

Welcome Back Hurricanes!



“A unique and caring experience”

“Me tient à coeur.”

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER!

It is a great pleasure to welcome all of our students and families back for the 2019-2020 school year. The staff have been hard at work getting everything ready for the first day of school.

Please read the information and rules about Kiss n' Ride included in our newsletter and follow the procedures. By working together we can continue to ensure our students arrive and leave school safely. Please also consider walking to school if able or parking on side streets and walking the short distance to the building. Please do not park on Central Park Blvd, as it blocks traffic and sight lines of drivers.

We welcome or welcome back, a number of new staff this year:

Ms. Pallister - Intermediate (French)

Ms. Rudling - Coverage (Kindergarten)

Mr. Vanderelst - Coverage (Junior French and PE)

Ms. Tims - Kindergarten

TBH - Head Administrative Assistant

Welcome all to WEH! It is our hope that this year will be a memorable one as we encourage you to set high standards for yourself and dare to dream.

Safe Arrival Line

24 hours

Toll Free Number:

1-844-350-2646

Website:

attendance.ddsbc.ca

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School Hours

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

THE 2019-2020 WEH STAFF

Kindergarten	
T. Dunkley (Teacher)	101
L. Gallella (ECE)	101
A. Tims (Teacher)	102
K. Sawyer-Harmer (ECE)	102
Grade 1	
D. Breton	212
H. Rutherford	210
A. Burkholder	213
D. Levesque	211
Grade 2	
G. Vanderknokke	215
C. Gilfoil	214
A. Ciobotaru	P1
Grade 3	
J. Walters (2/3)	P2
B. Danis	P6
S. Reilly	P4
A. Nabeeh	P5
Grade 4	
A. Ryan	206
J. Ware	104
Grade 5	
T. Abraham (4/5)	103
A. Sharp	106
M. Nelson	105
Grade 6	
M. Majzlanova	204
L. Blyth	205
A. Hogendoorn	201
Grade 7	
A. Prevost	207
S. Mercier	208
Grade 8	
J. Kelley	202
J. Pallister	203

SERT	
J. Longpre	Office
Librarian	
A. Crocker	100
Rotary	
C. Downward	201A
H. Skeratt	201A
A. Ng	201A
S. Hilderman	201A
M. Vanderelst	103
Educational Assistants	
E. Mayne	Office
L. Threlkeld	Office
Custodial	
M. Mash	
P. Filiatrault	
T. Fugnitto	
Administrative Assistant	
TBH	
M. Welker	
Administration	
T. Lewis (Principal)	
M. Loscavo (Vice Principal)	





WEH Meet the Teacher Night



Tuesday September 10th, 2019

Starr Burger BBQ → 5:00-6:00

Classroom Visits → 6:00-7:00



ATTENTION - REGISTRATION

Online Returning Student Registration Form
also known as Online Returning Student Verification Form
via the Parent Portal

Parents/guardians are encouraged to complete the form online **before** the first day of school.

NEW ACCOUNT NEEDED...
'Safe Arrival Program'
to report student absences online or via the app.
create an account today with SCHOOLMESSENGER ©

PARENT PORTAL
click here...

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We encourage all parents/guardians of SK – 12 students to login to the Parent Portal and complete the Returning Student Registration Form.

Thank you to those parents/guardians who have already had an opportunity to complete this process and encourage all others to complete the online form prior to the first day of school.

The DDSB Parent Portal can be found at: <https://ddsbps.ddsbsschools.ca/public/home.html>

This annual information review and update ensures that your student's school has the most up to date contact and consent information.

For students in Grade 7-12, the Returning Student Registration Form includes the **1:1 Chromebook Program Informed Consent** (CPIC) which permits your student to receive or retain a Chromebook during the first week of school. Without a completed CPIC, students can not be given a Chromebook.

If your student has SEA Technology, you will see the **SEA Technology Informed Consent**. This applies to students in all grades who have SEA Technology.

Links to the Parent Portal & login instructions are available on all DDSB School Websites & <http://www.ddsb.ca> in the Family & Community Support section.

Please note: The Parent Portal and Returning Student Registration software works well on a tablet, laptop or computer. We do not recommend using a Smartphone to access this system.

