



The Holland Landing Highlights

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From the Office

Mental Health Resources to Support Students and Families

[COVID-19: Resources to build our children's resilience](#)
[How to Work with Your School to Support Your Child's Mental Health](#)
[School Mental Health Ontario](#)
[Talking to Your Anxious Child About COVID -19](#)

Reorganization & Temporary Redeployment of Staff

With the adjustment of Covid -19 Re-opening structures such as virtual school and class size targets, this has resulted in changes in our student enrollment and staff allocation here at school. As a result of the enrollment changes that have taken place in our re-opening process, the number of classes in our school has been reduced by two, and there have been changes to the balance of our grade 4 and 5 classes. All together, there will be 40 students moving to a new classroom on Monday - our staff will continue to care for and support our students through this transition with the goal of minimizing the impact of the changes on their routines.

Mrs. Toombs and Ms. Ceci will be redeployed to the Elementary Virtual School. We wish them all the best in this new adventure! We know how lucky their Virtual Learners will be.

Revised COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools and Child Care

Yesterday, the Ontario government released a [revised COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools and Child Care](#). There are some important changes outlined in the new screening tool, and we encourage families to review it.

On a daily basis, parents/guardians of students under 18 and students over 18 are responsible to review and adhere to the screening tool. Please review the new changes. Students who have been off prior to this tool and are waiting for test results must continue to self-isolate until they receive a negative test result. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students, staff members and families safe and healthy, and thank you for your patience as we implement this new process.

National Custodial Workers' Day



October 2nd is National Custodial Workers' Day. Our custodial staff are an integral part of our school team, and we appreciate and value all they do to keep our school safe and clean. This year, more than ever, we have been reminded of how important their work is and how they make a difference each and every day. Thank you to our amazing team - Mr. Peters, Ms. Gilbert, Ms. McNab, and Ms. Hastings for keeping things clean and sanitized! We appreciate you!

2020-2021 School Council - Elections and First Meeting this Monday!

School Councils are advisory committees that work in partnership with the Principal, and school staff. The School Council participates in the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan. We meet several times per year, in the evening. This year, our meetings will be virtual. Parents, Caregivers, and Community Members are all welcome!

All members of the school community are eligible for executive positions (chair, secretary, treasurer, etc.) - no experience necessary! If you would like to be considered for an elected position on our 2020-2021 School Council, please complete the linked [School Council Nomination Form](#), and email it to: holland.landing.ps@yrdsb.ca

School Council elections will take place at the first meeting of the year, **Monday, October 5th, at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us! A link to the Virtual Meeting will be emailed to families on Monday.

School Start-Up Forms

At the start of each school year, schools share with families a package of information about the school, the [Guide to the School Year](#) booklet, and some forms you need to complete. As a result of the pandemic and with a number of families participating in remote, online learning, we are inviting families to complete these important forms online. It is important that these forms are completed at the start of the school year. There are both mandatory and optional forms. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to complete the school start-up forms for your child(ren), please do so by October 9th. <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>

World Teachers' Day

Monday, October 5th is World Teachers' Day. Held annually on October 5th since 1994, World Teachers' Day commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the [1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers](#). This Recommendation sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions.

Teachers make a difference each day - please join me in recognizing the amazing teachers at HLPS!

Islamic History Month

In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month. The province of Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act (2016) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province.

This month affords an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding contributions of Muslim Canadians to this nation. Affirming Muslim identity for our students is critical in combating Islamophobia in our schools and further challenging systemic barriers that impede the inclusive climates necessary for student well-being and achievement.

Please see the linked flyer for information about [Islamic Heritage Month](#) events presented by The Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students and York Region Muslims.



Parents of Black Children: United Parents Project

The United Parents (UP) project is designed to support parents of Black children as they navigate the education system. It is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Youth Opportunities Fund, Family Innovations Stream.

Parents of Black Children will deliver a series of workshops covering topics that disproportionately impact Black children and lead to disparities in outcomes.

For more information, please see the linked [flyer](#) and [postcard](#).

2SLGBTQ+ History Month

The month of October commemorates the impact that Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender, queer, questioning, and individuals with related identities have had in our local communities, nationally and internationally. It is an opportunity to build awareness of the contributions the 2SLGBTQ+ community has made in Canada and abroad.

The affirmation of sexual and gender diversity in our learning and working environments means that we recognize the diversity within our 2SLGBTQ+ communities and acknowledge the presence of Indigenous, racialized, disabled and other diverse identities among our students and staff. Likewise, knowledge about 2SLGBTQ+ history helps to address the systemic barriers that contribute to heterosexism and cissexism.



Terry Fox Run



*Reminder! Our event will be held **Friday October 9** and all students will be participating by running and/or walking the field at the back of the school with their class cohorts.*

Please consider supporting this worthy cause by donating via our school link: <http://www.terryfox.ca/HollandLandingPSHollandLanding>.

Thank you in advance for your support of this very worthwhile cause.

Together, we can all make a difference! #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation

