

Walter E. Harris Hurricanes!

April 2021



“A unique and caring experience”

“Me tient à coeur.”



Safe Arrival Line

24 hours

Toll Free Number:

1-844-350-2646

Website:

attendance.ddsbc.ca

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Dear WEH Families,

We hope that families enjoyed the holiday and extra long weekend!

Spring Break is scheduled to remain and will be taking place from April 12th-16th. In previous years, prior to the Winter or Spring Break, we would be encouraging students to take home personal belongings such as shoes, so that families can check for sizing; along with student work. While we cannot predict at this time if there will be a shift to virtual learning after the break, we may be sending additional items to support learning.

Covid and Community Spread: We all must continue to exercise caution, to ensure that we keep ourselves safe. If you have gotten “out of practice”, please change your ways and complete the morning screening of your children prior to sending to school
[-https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/.](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/)

If your child is presenting with a new or worsening symptom of COVID-19, as outlined in the school and child care screening tool, even those with only one symptom, must stay home along with any siblings until:

-they receive a negative COVID-19 test result

-they receive an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional, or

-it has been 10 days since their symptoms began and they are feeling better.

For more information about COVID response in our communities, please visit the [Durham Public Health Website](#). Or, if you have any questions, please feel free to either email, or call us at the school.

Stay Well!

Ms. Lewis & Mr. Loscavo



Durham Region Health Department **Facts about...**



COVID-19 School and Childcare Screening

- All children/students must screen for COVID-19 every day before going to school/childcare.
- Everyone in your household must stay home if anyone has COVID-19 symptoms or is waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms.
- Stay home until the person with symptoms gets a negative COVID-19 test result or receives an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider.
- If the symptomatic individual does not seek testing or is not diagnosed with another illness, he or she must isolate for 10 days from symptom onset and all household members must isolate for 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Fever and/or chills

- Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher

Cough or barking cough (croup)

- Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing (not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways, or other known causes or conditions you already have)

Shortness of breath

- Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply (not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions you already have)

Decrease or loss of taste or smell

- Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders, or other known causes or conditions you already have

Sore throat or difficulty swallowing

- Painful swallowing (not related to seasonal allergies, acid reflux, or other known causes or conditions you already have)

Runny or stuffy/congested nose

- Not related to seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather, or other known causes or conditions you already have

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



Headache

- Unusual, long-lasting (not related to tension-type headaches, chronic migraines, or other known causes or conditions you already have)

Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea

- Not related to irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, menstrual cramps, or other known causes or conditions you already have

Extreme tiredness or muscle aches

- Unusual, fatigue, lack of energy, poor feeding in infants (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, sudden injury, or other known causes or conditions you already have)

How can I get my child tested?

You can book an appointment for COVID-19 testing in Durham Region by completing the online assessment form at covidswab.lh.ca.

If any members of your household test positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by Public Health directly with more detailed advice.

What should I do if my child's symptoms get worse?

Monitor your child's symptoms closely as symptoms may change throughout the progression of COVID-19. If your child's symptoms persist or worsen, and an initial swab is negative, complete the online assessment form (covidswab.lh.ca) for another assessment to determine the need for another test. If your child has worsening symptoms (such as difficulty breathing, chest pain) please call 911 or go to your local emergency department.

When can my child return to school/childcare?

Your child can return to school/childcare when:

- They receive a negative COVID-19 test result.
OR
- They receive an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional.
OR
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, they do not have a fever (without using medication).
AND
- Symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.

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April 2nd - Good Friday (No School)

April 4th - Easter (Christian)

April 5th - Easter Monday (No School)

April 12th to 16th - April Break (Formely known as March Break)

April 13th - Ramadan Begins

April 14th - Vaisakhi (Sikh, Hindu)

April 20th - Ridvan

Class Requests for the 2021-2022 School Year

We will soon be undertaking the task of organizing next years classes. The staff at Walter E. Harris P.S. take this task very seriously and spend considerable time trying to make the best fit for all concerned. Staff and Administration consider many variables when organizing classes, ranging from academic strengths to social skills, from work habits to balances of boys and girls, from learning styles to class size, as well as Ministry and Board criteria.

Parents are welcome to provide input into this process by contributing additional information about their children. Please note that your input must address programming needs.

Requests for specific teachers or a straight grade are not a part of this process. The teachers who work with your child and all other children at the grade level, have the best perspective on these issues and will be striving to make good decisions for students, teachers and the school. While parental input will be considered, final decisions on student placement rests with the Principal, together with the staff in meeting the needs of all our students. No assurances can be made regarding class placement for specific students.

Parents wishing to have input into the placement process are to email Ms. Lewis in confidence: trina.lewis@ddsb.ca explaining their request.

To be considered, requests must be received by Friday, May 28th, 2021.



Moving? Changing schools?

If your family will be moving over the upcoming months/summer months, please remember to advise our Office as we are currently looking at staff for the upcoming 2021/2022 School Year.

Please feel free to visit www.ddsb.ca and click "Find My School" at the bottom of the page, or visit the link below, if you wish to check home school information at any time"

<http://www.ddsb.ca/Schools/OurSchools/Pages/School-Locator.aspx>



April is **Sikh** Heritage Month

Sikh Canadians have lived in Ontario since the middle of the twentieth century. They represent a growing and dynamic population. Sikh Canadians have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario.

By proclaiming the month of April as Sikh Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Sikh Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

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