**** This process is not required for any Junior Kindergarten students ****

KISS N' RIDE PROCEDURES



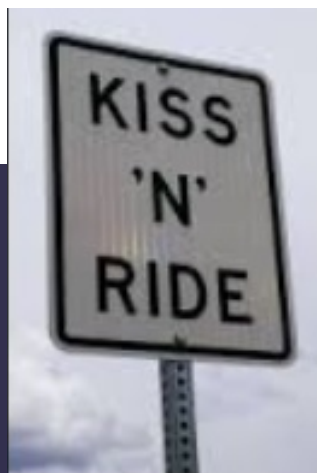
Please:

- Follow the designated loop
- Wait until the “unload/load” area before students exit or enter the vehicle
- Do not unload/load at curve (where the chain blocks the pavement)
- 3 cars will unload/load at a time in the designated area. Staff members will assist
- Do not pass other cars
- When all three cars have finished dropping off or picking up, they will exit the school and three other cars will move forward
- At the end of the day, if a child is not waiting in Kiss n’ Ride yet but the car is there, that driver will have to exit the lot and re-enter the loop again
- Staff are helping exit and entry. Please follow their directions. Be patient! SAFETY FIRST!

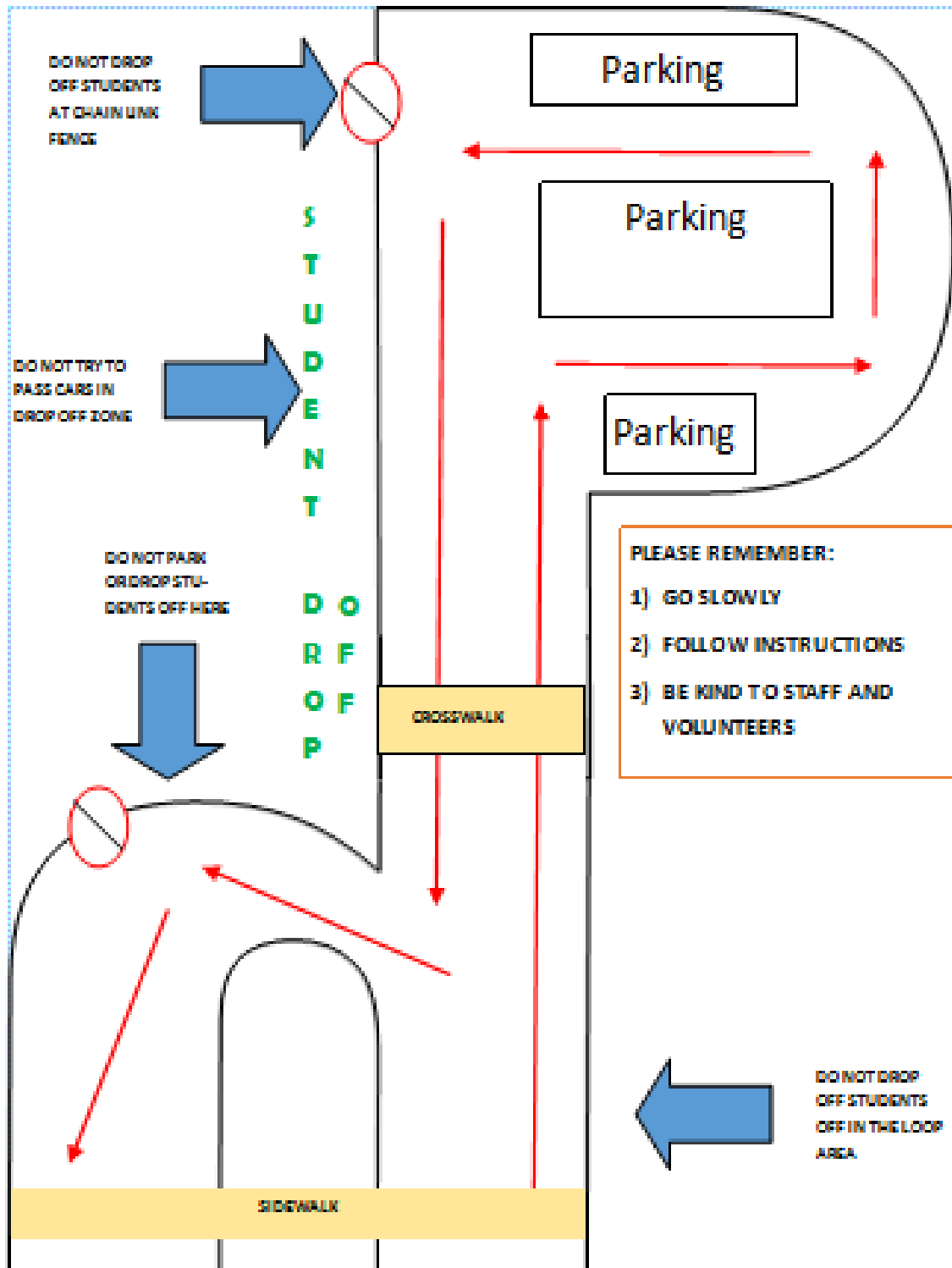
Here are some tips to consider:

