



École Harwood Elementary School

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September in Review

We have had a fabulous first month at Harwood! We had over 70 students participating in the District Cross Country Run and have the last run in Lumby on Wednesday Oct 9th. Congratulations to Ivan Rybin for his 7th place ribbon at the DND event!

Our Terry Fox run was a great success. Harwood raised an amazing \$600 for the Terry Fox foundation to help Terry's continued fight against cancer.

Another huge thank you to the **Silver Star Rotary Club** for hosting our Back-to-School Barbecue – the turnout was terrific and over 500 hamburgers and hotdogs were served. Thank you for joining us!!

Last week we held our Truth & Reconciliation Assembly. Our kids continue to hear truths and learn about reconciliation as we continue on a journey to learn and heal!



Harwood Community Parent Night – Oct 17th – Save the Date!

We are extremely fortunate to have parenting expert, **Aly Pain** come and share tips and strategies for parenting <https://alypain.com/>. Aly's keynote will be followed by a choice of two workshops: Parenting in the Digital Age or The Land as Our Teacher. Come join us for pizza and some excellent information sessions. Childcare will be available. Please RSVP here <https://forms.office.com/r/h1nZ1WzUmB>.

Scholastic Book Fair is Back! Let's spread the love of reading!

October 23 from 8:30 - 7pm

October 24 8:30-12

Harwood Library Learning Commons. The school gets almost 50% of sales in free books so come out and support our Book Fair and school.



Student-led Conferences

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, Oct 23rd from 12:00 – 7:00pm. Instructions for how to sign up will be sent out shortly. Please contact your child's teacher if you cannot make this day. We will make alternate arrangements for another time.

Hi from the new Harwood PAC Prez!

Hi, I'm Kelsey Campbell, and so excited to join a team of passionate, hilarious, dedicated parents who make up the Harwood Parent Advisory Council. My son is in kindergarten, so I have much to learn, and I'm hoping there will be a number of new parents who are interested in getting involved too! (Picture attached so you can say hi at drop off and pick up) Our next PAC meeting is **MONDAY** (October 7th) from 6:30pm-8pm in the Harwood Library. We provide free childcare in the gym, just shoot us a note to harwoodpac@gmail.com to let us know you're coming so we have an idea on parent numbers and child numbers. We meet the second Monday of every month, and in addition to meeting like-minded parents, you get a say in the types of fundraisers we do throughout the school year, and how we should best spend that money on the school and in our classrooms. 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.



Hot Lunches = Happiness

Hot Lunch days are Wednesdays and Fridays. You can order your student's lunches between the 1st and the 15th of every month to order for the next month. Be sure to pay before the 15th, otherwise we have to cancel your order. All the funds raised from **Hot Lunches** support the students. Click [HERE](#) for all of the login information.

CREATED BY KIDS IS BACK!!

Students transform into professional artists with **Created By Kids**. Starting the week of October 15th, teachers will be giving students their packages to create beautiful artwork. On October 28th, the works of art will be coming home at which time you can order prints or specialty items like Christmas ornaments, mugs and more. This is a holiday favourite! All your orders will arrive at the end of November to give you a jump on your Christmas shopping.



Parent-Teacher Night – Domino's Dough Raiser

If you're planning to attend the Parent-Teacher Night on October 17th, please consider bringing \$20 cash with you to support our first fundraiser of the year! We're doing a Domino's Dough Raiser – where you purchase a card from us for \$20 and it gets you ONE LARGE PIZZA and then 25% on all pizzas through to next September! Remember, every dollar we raise goes back to your kids in the form of agendas, field trips, the salmon program, special classroom necessities and so much more.

Our **Harwood Harmonix Choir** (grades 3-7) has started up and will be meeting each Monday @ 12:30 pm in the music room. Our choir director, Mrs. Scholz, is very excited to share that we have over 40 students in choir this year! It has been exciting to see the choir come together to learn new songs and new singing techniques. They have many exciting performances coming up! Their first performance will be at the Remembrance Day Assembly in November. They will also be performing at both whole school Christmas Concerts on Dec. 12 @ 11:00 am and 1:10 pm. As the year goes on, they hope to participate in the district wide choral event at the United Church in March. We are looking forward to a great year of performances and singing together!

School Supplies and Cultural Fees

Thank you for paying online/bringing in fees.

Grade 1-3: School supplies \$50; Cultural Activity \$5

Grade 4-7: School supplies \$55; Cultural Activity \$5

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. Please save the date! More information to come in the November newsletter.

Happy Halloween

Costumes are welcome! Please avoid excess blood and gore for our littles. Please ensure costumes are respectful and culturally appropriate. Leave





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props, accessories and masks at home. Please see the SD22 - attached in this email or use the link [Halloween Costume guidelines 2023.pdf](#)

Harwood Wear - Orders Due Nov 6

We are selling Harwood clothing again this year. We are excited to announce that Harwood's SWAG is available to order again this year! Last year, we redesigned our school logo! We were privileged to have David Wilson, a local nsyilxcən artist, design a new graphic for our school, incorporating both the Okanagan Territory and Sun Person to represent Harwood HEAT! T-Shirts will be available in team colors (red, green, blue, purple) or black with an outline of the graphic. Hoodies will be available in black only with full colour print. Order forms with the logo have been sent home (and are attached). We do have a few samples if you want to come into the school to try (I would suggest that they tend to run a little small).



Our Harwood Team is looking forward to an amazing month. **Happy Thanksgiving** to all of you!

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 7 PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Oct 9 Cross Country Run – Lumby
- Oct 14 Thanksgiving – no school
- Oct 15 School Photos**
- Oct 16 Bake Sale
- Oct 17 Harwood Community Parent Night**
- Oct 23 Parent Teacher night**
- Oct 23/24 Book Fair
- Oct 23/24 Early Dismissal Book
- Oct 25 ProD – no school
- Oct 31 Halloween Costume Parade
- Nov 8 ProD – no school
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday

