

Walter E. Harris Hurricanes!

December 2019



“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

Principal

Trina Lewis

Vice Principal

Michael Loscavo

Administrative Assistants

Chelsea Phelan-Tran

Melissa Welker

Superintendent

Silvia Peterson

Administrative Officer

Brent Woodward

Oshawa Trustees

Michael Barrett

Darlene Forbes

Ashley Noble

As we approach the holiday season, we can look back at a very successful 2019. Our students continue to impress with their hard work, dedication to excellence, and enthusiastic participation in the life of the school. We continue to be a very busy place and pride ourselves on the range of opportunity provided here at WEH. Excitement is building as we approach all of the school events before the Winter Break. Alongside all this excitement is the excellent teaching and learning that takes place each and every day. We are very lucky to have such a committed team of educators working with such respectful and motivated children. We would like to thank our teaching staff, educational assistants, early childhood educators, office staff and custodians for all they do each and every day. We also thank our SCC, our parent volunteers, teacher candidates, and our co-op students for the many initiatives and support they offer to our students. Lastly, we would like to thank our parent and guardian community for your ongoing support, as that is fundamental in helping make WEH such an excellent school.

We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff, to wish all our families a safe and happy winter break.

Ms. Lewis and Mr. Loscavo



Address

495 Central Blvd North,
Oshawa, ON
L1G 6A2
Canada

Website:

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

8:00 Entry

9:35-9:50 Recess

*10:50 -11:50 Lunch

1:25-1:40 Recess

2:40 Dismissal

*Students will eat from
10:50-11:10, then go outside
from 11:10-11:50

Follow us on Twitter!!!



Walter E. Harris

@EcoleWEH

French Immersion Grades 1-8

Scent Sensitivities at School Use Sense with Scents

Please be mindful that there are a number of staff and students with scent sensitivities.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Visitors

Visitors are welcome at WEH, however, they are required to check-in at the office and wear a 'Visitor's Pass.' This is an essential procedure to ensure the safety of all students. It is very important that parents/visitors do not enter the school at points other than the front door. We require everyone to respect this routine as we work together to ensure that we do not have the opportunity for strangers to enter the building.



Allergies and Medication

Please let the school know if your child has a severe or life-threatening allergy or medical condition. If your child requires medication or medical care while at school, please contact the office for the appropriate forms, which must be completed and signed by your physician annually. Medication must be stored in the office at all times.

School Community Council

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 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.

Character Education Matters

Trait/Focus of the Month...





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.