- When children walk to school (where possible) it builds street safety skills, resilience, and an understanding of their neighborhood. Please consider walking to school
- Families may choose to park on side streets and let their children walk from there, building resilience and independence. Please, **DO NOT** park on Central Park Boulevard.
- We have many teachers on duty at cross walks and along the Kiss n’ Ride. Students are never left unattended. Staff are on duty until all kids are picked up, and some students need a few more minutes to get ready. Consider coming a few minutes after the bell to allow some traffic to disperse around the school.

Please be patient and kind as we work together to ensure all students safely arrive and depart school.



KISS N' RIDE PROCEDURES DIRECTIONS MAP



Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT)

Gifted Screening

Parents and Guardians of current DDSB Students in Grades 3 and up are invited to CCAT Testing (also Gifted Screening) Information Night at the following locations:

Please choose ONE of the following sessions

NO RSVP OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED (6:30-7:30)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Thursday, September 19 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	William Dunbar P.S.	1030 Glenanna Rd, Pickering, L1V 5E5
Wednesday, September 25 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	R.H. Cornish P.S.	494 Queen St. Port Perry, L9L 1K2
Thursday, September 26 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	DDSB Board Office Board Room	400 Taunton Rd E., Whitby, L1R 2K6

Special Education Facilitator for Gifted Programming will be on hand to:

- Describe the testing procedures, timelines, considerations and requirements for gifted identification with the DDSB
- Provide a copy of nomination form if guardian did not receive one from home school
- Briefly describe programming options available for gifted learners
- If you cannot make one of the information sessions, you can still have your learner tested by requesting a copy of the nomination form and handing it in to your child's current DDSB school SERT. Questions, please email michelle.doiron@ddsb.ca



- ALL STUDENTS TO HAVE COMPLETED ON LINE VERIFICATION FORMS (except JK students)
- All students with medical needs are to complete new Medical Forms that are ready in the office for pick-up.
- Agendas for Primary and Junior students will be provided.
- Families of children who live within walking distance are encouraged to walk, bike or scooter to school. Walking to school is an important part of a healthy, active lifestyle. This is a good time to remind your child of community safety and how to be aware and safe when walking or riding on busy streets.
- Bikes, skateboards and scooters need to be locked up on the bike racks at the front of the school. These modes of transportation are to be used to get to school and dismounted upon arrival. Bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on school property.
- Parents are reminded to create their NEW accounts on the parent portal to complete the registration form on the [Parent Portal](#)
- Parents are also encouraged to sign-up for [School Cash On-line](#) to purchase hot lunches, pay for school events, etc.

Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30th, 2019

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of the account of a young girl, Phyllis, having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. This has provided us with an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for the continued creation of a safe, equitable and inclusive school environment as the school year begins. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. On this day, we wear orange to remember the experiences of former students of Residential Schools and to commit to ongoing reconciliation.



the
**TERRY
FOX RUN**
for cancer research



Thank you for your donations
supporting the Terry Fox Foundation.
Working together to outrun cancer!

Terry Fox @ WEH
Friday September 27th
More details to come



Regular and prompt attendance at school sets your child up for success. It is very important that students are at school for the 8:00 am bell. When students are late they miss important information and learning, and disrupt their classes. Students who are regularly late or absent will receive letters and possible referral to an attendance counselor. We want all our students to be successful and regular attendance is an important part of being successful at school and in life.

Thank you for helping to ensure your children come to school on time! If you need support please contact the office.



Lunch Time Procedures

This year we will be eating from 10:50-11:10 (20 minutes) and heading outside for recess from 11:10-11:50 (40 minutes).

Please make sure you have completed the Lunch Permission form for your child(ren) so that the school and lunch room supervisors know who is to be staying and leaving during the lunch hour.



WEH Volunteers Appreciated

CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECKS REQUIRED

Do you have some extra time on your hands? Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child? WEH gratefully welcomes volunteers to work with our students. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to work with our staff and students, please contact Mme Longpre. Only those who have Criminal Reference Checks filed in the office are eligible to volunteer.

