



The Holland Landing Highlights

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From the Office



Thank you to our staff for hosting virtual Curriculum & Meet the Teacher night!
Thank you to our families who were able to log on and join in to learn about the classroom, school, and learning plan for the year. We appreciate your support, and as always, please reach out if you have any questions.

HLPS is having a school spirit day on Friday, October 30th!

Each class has chosen a theme, and will participate in a door decorating contest. Classes will practice hand hygiene when making decorations for, and assembling their door. On Friday, October 30th, students are invited to dress to match the theme of their door, OR, they may choose to wear a Halloween costume (please see costume reminders below). We're looking forward to a fun day, and lots of Hurricane spirit!

Halloween Reminders for Families

This year, Halloween will look different for York Region families. In light of COVID-19 precautions, door-to-door trick-or-treating is [not recommended](#) by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health for modified Stage 2 areas, including York Region.

The health and safety of our students remains a top priority. For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school, please keep these reminders in mind:

- When planning costumes that no replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, it is important that costumes do not trivialize and devalue the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, should not be worn as another person's costume, nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping

Due to COVID-19 precautions, please be aware that:

- Students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes (Costumes must be worn to school, and worn for the whole day).
- No Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (if choosing to wear make-up, it must be applied at home, and cannot brought to school)
- Students who are required to wear PPE face masks (Gr. 4 - 8) must continue to do so, and students in younger grade (FDK - Gr. 3) are encouraged to continue to wear their PPE face masks.
- Costumes must be of simple design - no accessories, no head coverings, no inflatables, no over-sized costumes will be allowed (to limit the personal items being brought to school)

- Treats cannot be brought or shared

For more information on how to stay safe this Halloween and for alternate Halloween activities, please visit York Region Public Health's [website](#).

School Council

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

Highlights From the Week



We have been fortunate to have had beautiful weather this fall!

Classes have been taking advantage of opportunities to bring the learning outdoors.

Our students have adapted well to new ways of playing together at recess, and it's great to see so many safe and active games filling our field and tarmac. We're so proud of our students!



