



The Holland Landing Highlights

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From the Office

Student Nutrition Program

Our breakfast program and snack bins are back!

Starting Monday, September 25th, students will be able to pick up a healthy snack from our breakfast carts which will be at each entry door in the morning, and classroom snack bins will be available in each classroom.

Proper food handling and hand hygiene procedures will be followed when bins are filled, and students will be asked to sanitize their hands before picking up an item from the bin. All food items will be individually portioned/packaged (e.g., a whole apple or pre-packaged apple slices; granola bar; individual package of crackers; cheese string; yogurt tube, etc.)

This year, we have new health and safety measures in place to help keep students and staff safe from the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone, including families, plays a critical role in supporting health and safety in our school communities.

Please review the [Return to School Elementary Checklist](#).

Every day, screen your child for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep them home if they:

- Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Have been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- Have returned from travel outside of Canada in the past 14 days

What happens if my child presents with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at school?

As recommended by Ministry of Health guidance, parents or guardians will be contacted to bring their child home from school when they present with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day. As a precaution, the child will be separated from other children and supervised by a staff member until parents or guardians are able to bring them home. We will explain to the child how separating them from their classmates can help prevent the spread of illness and that a parent or guardian will be coming to pick them up.

If your child has been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, any siblings or other household members who also attend the same school or another school are **required to go home and self-isolate**.

If your child has not been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case and has not recently travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, asymptomatic siblings of the symptomatic child can continue to attend school.

York Region Public Health advises you to take your child for COVID-19 assessment and testing at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre located at all York Region hospitals.

Your child **must remain in isolation at home while waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test and cannot attend school in person.**

- If the test result is **negative** your child may return to school if it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms began to improve as long as they have not had any close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19
- If the test result is **negative** and your child has had close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19, or has travelled internationally within the past 14 days, your child should continue isolating for 14 days despite a negative test result; if symptoms change or worsen seek medical assessment and repeat testing
- If the test result is **positive** your child is to self-isolate for at least 14 days from the day the symptoms started; students may return to school after this period upon the guidance of York Region Public Health
- If your child was **not tested** they must self-isolate for 14 days from the day symptoms started
- If your child was assessed by a healthcare provider their return to school may be considered earlier in some instances (their symptoms are related to an on-going health concern)

Orange Shirt Day - September 30



The Orange Shirt Day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973. Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform. Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter." The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters. To demonstrate our commitment to learning truth and acting on reconciliation, Holland Landing PS staff and students are invited to wear an orange shirt on September 30.

School Assistants

We are still looking for a few more School Assistants! School Assistants are paid employees, who work in classrooms and in the yard supervising students over the lunch hour. If you are interested in joining our School Assistant team, please contact the office for more information!

2020-2021 School Council

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 as we get closer to the date.

Terry Fox Run

*Once again this year the students and staff at HGPS will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run. 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. More details about the event will follow next week.*

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!

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