



Sailing Into Success

HRVES HERALD

HRVES challenges and supports students to be their best.

November... A Time to Remember.



November is here and soon the snow will arrive. Remember that with the snow and ice comes snow days. You can check on cancellations or busses that are running late on the ASD-S web page, sign up to follow ASD-S on twitter or call 1-855-535-7669 (SNOW).

Please keep in mind that we hear about late busses and school closures at the same time you do. I also realize that some of you leave early in the morning and I always worry about your children being out-

side waiting for a bus that is late.

This month we will be taking time to Remember our fallen soldiers at our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10 at 11:00. Due to COVID our ceremony will be done virtually at school. I would like to thank Mrs. Clark-Erb and Mrs. Mawhinney for making this possible. The local Legion has dropped off some poppies for our students. We will be collecting monetary donations for the Legion if you

would like to participate.

Just a reminder that there is no school on Wednesday, November 11.

Looking ahead, Parent Teacher Conferences will take place during the first week of December. These meetings will take place virtually or via phone. More information will follow as the date gets closer.

Enjoy the month of November....and take time to Remember.

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Poinsettias and Cheese

HRVES is selling poinsettias and cheese again this year. The order forms have been sent home and all orders need to be returned to the school on Friday, November 6th. The poinsettias are expected at the school during the first week of December and the cheese will arrive around December 10th. Thank you for supporting our students!



PSSC

The Parent Student Support Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 24 at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. You will need to enter the school through the cafeteria door that is used by GOGO. There is a doorbell outside of that door. During the meeting we will be sitting 2m apart and wearing a mask until we are seated. We are currently looking for new members to this team that meets every second month to offer support to the principal, staff and students of our school. If you are interested in joining this committee, please come to this meeting or contact Mrs. Graham at 832-6023.

Important Dates to Remember

- Nov. 10— Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony at school.
- Nov. 10—Home and School Meeting 6:30
- Nov. 11— Remembrance Day. No School for Students.
- Nov. 20—Report Card Writing/PL Day for staff. No school for students.
- Nov. 24—PSSC Meeting in the school cafeteria at 6:30
- Dec. 01—Report Cards go home.
- Dec. 03—Parent Teacher Conferences in the evening. More information to follow.
- Dec. 04—Parent Teacher Conferences in the morning. No students at school.



Winter is Coming!

Winter is coming and the days are getting colder. It is important that our students come to school dressed appropriately for the outside. This means that your child should come dressed in a warm winter jacket, snow pants, warm winter boots, a hat and two pairs of mittens in case one pair gets wet. The children will be playing outside at recess unless it is raining or the temperature is -20 C with wind chill. If you do not have appropriate clothing for your child this winter, please contact Mrs. Graham at 832-6023 for assistance. Thanks for helping us keep our students safe and healthy.



Masks

The Department of Education has asked that each child come to school each day with two clean masks. It is important that your child's masks be clean so they do not get sick. Your child needs to have a mask on when they get on the bus. In K-5 masks do not need to be worn while your child is seated in their seat on the bus. However, they need to have a mask on when they leave their seat to exit the bus. Masks must be worn during these times as the students are not able to maintain social distancing. At this point in time the only time masks are worn in the school is when the children are going to the washroom or going to visit specialist teachers.



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your support during this "different" school year. Your children have been amazing here at school in maintaining their bubbles. I believe that this is because we have the best students and parents in the world. On behalf of each staff member, "Thank YOU" for making our jobs so enjoyable.

Christmas Dinner

WE ARE HAVING CHRISTMAS DINNER! It seems like we have missed out on so much due to the pandemic. However, our Home and School have stepped up to the plate and have arranged to provide our students with a Christmas Dinner this year. Christmas Dinner will be served to the classrooms in individual pre-packaged containers on Monday, December 14. The snow date is Tuesday, December 15. This year our dinner will be for student only. We are so excited! Thank you Home and School.



Home and School Meeting

The Home and School will be meeting on Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. You will need to enter the school through the cafeteria door that is used by GOGO. There is a doorbell outside of that door. During the meeting members will be sitting 2m apart and wearing a mask until they are seated. Mrs. Dort will be asking you to sanitize your hands when you come into the building and sign in for contact tracing purposes. We are so excited to be able to have meeting face to face. If you are interested in joining the Home and School, please contact the school or come to the meeting on Tuesday, November 10. Please keep in mind that this is an adult only meeting due to Covid 19.



Picture Re-Takes

Picture re-takes will be taken on Friday, November 27. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to have their pictures redone.





SPEAKING OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE...

(from the ASD-S Speech-language Pathology Department)

Talk it Up! Expanding a Child's Vocabulary

(<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/tips-howtos/talk-expanding-child-vocabulary>)

Why Use This Tip: All families want their kids to do well at reading and in school. One way to help emerging readers begin to make sense of what they're reading is to help them build their vocabulary. The more words a child knows, the more they will be able to understand what they are listening to and reading, in and out of school. Asking a child questions and having conversations about interesting words is an easy, comfortable way to integrate new and exciting vocabulary into a beginning reader's world!

What To Do

Introducing new words to a child doesn't have to be time consuming; just a quick conversation about a word during a reading or another opportunity can open up a whole new level of understanding for that child. Be careful in choosing what words to talk about, and make sure that reading doesn't become a "chore" by turning pleasure reading into a vocabulary lesson. The best words to explore with a child are words that come up on their own due to the curiosity of the child, and are usually words that are common among adults, but less common in the reading that the child does.

When talking about a new word with the child, be sure to keep the following hints in mind:

Provide a kid-friendly, easy-to-understand definition of the word that you've come across or that the child has asked about: Ex: **Scrumptious** means something that is really, really tasty.

Give the child a kid-friendly example of the word in his/her everyday life:

Ex: Remember those **scrumptious** cookies that Grandma made? They were so chocolatey and delicious!

Encourage the child to come up with an example of his/her own:

Ex: What can you think of that is **scrumptious**? Did you eat anything really delicious today? You're right...that pizza was **scrumptious**! I can't wait to eat it again!

Keep using the new word(s) as much as possible at home and while you're out and about. Or, make it a challenge and see how many times the child and/or family members can properly use the word in context throughout the day!

Going forward, take advantage of any opportunities to use the new word in conversation to keep introducing the child to the word's uses. Talk about things you see around town, throughout the neighborhood, or that you see on TV, books, texts, stories, etc. These real-life examples will help build the child's understanding of the new word(s).

Use interesting new words with your child that he or she may not have heard or read before:

"I know you'd love a snow day tomorrow, but the **probability** is low. Maybe next week!" or "Great job on that math test! You are so **intelligent**!"

Enjoy watching the child's new vocabulary grow and the pride he/she feels when she uses a word in the right context!

More Ideas to Try

- Keep a word list of new words that the child has learned. Post them in a public place so that other family members and friends can join in the challenge to use the words!

Make a dictionary or word journal with all of the words and definitions that the child has learned.

November 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 	5	6 Poinsettia and Cheese orders due	7
8	9	10 Home and School Meeting 6:30	11 Remembrance Day No School 	12	13	14 
15	16 Hot Lunch begins	17	18	19 Pizza Day	20 Report Card Writing and PL Day No School for students	21
22	23	24 PSSC at 6:30	25	26	27 Picture retakes 	28
29	30					