

Walter E. Harris Hurricanes!

December 2020



“A unique and caring experience”

“Me tient à coeur.”

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER!



Safe Arrival Line

24 hours

Toll Free Number:

1-844-350-2646

Website:

attendance.ddsb.ca

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December is a festive time of year for many of our families at Walter E. Harris. Our Hat and Mitten Christmas Tree will soon be put up in our front foyer. Please consider donating new hats, scarves, toques and mittens to the tree. Donations will go to support families in need in Oshawa. Also, please consider donating non perishable food items to our Holiday Food Drive. It is our hope to make the holidays a little more special for families in Oshawa. Many other holiday activities will be happening in classrooms too! Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or would like to share your own cultural traditions with the class.

We know and understand that for reasons beyond our control the holiday season will look a little different for many. No matter what or how that looks, from our family to yours, we wish you nothing but peace, joy, happiness, togetherness with family, some relaxation and cheer over the winter holiday break. Take time to appreciate the little things in life and to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in such a safe place and to have what we have in this beautiful country. We look forward to returning to work with you and your child in 2021!

Stay well!

Trina (P), Mike (VP) and the WEH Staff

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Website:

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



WALTER E. HARRIS PUBLIC
SCHOOL PRESENTS

Holiday Food Drive

UNTIL DECEMBER 16TH, 2020

STUDENTS CAN BRING DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

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**JOIN US TO HELP FIGHT AGAINST
HUNGER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

WHAT WE NEED:


CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED
MEATS, PASTA AND SAUCE, RICE, CRACKERS,
TREATS AND SNACKS, APPLE SAUCE, OATMEAL,
CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM, ETC.

CALL WEH AT 905-728-4532 FOR MORE INFORMATION



Share the Warmth

WEH WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



Today we are kicking off our collection of hats, toques, scarves and mittens for the youth that attend the Refuge in Oshawa and for the students of our school that may be in need. Homeless and street youth attend the refuge for many necessities including warm meals. Families are asked to please decorate the tree that is in the front entrance with hats and mittens (all sizes are needed). A delivery to the Refuge will be made on December 16th.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Help us help our community!



DEC 1ST - DEC 16TH



This is an important message for days when schools are open and busses are cancelled and your child is therefore unable to attend school. Parents/Guardians are required to report their child absent by calling the Safe Arrival line or entering your child's absence using the SchoolMessenger website or app prior to the start of school. Please use the "Bus Cancellation" absence code. Your child's absence will be entered as a grant day that will not count as an absence on their report card or count against perfect attendance.

