

# Boxwood Broncos

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## Principal's Message

You may be hearing your children talk about *learning goals* and *criteria*, and if this is unfamiliar language to you, the following information may be helpful. Learning goals are brief statements based on the 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, students need to understand the learning goals and what successful achievement looks like. Teachers take time during instruction to build a clear and transparent understanding of what students are to learn (learning goals), and what the learning looks like (success criteria). The success criteria give students and teachers a clear 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 information to provide feedback and determine next steps for instruction. At home, you can help your child by teaching your child to pack his/her own lunch. Then, the learning goal is to "pack a nutritious lunch for school." A checklist to help your child meet this goal when packing a nutritious lunch might include: I pack food from all 4 food groups, I use reusable food containers, water, milk or fruit juice, and a cloth napkin. Your child can check if the lunch contents meet the criteria, and whether they are achieving the goal of 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 celebrate our own success and the successes of those around us. We are responsible for what we do and 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 gathered in the gym and the entire school engaged in a whole school Physical Activity session to ***Just Dance's* "Monster Mash"**. We are excited to see some amazing, creative costumes as you can see below.



### Crossing Guard Needed

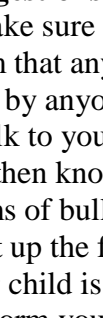
If you many have noticed we no longer have a crossing guard at Havelock and Boxwood Crescent after school. We are in need of a community member to assume this paid position. If you are interested, please call the supervisor of crossing guards in our area, Glenn Moore. He can be reached at (5) 737-1600.



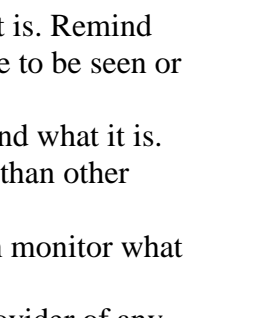
### Remember Your Forks and Spoons!



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



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, and then 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 problems. Although it can take a lot of time and effort to get Providers to respond and act on your complaints about cyber bullying, it is necessary in order to try to stop the problem from re-occurring.

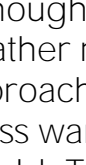
Purchase software that can help track activity. There are parental controls that filter inappropriate Instant Messaging and chat rooms.

### Kiss and Ride

Thank you parents for following our safe arrival kiss and ride procedures. We have noticed an improvement in the number of people using the crosswalk, cars slowing down, and a

**reduced 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 turns cold. The graphic shows some appropriate clothing for 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. Character education is the 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 skills necessary for academic achievement. It contributes to the individual's personal well being." YRDSB.

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

The character trait was **Responsibility**. This month's recipients showed responsibility for themselves and others. The subject focus for October was on **Mathematics**. In math, we are looking for students who demonstrate mathematical concepts (e.g., multiplication) and use effective and efficient strategies to solve problems. We are proud to recognize the following people:

Responsibility		Math	
Janvi P.	Aron B.	Sajay S.	Ars...
Asheshi M.	Soumiya T.	Avery W.	Ky...
Mayan M.	Aziz Q.	Arissa P.	Am...
Avan N.	Sajjad P.	Anise C.	Tri...
Chloebe Z.	Ishita J.	Adeeba Q.	Ri...
Bruce L.	Sarishaa	Abi A.	Arv...
Arujan V.	Ricardo H.	Hamza R.	Ibra...
Aathana S.	Meera G.	Aarabie	Ar...
Madie J.	Jashvin J.	Keegan L.	



## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Wednesday October 11th at 9:20 a.m. in the gym. At that time we will honor the people who have fought in wars for peace. Presently, students and teachers are organizing a ceremony to remember the sacrifices that those before us have made to our country and the world that continue to be made. Staff have also been hard at work on 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.

We welcome you to attend the assembly. Please sign in at the office on the day you arrive.



## Walking Wednesday Breast Cancer Awareness

Walking Wednesday Boxwood students participated in our weekly Walking Wednesday. This Walking Wednesday had a special purpose since students were wearing pink to show their support for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Many students and teachers also wore pink to show their support. We are very proud since this initiative was the idea of our Student Council. It is 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 given will be forwarded to the Foundation.



