

**Week of October 24th - 28th  
Community Memo**

**Upcoming Dates:**

October 31st - Student may wear costumes  
November 10th - Pizza Day  
November 17th - Picture Retakes and Interviews  
November 18th- PA Day and Interviews  
November 21st - 25th - Bully Awareness and Prevention Week  
November 24th - Eastside Lunch

**Halloween:**

Monday, October 31 will be a regular instructional day. If your child wishes to dress up for the day, please consider some important factors regarding the costume your child wears to school. Costumes must be sensitive to the identities of others and not mock any race, religion, spiritual lifestyle or group of people (e.g. Indigenous headdress). **Please note that costume accessories such as weaponry and masks are not permitted at school.** Some students and staff have chosen to wear orange and black in the past as an alternative to dressing up.

**Extracurricular Update:**

What a week we had in the world of Intermediate Volleyball. Both our Boy and Girls team competed in their area play downs. Both Teams did an incredible job and we are very proud of their accomplishments this year. Thank you to Mr. Webb and Ms. Stewart for coaching both teams.

The Intermediate Football Team did a great job representing our school at their recent tournament. Students had a great time while being respectful and competitive! Congratulations to all the players and thanks for a great season!

This week our juniors and intermediates were introduced to a new extracurricular, cricket. Try-outs will happen over the next few weeks. We will be fielding two intermediate and one junior teams into the league.

Our School Musical has begun and the turnout was incredible. Just for the auditions for the main roles we had 94 students try-out.

This morning we had our first junior girls try out, next week they will have tryouts on Tuesday and Thursday morning and Wednesday after school. The junior boys will be Tuesday and Thursday after school.

### 2022 Cross Country Super Stars!!!

Everyone at Whitby Shores is so proud of our Cross Country Team! Each and every team member demonstrated a joy for running and a drive to push themselves in order to reach their goals. They showed dedication through the wind, rain, and cold, as well as the challenging course at Trail hub.

Your positive enthusiasm and determination made you all such a joy to coach and you should be very proud of your accomplishments. Thanks as well, to all the educators and families who helped support us all.

### **Bus Cancellations and School Closures due to Inclement Weather**

With colder temperatures approaching, we are sharing information on how the DDSB is handling the cancellation of buses due to winter weather in order to ensure everyone remains safe.

In the event that transportation services are canceled due to inclement weather, both elementary and secondary schools located within the affected cancellation zone(s) will remain open.

In very rare situations, if a decision is made to close schools:

- Elementary schools located in the affected zone(s) would be closed.
- Secondary schools located in the affected zone(s) would switch to a virtual learning day for all students.

### How will I be notified if transportation services are canceled and/or schools are closed?

Families will be notified as soon as possible (no later than 7:00am) through a posting on the DDSB website, social media and where possible, through local radio stations and media outlets.

### What zone am I in?

Students at Whitby Shores PS are in Zone 4

You can review the inclement weather zone maps by visiting the [DSTS website](#).

### **Kiss 'N Ride Reminders**

During morning and after school drop-offs and pick-ups, please use the Kiss 'N Ride, there is no parking for any community members and we ask that everyone use the sidewalks. Kindergarten families, we ask that you use the drop-off zone loop at the top of Kiss'N Ride by the front doors. If you are unsure, our staff will direct you.

Another friendly reminder is Whitby Shores Greenway in front of the school is a no-parking zone. Please do not drop-off or pick-up your child from this location.

## Whitby Shores Parent Engagement Night Save the Date

On Wednesday November 30th, we are pleased to share that Holly Richard from the DDSB Positive School Climates Department will be delivering an in-person engagement session on **Parenting in the Age of Social Media** on **Wednesday, November 30th @ 6:00 p.m.** Stay tuned for more details.

Presentation Description; 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.

### Checkout what is happening in our school:

#### ❖ From Kindergarten



#### ❖ Grade 1:

- Room 111 has completed their traveling tale contribution about clean water and are sending the beginning of their story to Thailand tomorrow

#### ❖ Harvest Day

- Thank you to our SCC for organizing such a great day for our students and our staff for the decorations in the trees. It was a great day for all.

- Congratulations to the winners of the Harvest Day
  - Funniest Pumpkin - Teagan and Miller
  - Most Creative Pumpkin - Luke
  - Funniest Scarecrow - Lachlan
  - Most Creative Scarecrow - Alex
  - Grand prize - Declan