



École Heritage Park Middle School

Dear ÉHPMS Families,

We hope you're enjoying this beautiful but chilly day. Here are a few FYIs & Reminders for the coming week:

FYIs

- **Calendar Date Changes-** There have been two changes made to the school calendar that you should be aware of: **Friday, November 13th** is now a non-instructional day for students (as opposed to a half day), and our Parent-Teacher Conference evening and lieu day has been pushed one week to **Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th** (from December 3 & 4). These changes have been necessary to meet contractual requirements and to balance conference scheduling within the quadmesters.
- **The Auto-dialer-** You may have noticed our school auto-dialer is not working properly. We apologize to those of you who received student absence calls during yesterday's Pro D Day as well as for missing callouts during actual absences. The service provider is working to remedy the problem.
- **Thistle Stop-** The Thistle Stop Café is going mobile this year! The Café will have a reduced selection of individually packaged snacks and beverages that will be available for purchase during the lunch break. They will be set up outside near the doors and be serving students in the Grade Group that is scheduled on the blacktop/bus loop area for a given day. Students have completed Foodsafe training and will be practicing and reviewing Covid safety protocols this week prior to opening (on Thursday, October 29th). Every Grade Group will have one day per week that they are able to make purchases, after this week's soft start. The Café is cashless, so students will need to have a cash card to make purchases. Student cash cards will be available for purchase on the School Cash site starting next week.

Reminders

- **Masks-** A reminder that students must have a mask while at school. They will need to phone home/get one dropped off if they forget.
- **Reusable Cutlery-** A reminder that the cafeteria will no longer be providing single-use cutlery. All students received their reusable cutlery packs on Thursday (and are in their A block class if they were absent)
- **Absences-** If your child will be absent, please email Mrs. Ginter at nicole.ginter@mpsd.ca
- **Outside-** The cooler, wetter weather is upon us. A reminder that students are outside for walks and their lunch break daily. Layers and umbrellas are recommended.
- **Water Bottles-** Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day and make use of our water bottle filling station.



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This Week at EHPMS (Block Rotation)

Monday (A/B)

Tuesday (B/A)

Wednesday (A)

- Early dismissal- 10:58 am
- Order cut-off for Cafeteria orders for next week
([https://hpms.mpsd.ca/students/cafeteria/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://hpms.mpsd.ca/students/cafeteria/Pages/default.aspx#/=))
- Spirit Day- Graphic T-Shirt theme (i.e. vintage bands)

Thursday (B/A)

- Spirit Day- Christmas in October (Crazy Christmas Sweater or Santa Hats)
- Thistle Stop opens

Friday (A/B)

- Spirit Day- Halloween Costumes (caveats: no full coverage face masks... just the usual ones, no weaponry, school appropriate)

Upcoming Dates

November

- 1- Time Change (Fall Back)
- 6- Photo Retake Day
- 11- Remembrance Day (school closed)
- 13- No School for Students
- 13- Last Day Quad 1
- 16- Quad 2 begins

December

- 10- Parent-Teacher Interviews (more info to come)
- 11- School closed (Day in Lieu)
- 18- Last day before Winter Break