## Diwali at Boxwood

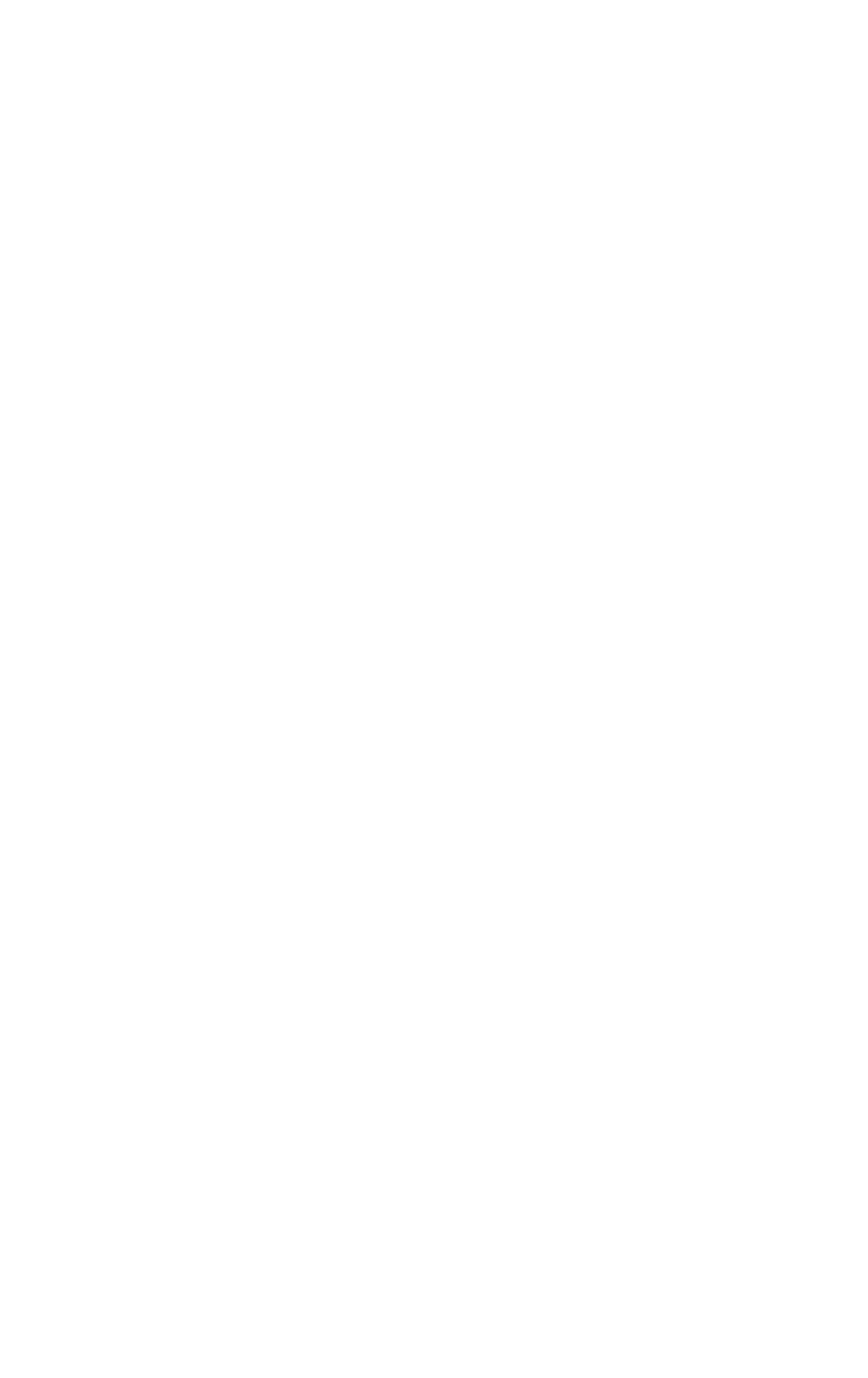
Next week we have another important observance in our school community, Diwali. We have students and teachers creating a display case in front of our library to symbolize the meaning of Diwali. Students will also have a presentation to educate our staff and students about Diwali. Happy Diwali to all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



## Boxwood Broncos Blog

We have created a Boxwood Blog. This blog is designed to provide parents with information about the different events and learning that happen in our school. Please check back from time to time to keep updated with life at Boxwood. A great feature of the 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:

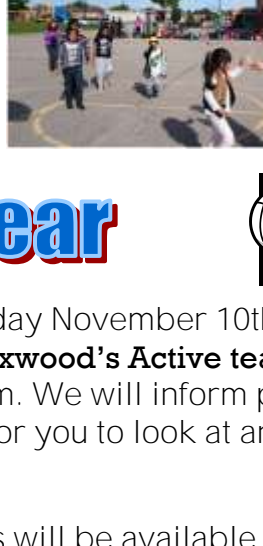
<http://boxwoodbroncos.blogspot.ca/>



## Walking Wednesday's Road to Rio

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

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



## Boxwood Spirit Wear

Spirit wear and gym clothes will be on sale later from Tuesday November 10th to Friday November 18th. Each order will help raise money for Boxwood's Active Play program, the replenishing of recess play equipment for each classroom. We will inform you when we begin selling these items and when samples will be ready for you to look at and order.

We are offering a wide variety of clothing for your child(ren). T-shirts will be available in 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.

Samples are available in the office for you to look at or have your son/daughter try on. Please call to order the right size. They are available each day and tomorrow evening (November 17th) at the School Council Meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of Boxwood's Healthy School.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast provides children with energy and essential nutrients, including protein, calcium, and vitamins B and C, which are necessary for growth, development, and good health. Children who have eaten breakfast can concentrate better in school, 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 help children have better concentration and aren't tired or hungry.

At Boxwood 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, fruit, yogurt, carrots, cucumber...). I would like to thank our breakfast club team for their hard work in organizing, giving out, and monitoring this initiative!



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## School Bus Cancellation Notice

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For the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, excessive snow, ice and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate transportation arrangements.

When morning bus schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. Please communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after the approval of the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on current weather conditions, precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

The following:

Decisions to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and minibuses.

If bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.

Accidents involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

**Bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities.**

Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students from these municipalities are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries.

As a result, the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

As previously stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to school even if school bus service is cancelled.

**If buses are cancelled in the morning, schools will remain open. Therefore students transported to school by parents will need to be transported home.**

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

6:40 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
6:58 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
6:59 AM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM

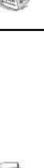
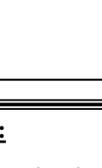


# Absences

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 effect on student performances. It is for this reason that we discourage extended absences. 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 submitted in our main office. Thank you!

# November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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**Upcoming Dates:**  
 December 4-Intermediate Vaccinations  
 (Menactra-Meningococcal Meningitis)  
 December 21st-Winter Break Begins