The Holland Landing Highlights

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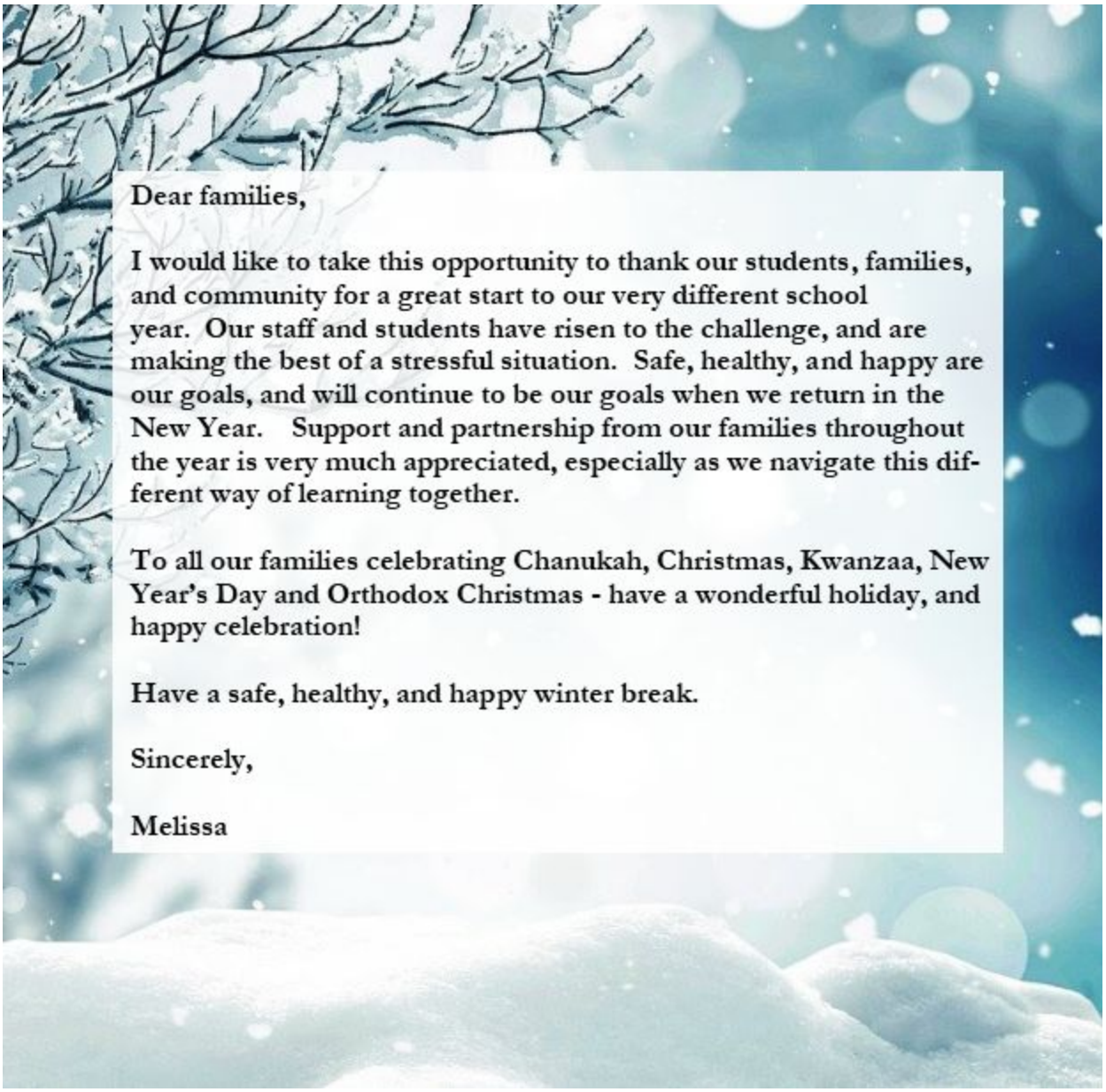
From the Office



Dear families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, families, and community for a great start to our very different school year. Our staff and students have risen to the challenge, and are making the best of a stressful situation. Safe, healthy, and happy are our goals, and will continue to be our goals when we return in the New Year. Support and partnership from our families throughout the year is very much appreciated, especially as we navigate this different way of learning together.

To all our families celebrating Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Day and Orthodox Christmas - have a wonderful holiday, and happy celebration!

Have a safe, healthy, and happy winter break.

Sincerely,

Melissa

Message from Our Trustee

Dear families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and well. 2020 has been a challenging year in so many ways, and the global pandemic has affected individuals and families in different ways.

