



École Harwood Elementary School

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***Our mission:** To provide a caring and supportive environment for students to develop a lifelong love of learning and to prepare them to become responsible citizens in a changing world.*

October in Review

What a beautiful fall month! Our students were settled and learning throughout the month. Classes were exploring our local ethnobotany, scouring pumpkin patches, digging deeper into Truth and Reconciliation, and participating in the 'No Stone Left Alone' program. We were able to share their learning and goals for their educational journey with you during our Fall Conferences –thank you for the great turnout!



The HUB – the heart of our school



Our HUB has been a busy place – Mrs. Gatenby and Mrs. Towns are busy providing our students with wonderful food – pancakes, muffins, soup, grilled cheese...With the help of donations from 'Food it Forward', snack bags from the Faith Baptist Church, the Alliance Church's Family Food Pantry, and The Rotary Club's Starfish backpacks and Good Food Boxes, we are ensuring our children have the energy need for full learning!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Thursday, November 7, we will be honouring those that have supported our country through peacekeeping missions, delivering aid to countries in need, and joining our allies in wars to ensure our citizens remain safe and free. We will start the ceremony at 11:00am and guests are welcome to come and observe with us. There will be presentations by various students and classes including two songs performed by our Harwood Harmonix grades 3-7 choir and The Last Post and Rouse being played by trumpet player, Dan McClelland, member of the City of Vernon's Community Band.



Harwood Sports

Volleyball - We have 2 teams participating in the volleyball league this fall. Our grade 6 and 7 girls are having a great time learning the fundamentals of the sport - Go Harwood!

Basketball season will be starting up in January.

Winter is Coming!



The days are getting shorter and colder. Please send your child in weather appropriate clothing – they will be **outside** at recess and lunch. You may want to send spare socks and pants for younger children.

PAC News

PAC MEETING THIS MONDAY (NOV 4)

Come join our group of passionate parents this Monday (Nov 4) from 6:30pm-8pm in the Harwood Library. We provide free childcare in the gym! We typically meet the second Monday of every month but had to move this one up due to Remembrance Day.

- We need your voice this Monday in deciding what our Spring Market is going to look like, as we've agreed it will be more successful than the Christmas Market has been to date.

- We're also looking to build our roster of parent volunteers for one off events. So please reach out by [email](#) or on the [Harwood Elementary PAC](#) Facebook page.

Domino's Dough Raiser! (EXTENSION!)

- We can't thank you enough for your support in raising dough for school field trips!
- Our goal was to sell 50 gift cards, and we have **16** remaining. We're hoping that if you were on the fence, or thought you missed the deadline, that you will snag a card to help us get to our goal! \$20 gets you a large pizza and 25% off all pizzas until October 2025!
- Click the [link](#), sign up for one card or as many as your extended family, friends and neighbours want (no limit). **Deadline extended to Thursday, November 7. You will get your card on Tuesday, November 12!**

HOT LUNCHES

- If you haven't hopped on the hot lunch train, no worries. Every month you make a new order for your kids. So, it's definitely not too late!
- Treat your kids to a hot lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays and support their classroom funds at the same time! Don't miss out on ordering hot lunches for the month of December. The ordering portal is open from Nov 1-15th <https://harwood.hotlunches.net/>

Harwood Winter Concert

This year our winter concert, Harwood's Home for the Holidays, will be on Thursday, Dec. 12. We will have two showings - 11 am and 1:10 pm. Both showings are whole-school concerts. Our concert will include singing, a special light show, and multi-instrument pieces performed by individual classes. Please save the date! We have been working very hard in music classes and are very excited to share in the joy of the season with you! Hope to see you there!



After-School Skills Boost Literacy & Numeracy Program

Once again we are partnering with the Literacy Society and the After-School Skills Boost Program will be starting this November for grade 2,3 and 4 students. More information can be found attached to this email. You can complete the registration and return to the office or contact programs@literacysociety.ca

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 3 Daylight Savings
- NOV 4 PAC Meeting @ 6:30
- Nov 6 Photo Retakes
- Nov 6 Harwood Wear Orders **DUE**
- Nov 6 Anxiety & Depression - VSS 7:00pm
- Nov 14 Mini Donut Day
- Nov 7 Remembrance Day Ceremony @10:45am
- Nov 8 ProD Day – School not in Session
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day – No school
- Nov 21 Grade 6 Immunization
- Nov 21 Pizza Day
- Dec 12 Winter Concert

