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Important Dates

October 10 & 11th – Teacher Professional Learning Day – **no school**

October 14th – Thanksgiving – **no school**

October 18th – School Photos (retakes – October 29th)

October 14-18th – Kindergarten registration

October 17th – EMO School Evacuation Drill practice

October 19th – Downey Drive One



What We've Been Up To

September and Early October have been busy for your students.

- We would like to thank all the families who attended the PSSC/Open House to meet their child's teacher and become familiar with what is expected at the individual grade levels.
- Students have worked and trained to run in District cross Country events.
- All of our students had the opportunity to walk in the annual Terry Fox walk and enjoyed a BBQ afterwards. Thank you to the teachers and parents who spearheaded this event. The weather cooperated and it was a great day for all! Students raised over \$250.00 in donations.
- Our students participated in Bus safety training and learned how to safely evacuate a bus should the occasion arise.
- Some of our students have been participating in an after school art club. This club will run until December. We have some budding Picasso's in our midst!

- Thank you to the Havelock Parent's Association. They have already had two successful movie showings and are busy working on ideas for the West Side Christmas Parade float.
- WITS! WITS! Students had a great time last week at our opening ceremony. Students from Havelock and Seawood traveled to St.Pat's who hosted this year's events. Next year, Havelock will host our opening ceremony. For more information on what role parents can take, go to www.witsprogram.ca for more information.



What's Coming Up This Month

- Community hockey will be starting soon. Once again this year, registration forms and money will be collected by the schools and forwarded to the program. The program is open to students in grades 3-5 and who do not play minor hockey. Registration forms are available in the school office. There will be an information meeting on October 15th beginning at 6:30 in the school library.
- On October 17th from 8:30-9:30, Havelock students will participate in a practice school evacuation to Beaconsfield School as part of our Emergency Measures Plan. After a fire drill, we will walk as a school to the Beaconsfield gym, and then return to classes. Should you be bringing your child in late to the school, they will be able to wait in the office until students return.
- Once again this year, Photography Flewwelling will be taking class pictures. Photos will be on Friday, October 18th with retakes scheduled on Tuesday, October 29th.
- Kindergarten registration for students entering in September 2014 will take place October 14-18th. The secretary is available 8:15-12:00 and 1:00-2:30 to register your child. Parents need to bring a birth certificate, Medicare care and immunization documentation in order to register.
- Grade 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in a school program for the Skate Canada events on October 24th. More information will be sent out next week.
- On October 31st we will be hosting a HAT DAY. Student will be able to wear a hat and help other
 children. We are asking for a donation which will be used to support a Havelock student
 receiving medical treatment and a Westfield student needing cochlear implants. We suggest a
 \$1 amount but are happy to accept any donations.
- Help support Havelock School on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 19th</u> for <u>Drive One 4 Your PALS 2013</u>. Come to the McAllister Place parking lot across from Downey Ford to test drive a car. One drive per household is allowed and the school will earn \$20 from Downey Ford and another \$20 from Ford Canada per test drive. Drivers must be 21 years old with a valid driver's license. There will be a BBQ and Car Wash on site. We are also looking for a few volunteers to man some shifts

with registration/set up/clean-up/BBQ and you can pick a shift 8:30-11:00/11:00-1:30/1:30-4:00. If you think that you can help, or you would like to test drive a car, please call the school at 658-5342 and leave your name.



PSSC

PSSC members had the opportunity to participate in a District Education Committee forum on October 5th. The sessions were designed to train and inform members on topics such as the School Improvement Plan and Schools Act. The PSSC meets monthly at Havelock School to work on these topics. We are looking for 1-2 people who would be willing to join the existing committee. If you think you may be interested, please contact Mrs. King at 658-5342.

Security Issues

During the nicer weather, physical education classes are often taught outside. From 2-3pm, the large playground is available for those classes. We ask that if you are with your child on the gym equipment from 2-3pm, you move to the small equipment while the class is out. This makes it easier for teachers to supervise their students. We thank you for your cooperation.

When 3-5 students are dismissed at 3:00pm, please remind them that they are to go home. The playground is not supervised after school. Should they wish to play on equipment they can later return once they have checked in with home or their caregiver. If there is an adult meeting them at the school, this is not an issue as they become the responsibility of the adult.