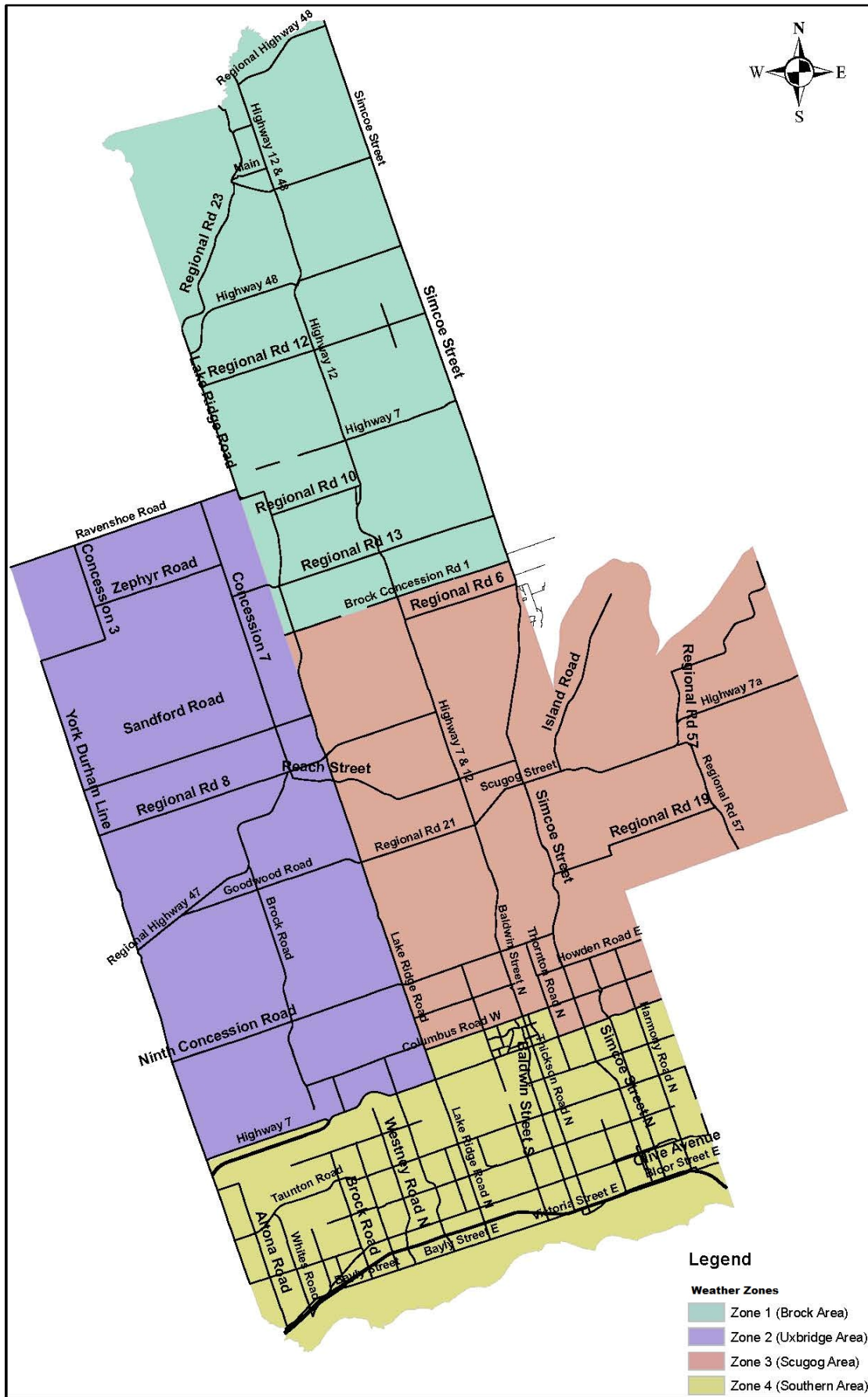
This process is intended to ensure that bussed students who attend school on a busses cancelled day arrive at school safely. It is important to be aware that if the absence is not entered, the SchoolMessenger system will generate calls asking you to verify the absence. The 'Bus Cancellation' absence code should only be used on days when busses are cancelled in your school zone.



Walter E. Harris P.S. is located in ZONE #4 (Map provided on the next page)



Inclement Weather Zones



0 1.5 3 6 Kilometers

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Walter E. Harris

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French Immersion Grades 1-8

School Community Council

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Next Meeting: Monday, December 7th, 2020 @ 6:00

The SCC is a group of interested parents, 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.

We will meet virtually and the Google Meet code will be sent out via SchoolMessenger E-Mail on the day of the meeting.

Character Education Matters

Trait/Focus of the Month...

INTEGRITY



Gifted Testing

Gifted nomination letters and forms have been sent home electronically to all Grade 3 families. This year, in view of COVID protocols, parents are invited to **email completed nomination forms to SERT, Jennifer.Longpre@ddsbc.ca, by December 1st** at the very latest for participation in Gifted Testing. **Any family can request to nominate a student older than grade three.** Please contact SERT to request nomination form. Same timeline applies for older students. **Late nominations will not be accepted.** Please check out the following video for more information about Gifted Testing

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12kbvpQ3PdeF3-YrHKITekNuz2LfIKYEB/view?usp=sharing>

KWANZAA



A celebration of family, community
and culture



HANUKKAH

The Festival of Lights



CHRISTMAS



Commemorating the birth of Christ

