

# PAISLEY ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

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## WEATHER AND EARLY ARRIVAL

Well it seems the wintery weather is upon us. The best approach to our unpredictable weather is to dress in layers and make sure that the head, face and hands are covered. (These parts of the body are most susceptible to frostbite.) Staff supervision begins at 8:30 a.m. at Paisley Road Public School. We have been noticing families arriving before this time. For student's safety, please do not arrive at school before 8:30 a.m., better still, arrival around 8:40 so your child does not have to stand in line for an extended period of time. Your understanding is greatly appreciated as we navigate these new protocols.

## Treaty Week

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. During this week the children in our school will have the opportunity to discuss treaties as a promise/agreement between two groups of people. We will also reflect on the meaning of the following statement read at all official gatherings within our school board: Honouring the Land & Territory from the Anishinaabe to the Haudenosaunee and the Metis, these treaty lands are steeped in rich Indigenous history and modern traditions. As a community, we have a responsibility to honour and respect the four directions, land, waters, plants, animals and ancestors. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous Peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek Peoples, on whose ancestral and treaty lands we teach, learn and live.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Classes will be participating in a virtual Remembrance Day assembly this year to honour our Veterans and Fallen Heroes. In lieu of money donation for poppies this year families who wish to donate can do so outside of school or by following the link below: <https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy-campaign/donate-to-the-poppy-fund>

## BULLYING PREVENTION WEEK

Bullying Prevention week is the week of November 16th-20th. Classes will have the opportunity to take part in lessons, activities and announcements to continue their learning. We will continue to support children to problem solve with each other and to go to a safe adult if they need support. This year we will wear pink on Friday, November 20th to say "no to bullying".

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports focus on learning skills or work habits, as well as strengths and next steps to assist in improving student learning in subject areas. It will provide students and parents with early and specific feedback on the progress made during the first two months of the school year. There will be an opportunity for parent/teacher conferences. This is your chance to find out early in the school year how your child is progressing. Progress Reports will be sent home

Thursday, November 19th. There has been a PA Day set aside (November 27th) specifically for parent-teacher interviews to review the Progress Reports and Initial Observations. More information will follow about setting up phone or virtual interview times.

#### **DAILY SCREENING**

Please ensure that you continue to screen your child daily using the following screening tool:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/context>

When your child has a symptom, we are required to contact parents and you must pick your child up immediately. Please ensure you have a local contact to pick up if you are unavailable and inform the office of the contact. Thank you

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Communication between school and home continues to be very important. We will use the school website and email as a means to share important school and board information. As items come up, they will be posted in our News and Announcements section of the school website. Our website and the school board's website are both important links to have in your favourites to stay on top of what is going on at the school. Please check them often. We will also be using the messenger phone call out as a means to share information.

Classroom teachers will be using Google Classroom and email to support home and school communication.

#### **ACCESS TO SCHOOL**

Only essential visitors are permitted inside the school (e.g., maintenance personnel). All parents and visitors will not be permitted inside schools during the pandemic, except in case of emergency. At entry and dismissal times, parents are to remain outside the school and adhere to physical distancing protocols.