I want to reassure you that we continue to work closely with York Region Public Health and to prioritize the health and well-being of our students, staff members and families. It continues to be important that we adhere to the health and safety measures in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. You can learn more about what schools are doing at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

While we have seen cases in some of our schools, we continue to work with public health to respond quickly, identify cohorts that need to self-isolate as a precautionary measure and take all appropriate measures. I want to thank all of our students, families and staff members for their diligence in adhering to the public health recommendations and health and safety measures in place in our schools.

One of our priorities in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan is to foster well-being and mental health. As a result of the pandemic, many of us are facing changes and new challenges that can take a toll on our mental health. It is more important than ever that we check in on one another and practice self-care. There are mental health resources for students and families on our Board website that address the unique nature of our current situation. You can also find information about our Mental Health and Addiction Strategy and the work we are doing in schools to promote positive mental health and provide support for students.

While there are challenges, we also continue to have so many reasons to feel positive. Our students continue to impress us with their kindness, creativity, innovation, resilience, courage and perseverance. Visit us on YouTube at YRDSBMedia to see just some of these stories.

In the coming weeks and months, many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays, and I wish you all the very best for the season. While we may be celebrating a little differently this year, I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back into our in-person and virtual schools in January.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey
Trustee - East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville

School Council

HLPS School Council - Fundraising Initiatives

Thank you to each of our HLPS students, families and community members for all of your support. We will share updates from our fundraisers in the New Year.

Reach Out!
If you have a question for our School Council, or any items you would like to be brought to our attention, please email our Chair - Zalema Mavor **holland.landing.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca**

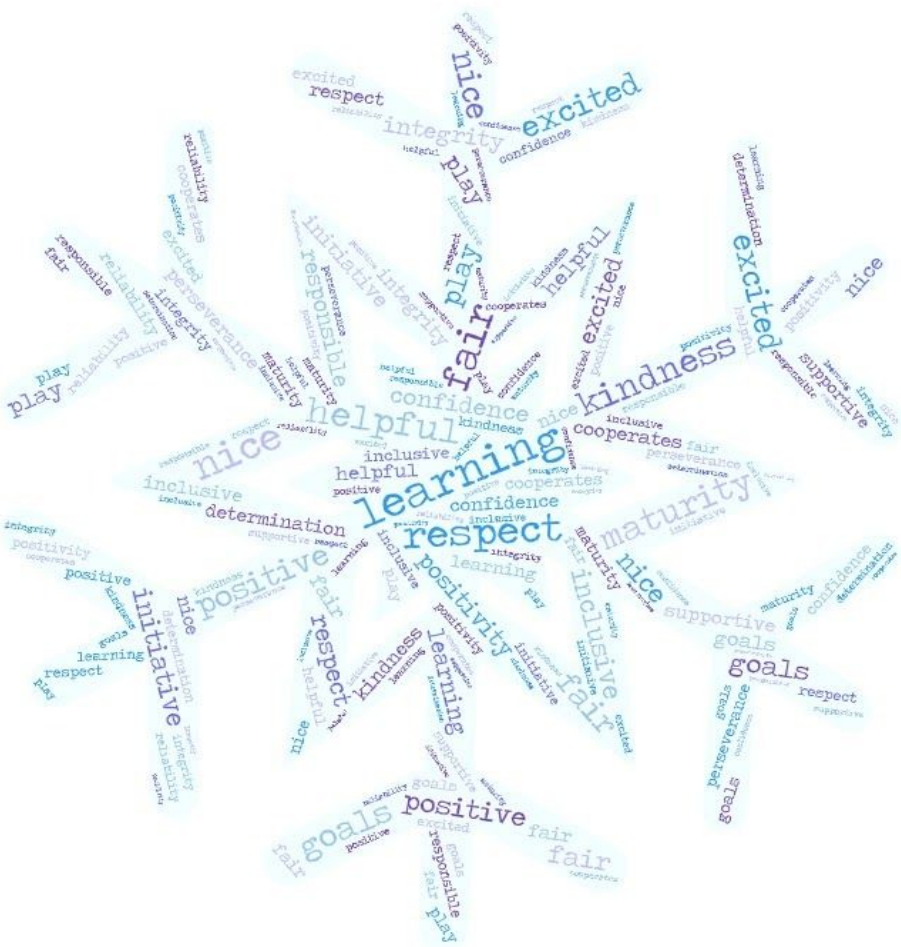
Student Council Corner

A Message from our Prime Minister:
Hi everyone I'm Keira and I am your elected Prime Minister. I just want to talk about student council and what we have been up to. So over the past few weeks we have had a couple of meetings to discuss what we want to do this school year, and we have been focusing mainly on Spirit Days, as you may have seen this past week. We are also planning more spirit days and spirit weeks for the future, and we have some more exciting things planned for our school year!