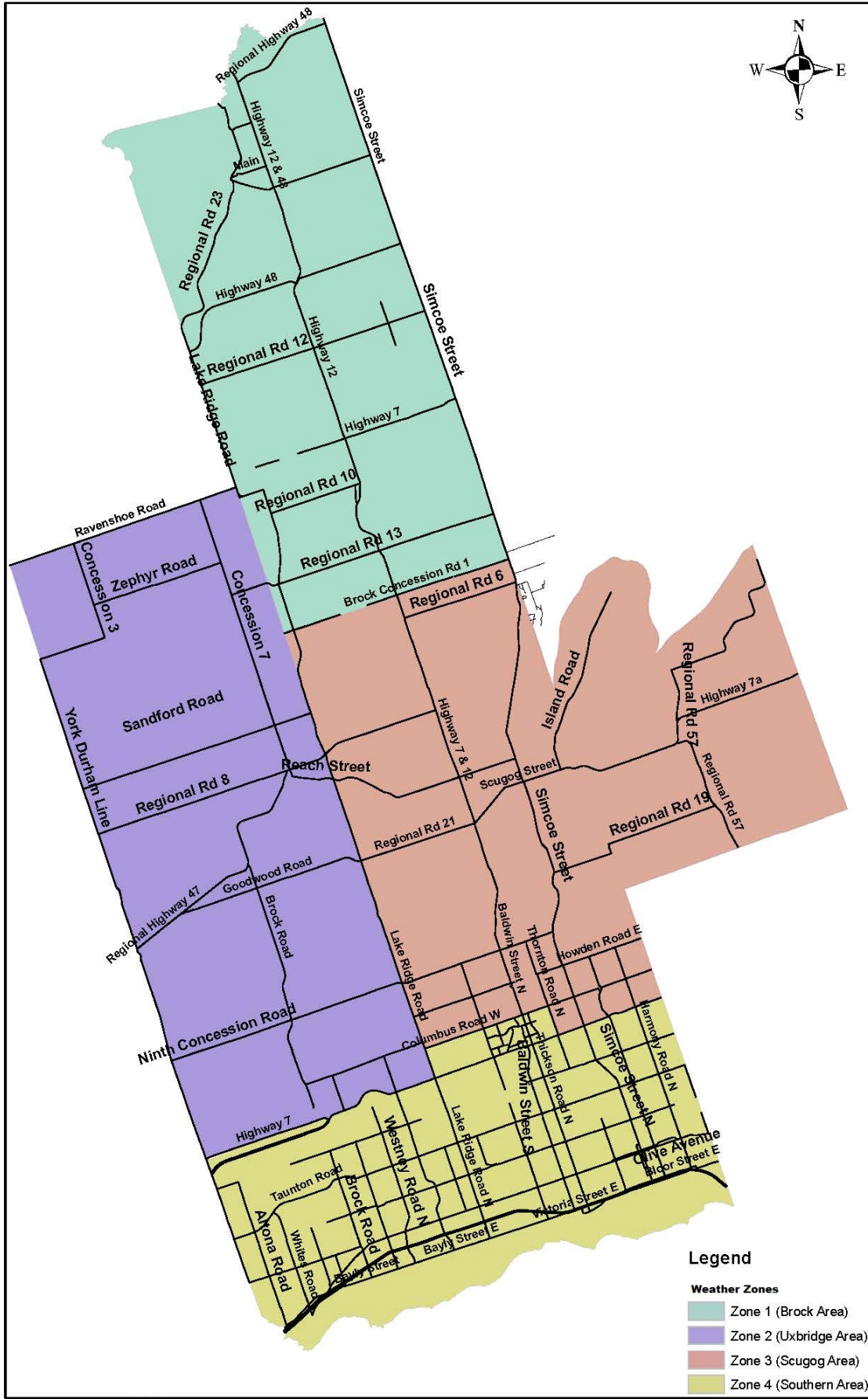
This process is intended to ensure that bussed students who attend school on a busses cancelled day arrive at school safely. It is important to be aware that if the absence is not entered, the SchoolMessenger system will generate calls asking you to verify the absence. The 'Bus Cancellation' absence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



Legend

- Weather Zones**
- Zone 1 (Brock Area)
 - Zone 2 (Uxbridge Area)
 - Zone 3 (Scugog Area)
 - Zone 4 (Southern Area)

KWANZAA

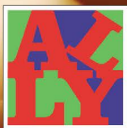


A celebration of family, community
and culture



HANUKKAH

The Festival of Lights



CHRISTMAS



Commemorating the birth of Christ



We Value the Diversity of our Community!

The Durham District School Board values and respects all members in its school community. We believe that it is important that our school libraries and classroom resources reflect inclusivity and serve to foster sensitivity towards individuals and groups that have traditionally been and/or are currently being marginalized within the broader society. These resources serve to identify and remove barriers that may exist for various groups and families. They may touch on topics of ethnicity, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, family status and marital status. They are intended to help students to acquire the knowledge and skills that enable them to challenge unjust practices, and to build positive human relationships as members of a global community. Our goal is to provide students with opportunities to promote equity and social justice.



Monday December 2nd - SCC meeting at 6:00

Thursday December 12th - Winter concert performance (8:30 and 12:00)

Friday December 20th - Last day of school before the winter holiday

Saturday December 21st to Sunday January 5th - Winter holiday

Monday January 6th - Welcome back to school!





