

# Boxwood Broncos



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## Principal's Message

You may be hearing your children talk about *learning goals* and *success criteria*, and if this is unfamiliar language to you, the following information may be helpful. Learning goals are brief statements based on the Ontario Curriculum that explain to students what they should know and be able to do by the end of a period of instruction. To be successful learners, our students need to understand the learning goals and what successful achievement looks and sounds like. Teachers take time during instruction to build a clear and transparent vision of what students are to learn (learning goals), and what the learning looks like and sounds like (success criteria). The success criteria give students and teachers a common understanding about the quality of student learning. Students assess their work against the success criteria to monitor their progress and learning while teachers use this same evidence to provide feedback and determine next steps for instruction. At home, you might be teaching your child to pack his/her own lunch. Then, the learning goal might be, "I can pack a nutritious lunch for school." A checklist to help your child meet the success criteria for packing a nutritious lunch might include: I pack food from all 4 food groups in reusable food containers, water, milk or fruit juice, and a cloth napkin. Your child can compare if the lunch contents meet the criteria, and whether they are achieving the goal of packing a nutritious lunch. If you have any questions regarding learning goals and success criteria please do not hesitate to contact the office.

## Our Boxwood Touchstone

At Boxwood, we are active participants in our own learning and we persevere to reach our goals. We recognize our own success and the successes of those around us. We are responsible for what we say and how we act. We treat others the way we want to be treated. We celebrate the diversity of our community. At Boxwood, every voice is heard.



## Halloween @ Boxwood



Each year, many of our students participate in the long-standing tradition of Halloween. Our Student Council planned some events for Halloween. Last Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we had our **October Spirit Day** and many of our students participated in our annual Halloween Parade throughout the school's hallways. After the parade completed, students assembled in the gym and the entire school engaged in a whole school Daily Physical Activity session to *Just Dance's* "Monster Mash". We also got to see some amazing, creative costumes as you can see below!



### Crossing Guard Needed

As you many have noticed we no longer have a crossing guard at Havelock and Boxwood Crescent after school. We are in need of a community member to assume this paid position. If you are interested, please call the supervisor of crossing guards in our area, Glenn Moore. He can be reached at (905) 737-1600.



### Remember Your Forks and Spoons!



Please remember to pack forks and/or spoons for your children's lunch. We have noticed that many students are coming to the office for one because they forgot one. Thank you!



## Internet Safety



As young people embrace the Internet and other mobile communication technologies, bullying has manifested itself in a new and potentially more dangerous way – through cyber bullying. Cyber bullying can generally be defined as sending or posting harmful or malicious messages or images through e-mail, instant messages, cell phones and websites. It is emerging as one of the more challenging issues facing educators, since it has a direct impact on students but often occurs away from school property.

### Suggestions for Parents

- Make sure your children understand how vast and public the Internet is. Remind them that anything they post or send in a message is virtually available to be seen or read by anyone in the world.
- Talk to your children about cyber bullying. Make sure they understand what it is. Let them know that cyber bullying is no less serious and unacceptable than other forms of bullying.
- Set up the family computer in an open, common area so that you can monitor what your child is sending and receiving.
- Inform your Internet Service Provider (ISP) or cell phone service provider of any abuse. Although it can take a lot of time and effort to get Providers to respond and deal with your complaints about cyber bullying, it is necessary in order to try to stop it from re-occurring.
- Purchase software that can help track activity. There are parental controls that filter both Instant Messaging and chat rooms.

### Kiss and Ride

Thank you parents for following our safe arrival kiss and ride procedures. We have noticed an improvement in people using the crosswalk, cars slowing down, and a good flow of traffic. Let's keep it up! We will still provide reminders when needed to help to ensure the safety of our students and parents.



### Warm Clothes

Although we are currently experiencing unexpected warm weather right now, we know that the cold weather is fast approaching. That being said it is important that children dress warmly to maintain their comfort when the weather is cold. The graphic shows some appropriate clothing for the cold, winter months. Let us bundle up to keep warm!





# CHARACTER MATTERS



“Character education involves the preparation of learners to be responsible, caring and contributing citizens. Good character is a cornerstone of a civil, just and democratic society. Character education can be both taught and learned. It contributes to the development of safe, supportive schools, develops the emotional and social learning and enhances academic achievement. It contributes to the individual’s personal well being.” YRDSB.

Every month at Boxwood, students from each class are recognized for demonstrating positive character traits, academics and learning skills at our Recognition Assemblies.

Octobers character trait was **Responsibility** This month’s recipients showed responsibility for themselves, others and their belongings. The subject focus for October was on **Mathematics**. In math, we are looking for students to understand mathematical concepts (e.g., multiplication) and use effective and efficient strategies to solve problems. Congratulations to the following people:

Responsibility		Math	
Sanvi P.	Aron B.	Sajay S.	Arsalan G.
Keshi M.	Soumiya T.	Avery W.	Kylie C.
Aayan M.	Aziz Q	Arissa P.	Amaan P.
Lavan N.	Sajjad P.	Anise C.	Trinity P.
Phoebe Z.	Ishita J.	Adeeba Q.	Riya P.
Bruce L.	Sarishaa	Abi A.	Arvind A.
Nirujan V.	Ricardo H.	Hamza R.	Ibrahim M.
Saathana S.	Meera G.	Aarabie	Arthy G.
Maddie J.	Jashvin J.	Keegan L.	



## Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on **Wednesday November 11th at 9:20 a.m.** in the gym. At that time we will recognize the people who have fought in wars for peace. Presently, our students and teachers are organizing a ceremony to remember the sacrifices that those before us have made to our country and the sacrifices that continue to be made. Staff have also been hard at work creating a display to commemorate this event. Our students will take part in a variety of performances and ways of recognizing the quest for peace in the world.

Parents are welcome to attend the assembly. Please sign in at the office when you arrive .





## Walking Wednesday Breast Cancer Awareness

This past Wednesday Boxwood students participated in our weekly Walking Wednesday. This Walking Wednesday had a special purpose since students were walking to show their support for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Many students and teachers also wore pink to show their support. We are especially proud since this initiative was the idea of our Student Council. It is always wonderful to witness students caring about their community and making a positive contribution to the lives of others. On behalf of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and the Student Council, we would like to thank the Boxwood community for their support. The monetary donations that were given will be forwarded to the Foundation.



## Diwali at Boxwood

Next week we have another important observance in our school community, Diwali. We have students and teachers creating a display case in front of our library to symbolize the meaning of Diwali. Students will also create a presentation to educate our staff and students about Diwali. We wish a Happy Diwali to all of those who celebrate this special occasion.



## Boxwood Broncos Blog

Recently, we have created a **Boxwood Blog**. This blog is designed to provide parents with a picture into the different events and learning that happen in our school. Please visit our blog from time to time to keep updated with life at Boxwood. A great feature of this blog is that you can translate the page into another language if your first language is not English. Please access the blog at the internet address below:

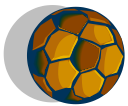
<http://boxwoodbroncos.blogspot.ca/>



# Walking Wednesday's Road to Rio

The students at Boxwood are engaging in a wonderful, healthy activity. Every Wednesday we have our Walking Wednesday DPA (Daily Physical Activity) event. During the 20 minutes before lunch or at the last 20 minutes of the school day, teacher leader, Tina Smith, invites all classes to take part in a walking activity where students collect popsicle sticks for each lap that they complete around the field. Students take the sticks back to their classes and complete an individual card for tracking their own participation. In addition, our teachers receive a class tracking sheet to add up the weeks' kilometers. The school community has set a goal to reach Rio de Janeiro, host of the 2016 Summer Olympics, by walking a total of 8,282 km before the end of June.

DPA contributes to the physical health, mental health, and self-esteem of children and youth. It is also positively related to academic performance ([Status of DPA in Ontario elementary schools, 2015](#)).



## Boxwood Spirit Wear



Boxwood spirit wear and gym clothes will be on sale later from Tuesday November 10th until Wednesday November 18th. Each order will help raise money for Boxwood's Active team to support the replenishing of recess play equipment for each classroom. We will inform parents when we begin selling these items and when samples will be ready for you to look at and try on sizes.

We are offering a wide variety of clothing for your child(ren). T-shirts will be available in White, Navy Blue and Gold, while sweatshirts and hoodies are available in Navy and finally, track pants, shorts, and bags will be available in Navy Blue.

Sample sizes are available in the office for you to look at or have your son/daughter try on to ensure you order the right size. They are available each day and tomorrow evening (November 9<sup>th</sup>) at the School Council Meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of Boxwood's Healthy School.  
T. Smith

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast provides children with energy and essential nutrients, including iron, calcium and vitamins B and C, which are necessary for growth, development and good health. Children who have eaten breakfast can concentrate better and have a longer attention span, helping them to learn and study better. They can also perform better physically after eating breakfast as there is more energy available to their muscles. Breakfast can improve behaviour and mood, as children have better concentration and aren't tired or hungry.

As a healthy school, we support our children's health by providing a grab and go breakfast program. This includes a variety of healthy items (e.g., muffins, tangerine, carrots, cucumber...). I would to **thank** our breakfast club team for their work in organizing, giving out, and monitoring this initiative!



## School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology. Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

### RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM

## Absences

Please call the office for every student absence and/or late. This may include illness, appointments, personal reasons, etc. Please call (905) 294-5563 and leave a message.

It is important to note that research indicates that significant absence from school has a detrimental affect on student performances. It is for this reason that we discourage extended holidays. If your child is away from school for an extended period of time this will undoubtedly create gaps in their learning. It is not expected that teachers provide work for students for extended periods of absence from school. As a result we would ask you to consider carefully when withdrawing your children from school. If your child will be absent for an extended period of time, please inform the office and fill out an Extended Absence Form located in our main office. Thank you!





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 Walking Wednesday	5	6
9 School Council Meeting	10 Diwali Grade 6 VIP Hot Lunch Lady Gr. 8 Band Rehearsal	11 Remembrance Day  Walking Wednesday	12 Intermediate Girls Volleyball Round Robin (3:45-7:30pm)	13
16 Intermediate Boys' Volleyball Practice (3:30- 4:45pm)	17 Grade 6 VIP Hot Lunch Lady Gr. 8 Band Rehearsal	18 Walking Wednesday	19 Intermediate Boys Volleyball Round Robin (3:45-7:30pm)	20 Photo Retakes
23 Intermediate Boys' Volleyball Practice (3:30- 4:45pm)	24 Grade 6 VIP Hot Lunch Lady Gr. 8 Band Rehearsal	25 Walking Wednesday	26	27 P.A. Day (No School)
30 Character Matters Assemblies				



**Upcoming Dates:**

**December 4-Intermediate Vaccinations  
(Menactra-Meningococcal Meningitis )**

**December 21st-Winter Break Begins**