Introducing our 2020-2021 Student Council:
Prime Minister- Keira Bailey
Deputy Prime Minister- Laci Peters
Minister of Public Relations- Abigail Dick
Minister of Health- Kaylie Seeger
Minister of Equity- Jonathan Jelinek
Treasurer- Brianna Daly
Secretary- Natalie Cripps

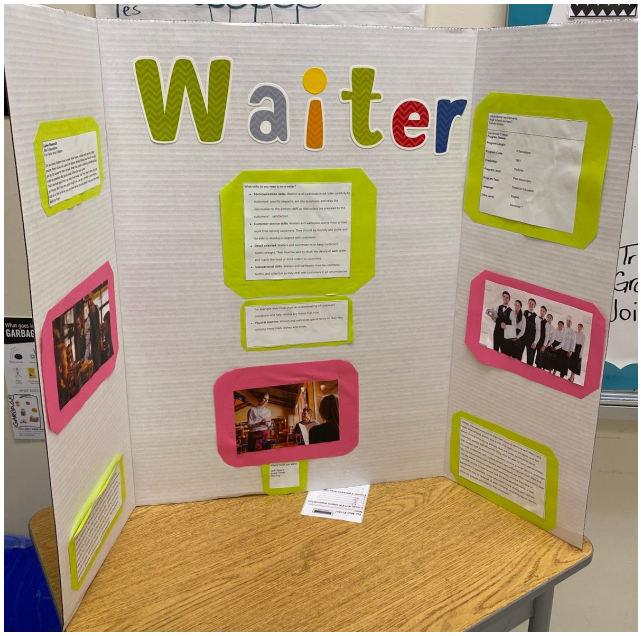
Highlights From the Week

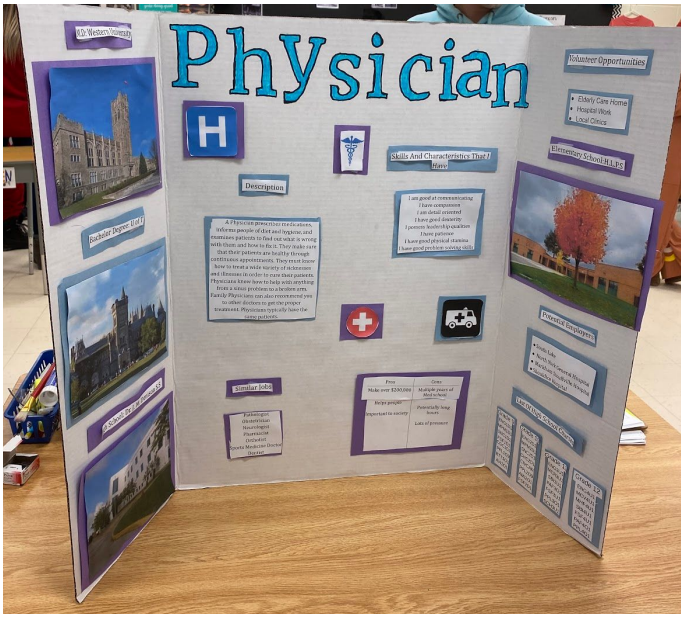
Hurricane of the Month
Our December Hurricane of the Month virtual assembly was held this Thursday. Here are some of the things students and staff said about the students being recognized this month:

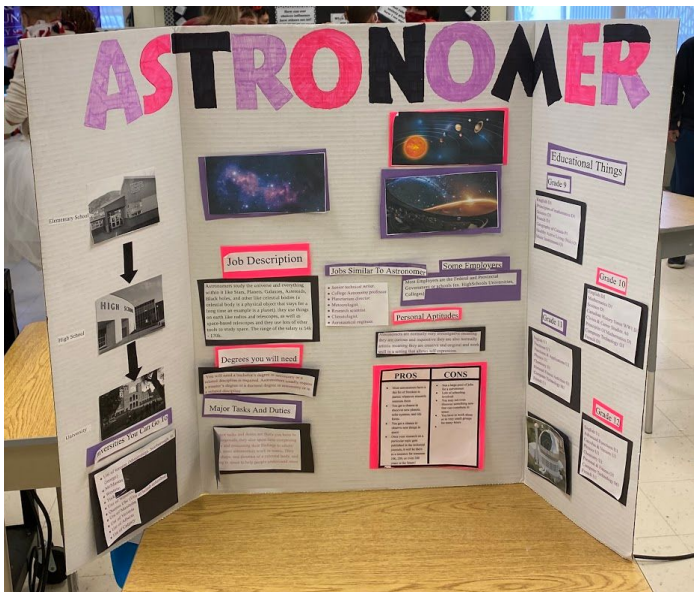


Career Fair

Our grade 8 students presented their Career Fair projects this week. It was amazing to see the interest, curiosity, and forward-planning our students were able to share about a variety of career and learning pathways. Check out a few of the many career presentations!







Looking Ahead

January...	4 - Welcome Back! 15 - PA Day 15 - 2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration begins