



November Holly Happenings

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It has been another wonderful month at Holly. We have been working together as a school community to sprinkle kindness to each other everyday. Interims came out on the 18th of October and we hope you were able to gain a strong understanding as to how your child has been settling in to school. We invite you to connect with your child's teacher during parent/teacher consultation with an early dismissal on November 4th either virtually or in-person. Your child's teacher will set up a time with you for that date. A reminder if you are attending an in-person conference to please adhere to Covid Health and Safety Protocols by doing a daily health check, wearing a mask inside the building and entering through your child's outside classroom door.

You may have also noticed a big white trailer at the front of the school. That is our temporary staff washroom as we continue moving along in our seismic upgrade. The primary washrooms are complete and the Wayne Gretzky wing is currently being worked on.

As always we are grateful and thank all of our staff, parents, learners and community for their continued support.

-Andrew Shook & Zahra Kabani

Halloween at Holly



Halloween at Holly has excitement all over it!

- Classes will participate in a grade group costume parade on Friday morning at 9:00 am.
- Learners are encouraged to dress up and wear costumes
- Reminder that masks should be incorporated into their costumes, and not worn on top of a costume piece.
- Replica weapons are obviously not permitted.
- Please refrain from sending class treats and gifts to school.
- Our Kindergarten/Grade 1 classes had the opportunity to pick their pumpkin from the Holly Pumpkin Patch last week and each class from K-7 were able to pick a class pumpkin.

PAC



We had a successful first PAC meeting this week. Stay tuned for fundraisers that will be coming out shortly. A special thank you to our PAC and all the support and effort that goes into our school.

Terry Fox Run



An update on our Terry Fox Run; as a Holly Community we collectively raised \$822.30! This outstanding number resulted in an amazing day of slime for Mr. Shook. The children had a wonderful time concocting the slime and then pouring slime all over Mr. Shook. It was an awesome day!

Remembrance Day



We will be taking a moment of silence and acknowledging, honouring and remembering war veterans, inclusive of our indigenous war veterans, which will be acknowledged on November 8 and November 11. We take the time to acknowledge and participate virtually in our upcoming Remembrance Day assembly where we honour and recognize war veterans and their service to our country.

A Look Back at Truth & Reconciliation Day



This past September 30, learners had the opportunity to wear their orange shirts with respect as they participated in their first face to face assembly. We honoured the many lives lost in residential schools by walking in to the assembly playing the drums our indigenous learners painted on. We shared stories about reconciliation, and stood in a moment of silence as we listened to an honour song.

Last year, we also applied for and received an Aboriginal Grant through the district, and in collaboration with indigenous artist Brandon Gabriel, a purposeful and intricate mural was designed representing the lands on which we work, play and learn. We had the privilege of unveiling the mural at the assembly. This mural will be mounted in our school library, in hopes that one day families will be able to see this mural in person.

Upcoming Events



November	4	Parent/Teacher Consultation Early Dismissal @ 1:35
	9	Photo Retakes
	10	Remembrance Day Assembly
	11	Remembrance Day – School Closed
	12	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
December	10	First Formal Report Cards (CSL)
	17	Last Day before Winter Break
	20 - 31	Winter Break – School Closed
January	3	School Opens after Winter Break
February	8	Early Dismissal @ 1:35
	21	Family Day – School Closed
	25	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
March	11	Second Formal Report Cards (CSL) Last Day before Spring Break
	14 - 25	Spring Break – School Closed
	28	School Opens after Spring Break
April	6	Class Photos
	15	Good Friday – School Closed
	18	Easter Monday – School Closed
May	2 - 4	Art Crawl
	4	Early Dismissal @ 1:35
	5	Parent Tea 8:30-10:30
	6	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
	23	Victoria Day – School Closed
	30	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
June	10	Sports Day
	15	Grade 7 Celebration
	23	Final Formal Report Cards Last Day of Classes
		Early Dismissal @ 1:35