathe and be patient.
3. Don't be a traffic jammer! Pull all the way up to allow the cars behind you to drop off at the same time.
4. Don't unload your passenger until you are alongside the sidewalk.
5. Wave and say "Thank You" to staff.



School Community Council (SCC)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 2 @ 6pm

Do you want to be more involved in the WEH community?

We've got opportunities!

Come to our next meeting to find out more.

The SCC is a group of interested parents/caregivers/guardians and school members who meet once a month. This advisory body plans fundraising and student activities, working together to make the school a better place for all.

ALL are WELCOME at WEH October 17th For Info and Registration



Islamic History Month 2023

Celebrating Muslim Heritage and Contributions to Society

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS EVENTS

WED.
OCT. 4
6:00PM

da Vinci
Public School
Ajax

Islamic History Month Arts Night

- **Primary (kindergarten- grade 3)** - Islamic Shapes and Pattern blocks, Colouring and Crafts
- **Junior/Intermediate (Grades 4-8)** Islamic Geometric Pattern Mural Making with featured artist Madiha Bhatti

[Sign up Student here for Wed. Oct. 4 Event](#)



TUES.
OCT. 17
5:30PM

Walter E. Harris
Public School
Oshawa

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SECONDARY STUDENTS EVENT

SAT.
OCT. 21
10:00AM-2:00PM

Eastdale CVI
Oshawa

Islamic History Month Secondary Student Competition

MEND invites DDSB secondary students for a day of healthy competition where students will have the opportunity to compete in Islamic trivia, badminton, debate and more. All MSA and others are welcome to participate

[Sign up here \(\\$5 per student\)](#)



VISIT US for More INFO below

wearemend.ca

Popcorn fundraiser

Grade 8 Grad Fundraiser!

Only 2\$ per bag!



Grades 1-3 - October 4th

Grades 4-8 - October 5th

Grade 8 students will deliver popcorn to classrooms during your lunch period. Cost \$2/small bag



October 23 – 27th

Who will participate? : All students (Grades 1-8)

What does it cost? : \$10 per student

(please send cash or cheque to school by October 20th)

Wear clothing suited to climbing activities and proper footwear.

Students will receive helmets, a harness and safety training.

Each class will have 2 sessions during the week.

There are a variety of activities that range in level of difficulty.

Students may **choose** the activities they want to try.

Here's what it looks like : <https://www.junglesport.com/>

Mental Health for Families: Navigating the mental health needs of everyone in our families is challenging. Here's a resource to help:

<https://www.family.cmho.org/>

Math Support: Have you checked out TVO online math supports?

<https://mathify.tvolearn.com/>



Healthy Hunger

SIMPLE, ONLINE ORDERING FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S LUNCH PROGRAM

www.healthyhunger.ca

Join the Hurricanes by ordering some yummy lunches through our Healthy Hunger Program. Lunches are labelled and delivered to the school by 10:35 AM.

Please login to add your child to their new teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Orders must be in within 5 days before the lunch event. We have attached step by step process for your convenience.



WOK BOX

SUBWAY

bar
BURRITO
fresh mexican grill



Boston Pizza



October 2023

HEALTHY HUNGER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 WOK BOX	3 SUBWAY	4 WOK BOX	5 bar BURRITO	6 Domino's Pizza	7
8	9	10 SUBWAY	11 WOK BOX	12 Boston Pizza	13 Domino's Pizza	14
15	16 WOK BOX	17 SUBWAY	18 WOK BOX	19 bar BURRITO	20 Domino's Pizza	21
22	23	24 SUBWAY	25 WOK BOX	26 Boston Pizza	27 Domino's Pizza	28
29	30 WOK BOX	31 SUBWAY				



Gifted Testing Nominations Open October 3 - 11

Grade 4-8 families interested in Gifted Screening are invited to contact our SERT (Special Education Resource Teacher), J. Longpre, to request a nomination form with an embedded link. Nominations are submitted by families through this link that will be open October 3rd through October 11th to receive nominations. Any families requesting nomination of their child after 9pm on October 11th, 2023 will need to obtain a private assessment or wait until the following school year to participate in DDSB group testing.



On October 18th, in partnership with wegrowfood.org, a group of intermediate students at WEH will be planting edible gardens in both the courtyard and the raised beds in the school yard. During this outdoor, interactive and hands-on learning experience, students will be taught by experts in sustainable gardening, about soil health, local edible plants and saving seeds to build seed libraries for future planting.



Student Accident Insurance

Providing safe learning environments is a strong and constant focus at the Durham District School Board. Families should however recognize that there is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, sports and other student activities both on and off school grounds. Accidents can happen, despite precautions to prevent them. Accidental injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

Please be aware that the Durham District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. For your convenience, we do make available a Student Accident Insurance program through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices.

All rates are one-time annual premiums. The insurance agreement is between you and Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For complete details please refer to the insuremykids Protection Plan information/application form or visit their website at:
www.insuremykids.com.

Any questions should be directed to Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada toll free at 1-800-463-5437.

Refer to brochure below for more information...

Who is Eligible?

Children are eligible for coverage if they are:

- a) more than 6 months old;
- b) less than 27 years old; and
- c) live in Canada, except the province of Quebec.

If a child is 14 years old or older at any time during the Coverage Period, they must be a full-time student within the 12 months prior to any claim. We define a full-time student as being enrolled in a minimum of 3 courses at the same time, during any 4-month period.

If you have children enrolled in different schools or school boards, they may all be insured under one policy.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Financial Protection for your family in case of accidents



Full Year
of
Coverage

 1.800.463.5437

 www.INSUREMYKIDS.COM

Underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. Please visit insuremykids.com for detailed information on coverages, conditions, limitations and exclusions.

 OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

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my kids** 

insuremykids.com

Protect your loved ones 24/7 with insuremykids®

Get the financial protection your family needs.
 If your child is involved in an accident, whether at school or during non-school hours, insuremykids® protects your family from the resulting expenses, which are not normally covered under your government health and group insurance plans.



3-Year & 5-Year Plans

Save time and money!
 One quick purchase is all it takes to get multiple years of coverage!



Are you sure your child is covered?
 Government health plans and employment plans offer limited coverage. We help to fill in the gaps.

The Platinum Plan - our best selling plan - only \$33/year

For only \$33.00 a year, the Platinum Plan offers our best value in 24/7 accident insurance coverage. Plus, it is our only plan to offer out-of-province emergency medical coverage (up to \$200,000) plus other travel benefits.

How much of a difference can insuremykids® really make?

Example: A 15 year-old was playing soccer in gym class. The student suffered a knee injury and required medical treatment.

	Platinum Plan	Without insuremykids®
Annual Premium	\$33	\$0
Knee Brace	\$0	\$1,500
Crutches	\$0	\$35
Prescription Medication	\$0	\$36
Physiotherapy	\$0	\$400
Out of Pocket	\$33	\$1,971

Expenses

Benefits*

Include:

	Platinum Plan \$33/year	Gold Plan \$25/year	Silver Plan \$17/year
24 Hours/Day Coverage	✓	✓	✓
Out-of-Province Emergency Medical & Other Travel Benefits	\$200,000	n/a	n/a
Total & Permanent Disability**	\$350,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing or Speech**	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
Accidental Death	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Unlimited Accidental Dental Per Tooth After 10 Years	10 years \$1,650	10 years \$1,400	10 years \$1,250

*Benefit limits vary based on plan chosen and the insured's age.
 **Only one of these two benefits is payable per child in the event of an accident. For complete descriptions of benefits, benefit limits, conditions, limitations and exclusions, please view the policy online at www.insuremykids.com.