

Walter E. Harris Hurricanes!

January, 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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WELCOME BACK!!!

Welcome to 2020! We hope that all our Walter E. Harris families had a restful holiday and we hope that all of our students are prepared to do their best in what remains of this term. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families and encourage our students to become active in all facets of our school program as we offer many different opportunities for students to become involved in our school community.

Thank you for all the positive feedback about the holiday concert. Students and staff worked very hard to share a wide range of talents. Our students loved performing in two shows to two full-houses!

The weather is always a topic for discussion in January. We ask that students come properly dressed and prepared to go outside in all weather for some fresh air. We anticipate that we will be having outdoor recess most days for the remainder of the winter. As the temperature fluctuates on a daily basis, please ensure that children have extra warm hats, mitts, socks, etc. packed in their backpacks so they have them when needed. Having these extra items pre-packed also cuts down on phone calls home for more warm clothes.

If you are considering putting your child in French Immersion in Grade 1, we are having a French Immersion Parent's Night on February 6th at 7:00 pm in our school library. We will share important information regarding programming, transportation and registration. Please join us to find out more information.

Information regarding Kindergarten registration for the upcoming school year can be found in this newsletter as well.

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



Kindergarten Registration at French Immersion Centres

Registration opens on:
January 13, 2020 at 4 pm

All registration takes place
online:
<http://bit.ly/DDSBSkindergarten>

Spots will be filled on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
There is **no priority** given to **siblings of students** already in the program!



This applies to the following schools:

- Frenchman's Bay PS
- Jeanne Sauvé PS
- Julie Payette PS
- Meadowcrest PS
- Michaëlle Jean PS
- Uxbridge PS
- Walter E Harris PS



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Kindergarten Registration at French Immersion Single Track Schools

Starting school is an exciting time for both children and parents with kindergarten being the first step in a lifelong journey of learning. Durham District School Board (DDSB) requires online registration for all new students entering Kindergarten. At Walter E Harris P.S., we are here to help you and your child transition into Kindergarten. The online registration process for the 2020-2021 school year will begin on **Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 4:00 pm**. Please note that registration for Walter E. Harris P.S. and all other single-track French Immersion schools, will be on a **first-come-first-served basis**. Please note, that this procedure applies to the following 7 elementary schools:

- Frenchman's Bay PS
- Jeanne Sauvé PS
- Julie Payette PS
- Meadowcrest PS
- Michaëlle Jean PS
- Uxbridge PS
- Walter E Harris PS

The process was adopted to be fair and equitable to all. Please check out the DDSB website: <http://bit.ly/DDSBkindergarten> for detailed instructions on the registration process. To attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2020, children must turn four years old by December 31, 2020. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five years old by December 31, 2020.

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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.