Allergy Alert

All allergies have the potential of being life threatening. As we have a number of students with life threatening allergies, we ask that all parents assist in ensuring our students' safety by reading the labels on all lunch products to verify that they do not contain nuts or traces of nuts. Even trace elements could cause death. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring our students' safety.

Please join our School Community Council (SCC)

Do you want your child's school to be the best school it can possibly be? So do we! But, we need your help!

Please join us on Thursday, September 16th at 6:00 in our Library for our first School Community Council Meeting.

We value our community's voice and we want to work together as a strong team; a force to be reckoned with, to ensure the best quality education for your children.

We need you! Please help us. Be part of your child's education. Everyone is welcome.

Transportation Automated Telephone System

Durham's automated student transportation information is available 24 hours a day. The automated line numbers are: 1-866-908-6578 or 905-666-6979 or at www.dsts.ca. In order to access student transportation information, parents are required to provide their child(ren)'s OEN number or his/her student number and date of birth. Both the OEN number and the Durham student number are located on your child's report card. Should you require further information, please contact Durham Student Transportation Services at 1-800-240-6943 or 905-666-6395.



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.

Dogs on School Property

While pets can be valued family members, we ask that you please leave your dog at home, or keep it leashed on the sidewalk, off of school property. Even a puppy can have a 'bad day', and many of our students feel unsafe around dogs, large or small. It is best to avoid unnecessary accidents or uneasiness. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Parents, please discuss road safety with your son/daughter, and the dangers of crossing roads between parked cars around the buses. Students should not be crossing the road to go to the park to meet parents. Families are asked to walk to the end of the street and cross at the stop sign. We must not let convenience, or inattentiveness, create a safety concern for our children. We have several staff out on duty during entry and dismissal times, wearing safety vests and helping students cross our driveway at crosswalks.

Boomerang Lunch

At WEH we follow a Boomerang Lunch Program. Please use recyclable containers as much as possible. Anything brought to school in the lunch bag, should be returned home in the lunch bag.

Thanks for your cooperation and for being eco-friendly!



Water Bottle Filling Stations @ WEH

WEH has a water bottle filling station on both floors. These water stations are part of a retro-fit and water education awareness campaign that supports the use of reusable water bottles and encourages the reduction of non-refillable plastic water bottles.



Let's choose water over other beverage choices and keep our bodies and brains well-hydrated.

Character Education Matters

Trait/Focus of the Month...



Student Insurance Information

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.

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.



Agendas

All of our grade 1-6 students will be given an agenda this week. The agenda is a great way for your child to stay on top of their assignments, and to keep track of what is going on at school. It is also a great communication tool between you and the teacher. Please take time to review the agenda each night with your child. This is an important life skill that we are teaching our children at a young age. By showing your interest in their agenda, you communicate to your child that you think school is important, and that you care about what happened in their day. Every child needs to know that their parents believe this and that they support them in their education. We are partners in the educational journey together. Please work



WHAT CAN I DO TO SUPPORT MY CHILD'S SUCCESS?

- Communicate with my child's teacher(s). Ask questions.
- Stay informed: School Website, Twitter, Email, phone calls, meetings
- Provide your child time to share and explore their world
- Model a love for learning, curiosity, creativity and a growth mindset: let them see you excited e.g. to read, pursue a hobby, visit a museum, sharing their day (their challenges and successes)
- Provide your child with positive feedback that builds confidence and provokes motivation to keep trying (e.g. I like the way you ... Wow, I notice how much stamina it took for you to ... etc.)
- When my child struggles or makes a mistake, let's take this as an opportunity for them to learn, try it again, fix it and move on.

Student Safety on the Schoolyard

We thank our parents/guardians for staying off the school yard before and during school time in order to allow staff to supervise our students in an orderly and most efficient manner. Student safety, physically and emotionally, is our number one priority, as it provides optimal conditions for learning.

RELIGIOUS REQUIREMENTS, PRACTICES, AND OBSERVANCES

The document Guidelines and Procedures for the Accommodation of Religious Requirements, Practices and Observances has been produced in compliance with the requirements of Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy within the contexts of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Ontario Human Rights Code. This document will assist us in creating and maintaining an equitable and inclusive environment at Walter E Harris P.S.

If you anticipate that you or your family might require religious accommodation at any point during the school year, we ask that you inform the administration at your child's school as early as possible, preferably at the start of the school year. Areas that you might consider include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Observation of major religious holy days and celebrations
- Accommodation in, or exemption from, specific areas of the curriculum or other school activities
- Religious attire
- Modesty requirements in physical education
- School opening and closing exercises
- Prayer
- Dietary requirements