

# Walter E. Harris Hurricanes!

February, 2021



“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](http://attendance.ddsb.ca)

### Principal

Trina Lewis

### Vice Principal

Michael Loscavo

### Administrative Assistants

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### Superintendent

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### Administrative Officer

Michael Bowman

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Michael Barrett

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Dear WEH Families,

We know that the news of the prolonged closure presents many obstacles for students, parents/guardians and families and that the pandemic has created elevated stress for families. **Thank you for all that you are doing to try and make student learning a continued priority in your household!** We are all anxiously awaiting the day when things return to normal and we can be back in the school learning and together again. With vaccines being distributed and recent Covid-19 numbers on the decline, the end may very well be in sight. We must all remember to do our part to adhere to the very clear direction from Public Health. While we are cautiously optimistic of a return to school in coming days, this can only be done if everyone throughout our communities and the province continue to do their part to follow the very clear guidelines that have been announced by the province.

A big thank you to the dedicated WEH school team for their quick pivot to virtual teaching and learning. Please continue to keep in touch with your child(ren)'s teachers as they will continue to adjust to meet the needs of students, based on student and parent/guardian feedback.

February is a busy month at Walter E. Harris. On February 4th we will be hosting our Grade 1 French Immersion Night (7:00 pm). We have the Family Day Holiday (No School) on February 15th. Term #1 Report Cards will also be sent home via e-mail on February 17th. This month we also celebrate Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day on February 24th. Finally, February 26th will be a Spirit Day, we encourage all students to wear WEH spirit wear/colours.

We will continue to communicate any government or ministry announcements (e.g. potential opening or an extended closure, etc.) as the information becomes available. In the mean time, we sincerely hope that you are well and look forward to seeing you soon!

Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Loscavo  
Principal Vice Principal

### Address

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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

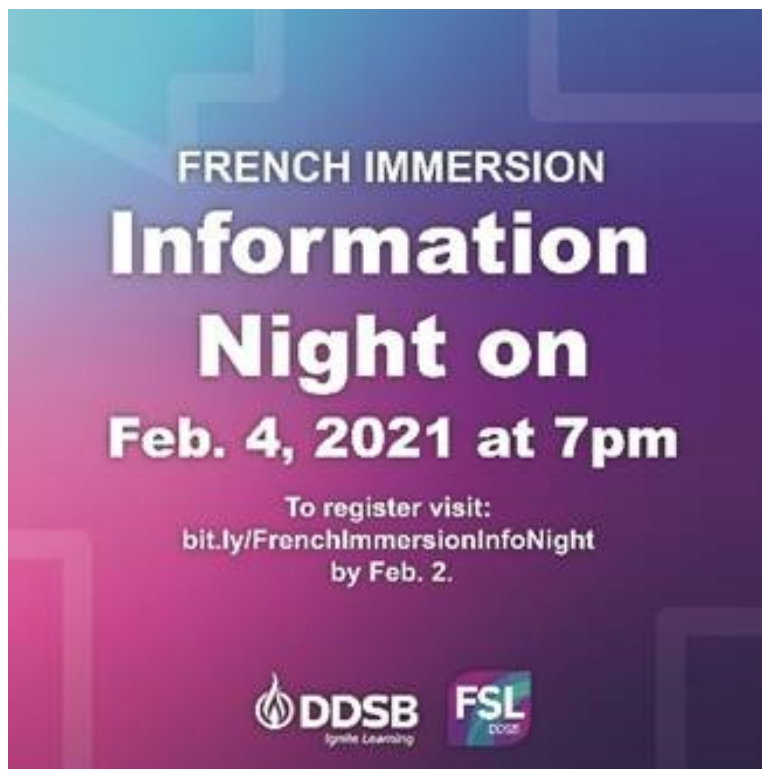
\*Students will eat from  
10:50-11:10, then go outside  
from 11:10-11:50



# French Immersion



***There is a French Immersion Parent Information Night being held **VIRTUALLY** for Walter E. Harris P.S. (495 Central Park Blvd North, Oshawa) on **Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.*****

The French Immersion (FI) program should enable students to become proficient in the French language as well as in English. French Immersion begins in Grade one and is an optional program for all students whose parents would like their children to become fluent in French. Although the curriculum is the same as in the English language program, the language of instruction is French. By completing the elementary program and an additional ten secondary French courses, a student should achieve a level of confidence in the French language to allow him or her to study French language university or college courses, accept employment where the working language is French, live in a French community and participate in French conversation.



FRENCH IMMERSION  
**Information  
Night on  
Feb. 4, 2021 at 7pm**

To register visit:  
[bit.ly/FrenchImmersionInfoNight](https://bit.ly/FrenchImmersionInfoNight)  
by Feb. 2.



# GREAT BEGINNINGS

for everyone



## New Student Registration 2021/2022

**Starting January 11, 2021**

Kindergarten registration at French Immersion schools begins at 4 pm

**Starting January 12, 2021**

All new student school registration to the Board opens

**IMPORTANT:** French Immersion registration is on a first come, first served basis

For more information visit [ddsbc.ca](https://www.ddsbc.ca)

# Pink Shirt Day – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Walter E. Harris Public School, in collaboration with the Durham District School Board's Positive School Climate Department and the Equity Department are celebrating Pink Shirt Day on **Wednesday, February 24, 2021.**

The goal of this day is to continue fostering acceptance among school community members and enhance awareness of the harmful effects of bullying at school. As a school we continue to explore and will put special emphasis on themes and messages about acceptance, kindness, social justice, character development, bullying awareness and prevention on this day.



HAPPY  
LUNAR  
NEW YEAR  
2021





# Black History Month

**lift every voice ...**

*past ... present ... future ...*



# dates to Remember

February 2nd - Imbolc (Wicca)

February 4th - Grade 1 French Immersion Night

February 12th - Lunar New Year!

February 14th - Valentines Day!

February 15th - Family Day! (No School)

February 16th - Basant Panchami/Saraswati Puja (Hinduism)

February 17th - Ash Wednesday (Christianity)

February 17th - Student Report Cards sent home via e-mail (Student OEN required to access)

February 24th - Pink Shirt Day!

February 26th - Purim (Judaism)

February 26th - WEH Day - Wear your WEH spirit wear or blue/yellow

**Character Education Matters**  
**Trait/Focus of the Month...**

*Kindness*

#slowchathealth