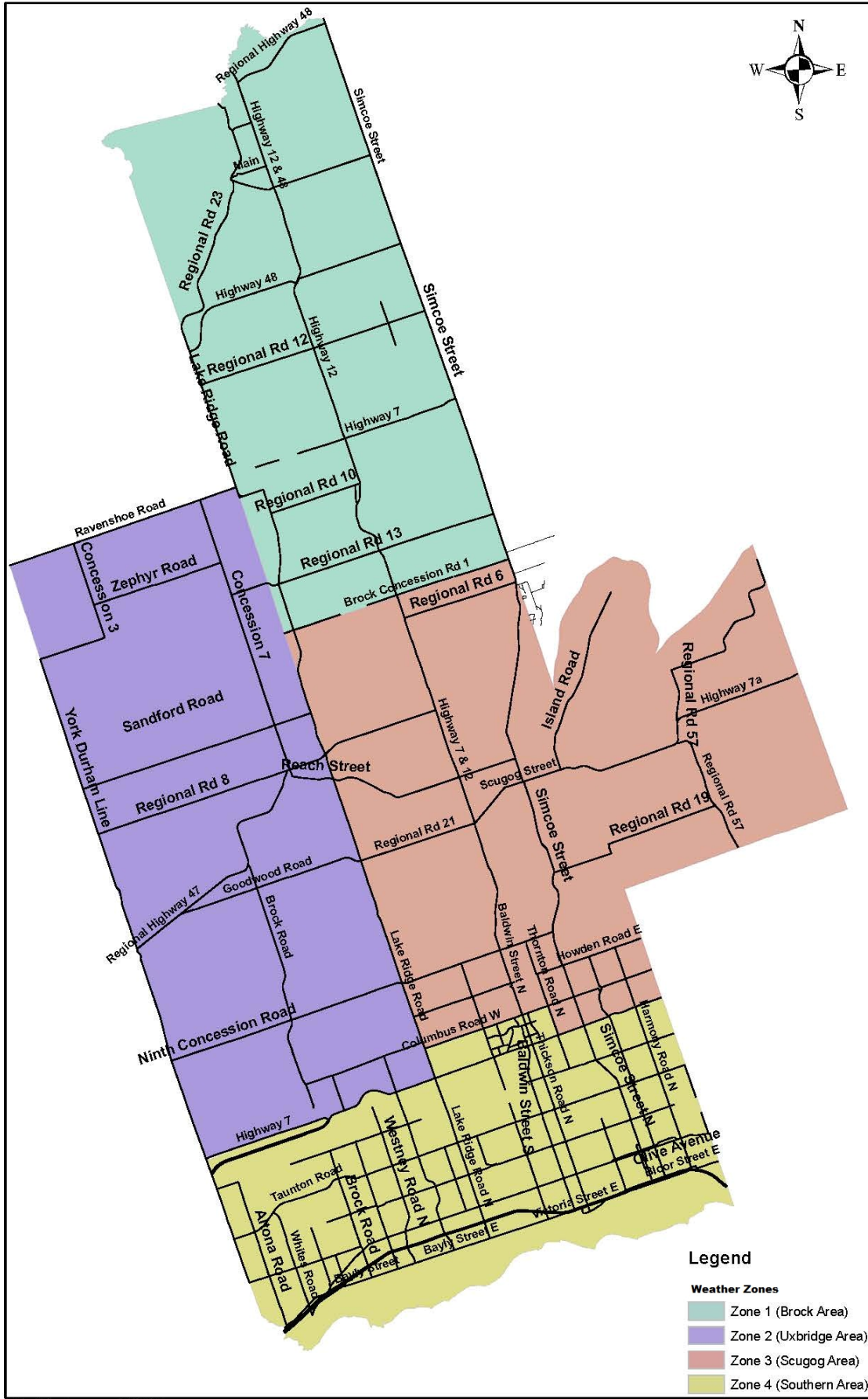
This process is intended to ensure that bussed students who attend school on a busses cancelled day arrive at school safely. It is important to be aware that if the absence is not entered, the SchoolMessenger system will generate calls asking you to verify the absence. The 'Bus Cancellation' absence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

January is Tamil Heritage Month



In January, we celebrate the history of Tamil language and culture while recognizing the contributions that Tamil-Canadians have made to our diverse Canadian tapestry. Tamil Heritage month will be an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the rich cultural fabric of our nation while highlighting the significance of the earliest Tamil traditions, knowledge and cultural elements of Tamil heritage and ancestry. Join us as we embark on a journey of discovering the history of Tamil Heritage.



SUPPORTING ALL DIMENSIONS OF DIVERSITY



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 January 13th - Kindergarten Registration Opens (First come, first serve)

Wednesday January 15th - Grade 7 @ Nonquon

Friday January 17th - PA DAY - No school for students

Monday January 20th - Grade 6 @ Nonquon



JANUARY 2020 W.E.H. SPECIAL LUNCHES

Ordering is available ONLY through www.healthyhunger.ca.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 	7	8	9 	10 	11
12	13 	14	15 	16 	17 X	18
19	20 	21	22 	23 	24 	25
26	27 	28	29	30 	31 	1

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. In the event of buses being cancelled lunches will be delivered as normal – suppliers are unable to change delivery dates.

