

**Week of October 3-7
Community Memo**

Upcoming Dates:

October 18th - IEP's Go Home to Families
October 19th - Picture Day / Popcorn Day / Int. Flag Football
October 20th - Cross Country Regional Finals
October 24th - P.A. Day - School Closed
October 27th - East Side Mario's Day
October 28th - Harvest Day and wear Plaid Day

Picture Day

Next Wednesday October 19, 2022 we will be having our school picture day. Individual pictures will be taken all day in our gymnasium. Then in April we will be having our whole class photos. Please see the attachment for more information.

Whitby Shores Parent Engagement Night Save the Date

On Wednesday November 30th, we are proud to announce that Holly Richard from the DDSB Positive School Climates Department will be delivering a virtual engagement session on, **Parenting in the Age of Social Media: Wednesday, November 30th @ 6:30 p.m..** We'll send a link closer to the date.

This session will focus on; Today's children and youth are growing up in an increasingly digital world. This reality is changing the experience of childhood and youth in significant ways, which is changing some aspects of parenting along with it. Parenting in the Age of Social Media addresses a variety of new considerations for parents and caregivers while offering suggestions for keeping kids safe, responsible and ethical as they navigate online spaces.

Intermediate Presentations:

Over the next two weeks, our grade 7 and 8 Students will be a part of some workshops presented by our Positive School Climates Department on *Drug Education: Interactive Lessons on substance use, with connections to brain development, media awareness, and stigma.*

Within these workshops they will also be developing age appropriate lessons from the Junior Health curriculum and will present them to the junior classes.

SCC Update:

Upcoming Sub-committee Meetings:

Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 pm: Safe & Accepting Schools Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 pm: Fundraising & Parent Engagement Brainstorming Meeting
Wednesday, October 26 at 8:00 pm: Special Needs Parent Support Group Meeting
Please email Whitbyshores.scc@gmail.com for location and details

Harvest Day Contest!

The SCC invites you to join the 2nd Whitby Shores P.S. Harvest Day Contest on Friday, October 28, 2022! The school's front yard will once again be transformed into a pumpkin patch and we need your help to fill it up. Families are invited to submit a decorated pumpkin or scarecrow for the chance to win one of five prizes!

How to enter:

1. Create your very own pumpkin or scarecrow masterpiece. Be creative! Pumpkins can be carved or painted/decorated.
2. Take a picture of your creation and send it by email with your student's name and classroom number (or teacher's name) to Whitbyshores.scc@gmail.com by October 28 at 9:00 am.
3. You will receive a return email with a ticket number for our grand prize draw! There will also be 4 prizes for winners of the following judged categories: funniest pumpkin, most creative pumpkin, funniest scarecrow and most creative scarecrow.
4. Drop your creation off in the school's front vestibule (inside the front doors) on October 26 or 27 or in the pumpkin patch before 9:00 am on October 28th.
5. Take a walk around the patch and look at all the amazing creations!

Winners will be awarded their prizes in the afternoon of October 28 (we acknowledge all participants). Prize details coming soon! Please pick up your pumpkin or scarecrow after school on October 28 when the patch closes. Have fun!

~ If you are interested in volunteering for this event or others, please email us at Whitbyshores.scc@gmail.com or join our SCC Volunteer Group on Facebook. ~