Families, you are cordially invited to our Confort et Joie concert

We will be having two performances on Thursday, December 12, 8:30am and 12pm.

Please indicate below by filling in the ticket order form, which presentation you will be attending.

The following grades and/or groups will be performing at both times:

- Both FDK
 - Grade 1
 - Grade 2
 - Grade 3
-
- Grade 4, 5 & 6 Music Club members
 - Intermediate Band



In the spirit of sharing, we would like to ask for a donation towards our "Sweet Drive". Any non-perishable sweets, such as cookies, baking supplies, chocolates, etc., will be welcomed as a token of appreciation. These items will be donated to a local food bank.

Please note, there will not be an evening concert this year. We look forward to having you join us during one of our daytime performances. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Walter E. Harris Staff



Walter E. Harris P.S. Confort et Joie Ticket Request Form (one form per family)

Name of child: _____ Teacher's Name: _____
(youngest or only)

Please select ONE of the two options:

Thursday, Dec. 12 @ 8:30am

I would like 1 ticket

I would like 2 tickets

OR

Thursday, Dec. 12 @ 12:00pm

I would like 1 ticket

I would like 2 tickets



Greetings WEH Families;

This year the SCC would like to host a Holiday Raffle basket event. Each class has been invited to create a basket for the raffle to be held during the Holiday concerts. We are asking each student to bring in one item or as many as you like, to help create the theme basket.

Your child's class will send home a theme for their basket that they have chosen, the items don't have to be big or expensive but if everyone in the class brings something it would make a great basket.

Please send in your items at any time over the coming weeks but have them in by December 6th. This will allow the SCC time to put the finishing touches to the baskets in time for the Holiday concert on December 12th. The raffle will take place at the end of the day and winners will be contacted.

Thanks for your support,

WEH SCC

next page please!

List

1. Game Night
2. Ultimate road trip (2)
3. Warm and cozy
4. Movie Night
5. Sports Day
6. Pet Lovers
7. Italian night
8. Happy New Year
9. Gardening
10. Spa Day
11. Kids Baking
12. Colouring
13. Tea Lovers
14. Night at the Movies
15. Snow Day
16. Craft Day (2)
17. Treat & Snacks (2)
18. Chocolate Lovers (2)
19. Coffee Lovers
21. Book Worm - Kids
22. Book Worm – Adult
23. Gift Card Bonanza

Teacher













- Mme. Prevost
- Mme. Rutherford & Mme. Mercier
- Mr. Abraham & Mr. Vanderelst
- Mme. Ware
- Mme. Vanderknokke
- Mme. Alphonse (Grade 1)
- Mme. Breton
- Mme. Danis
- Mr. Hogendoorn
- Mr. Pallister
- Mme. Levesque
- Mrs. Blyth
- Mme. Nabeeh
- Mme. Burkholder (Grade 5)
- Mme. Davidson
- Mrs. Dunkley & Mrs. Tims
- Mrs. Kelley & Mme. Majzlanova
- Miss Clark & Mme. Reilly
- Mr. Walters
- Mme. Ciobotaru
- Mr. Ryan
- Mme. Gilfoil

DECEMBER 2019

W.E.H. SPECIAL LUNCHES

Ordering is available ONLY through www.healthyhunger.ca.

All orders are due 5 days prior to the lunch date.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4 	5 Bite of Juice Day! 	6 	7
8	9 	10	11 	12 Bite of Juice Day! 	13 	14
15	16 	17	18 	19 Bite of Juice Day! 	20 	21
22	23 X	24 X	25 X	26 X	27 X	28
29	30 X	31 X				

- Please remind your children when they have a lunch to come to the front hall and retrieve their lunches. Pizza Pizza is the only lunch that is delivered to classrooms as we do not have the volunteers to hand deliver. Kindergarten meals are delivered to their classroom.
- If your child is absent, their lunch will be placed in the fridge in the office to be picked up the next day. ** Any lunches not picked up after 24 hours will be thrown out.