



Shannen Koostachin
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SHANNEN KOOSTACHIN NEWS!

May, 2024 Edition



Shannen Koostachin Elementary School

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From the Principal's Desk ...

Hello Shannen Koostachin Families,

With spring in the air, our school has begun to buzz with all the upcoming, amazing trips and outdoor athletic events.

The school is looking amazing with all the work that students have been busy learning and working on as we prepare to open our doors for our Open House on May 9th. A reminder that we will have food truck vendors as well as our annual School Council Raffle prizes. Tickets for the raffle can be bought for at the event (cash only). We have some amazing prizes to be won this year!

As we prepare for the final two months of school, we remind our students and families to continue to talk about school expectations, and the recent notices around cell phones as communicated by the Ministry of Education. We encourage parents to have conversations with their children and be mindful that students will not have their phones/devices during the school day. Therefore if you need a message given to your child, please call the main office to leave a message with one of our office staff.

We did have Transportation Bylaw come to our school recently and we wish to remind everyone to be kind and courteous to our neighbours when parking around our school. With the nicer weather we are hoping that families will take the opportunity to walk/bike/scooter to school.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school a safe and comfy place.

Kind Regards
Tricia Nelson
Principal



(Don't Forget to hit **Subscribe** to our Webpage and **turn ON** Notifications for School Cash Online!)

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Bell Times

ENTRY/Classes Begin	9:30 a.m.
Period 1	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Period 2	10:30-11:10 a.m.
First Nutrition Break	11:10-11:50 a.m.
Period 3	11:50- 12:40 p.m.
Period 4	12:40-1:30 p.m.
Second Nutrition Break	1:30-2:10 p.m.
Period 5	2:10-3:10 p.m.
Period 6	3:10-3:50 p.m.
DISMISSAL	3:50 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!!

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

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Open House

5:00-7:00 pm

PIZZA DAYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
...FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED

- May 1** - PIZZA DAY
 - Jr. Band Practice (8:15– 9:15 am/music rm.)
- May 2** - Grade 7 Trip to Dundurn Castle (9:30-2:30 pm)
- May 3** - **SPRING FLING DANCE!** (during school hours/ gym)
- May 8** - PIZZA DAY
 - Jr. Band Practice (8:15– 9:15 am/music rm.)
- May 9** - **OPEN HOUSE (5:00-7:00 pm)**
 - Grade 6-8's Trip to Bernie Arbour Stadium (10:00-2:00 pm)
 - Flag Football Tournament (Grades 5 & 6) at Orchard Park
- May 10** - Flag Football Tournament (Grades 7 & 8) at Orchard Park
- May 15** - PIZZA DAY
 - Jr. Band Practice (8:15– 9:15 am/music rm.)
 - Ms. Mitchell's Grade 1's Community Walk (12:15-1:30 pm)
- May 16** - **New to KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE (Fall 2024 Registrations ONLY)** (4:45-5:45 pm)
- May 17** - **HAWAIIAN DAY!** (come dressed island style!)
- May 20** - **VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY! (NO SCHOOL)**
- May 22** - PIZZA DAY
 - Jr. Band Practice (8:15– 9:15 am/music rm.)
- May 29** - PIZZA DAY
 - Jr. Band Practice (8:15– 9:15 am/music rm.)
 - Grade 4 Trip (9:30-2:00 pm) RBC Open/Ancaster Golf & Country Club)
- May 30** - **Jump Rope for Heart Day!** ([link below to Register your Child & Donate](https://jumpropeforheart.crowdfunder.ca/46428))
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- May 31** - Flag Football Tournament (Grades 7 & 8) at MacNab School
 - Monthly Celebration Assembly- (9:30-10:30am) for Students Only
 - **CARTOON CHARACTER DAY!** (come dressed as your favorite cartoon character)

Dance Schedule

Friday, May 3rd!

SPRINGLING DANCE

9:45-11:00 am
Kinders/Gr. 1/2

12:10-1:20 pm
Grades 2-4

2:20-3:40 pm
Grades 5-8
During School Hours

JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE

COME SEE YOUR CLASSROOM

THURSDAY
May 9, 2024
5-7pm

School Council Basket Raffle in the gym. CASH ONLY.

FOOD TRUCKS:
CRAZY CRAVINGS
PAPPAS GREEK
HAMMER PRESS
TIMMYS TANUR GRILL

(Reminder...)

Every Day 4 is **CHOIR**

Primary (11:10-11:30 am)
Junior (11:30-11:50 am)



FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

→ May 9th- Orchard Park (Grades 5 & 6)

→ May 10th- Orchard Park (Grades 7 & 8)

→ May 31st- Macnab School (Grades 7 & 8) (all practices will take place during nutrition breaks)



Our Junior Girls basketball team has wrapped up their season. They played really well and learned a lot about basketball. Awesome Job Girls!

Our Junior Boys basketball team made it through the 1st round of playoffs. Great Job Boys!

SCHOOL COUNCIL (An Open Invitation)

We are always looking for Extra Help! How to Get Involved:

shannenkoostachinSC@hwdsb.on.ca



Very Important Reminders:

PARKING

In order to keep all students, families and staff safe, we ask that you review the parking and drop-off/pick-up guidelines below:

- * **DO NOT ENTER** the main lane in front of the school. This is considered a fire lane and for BUSES ONLY at drop-off (9:00am–9:45am) and pick-up (3:30pm–4:20pm) times. (Pylons will be placed in the lanes to ensure safety)
- * If entering (outside drop-off and pick-up times) please follow the arrows if using the lane at the front of the building. **Please do not enter through the NO ENTRY sign near the Daycare.**
- * The designated parking lot is for **STAFF ONLY**. There is parking along the streets around the school for parents. Read signs posted to ensure you are parking legally.
- * Please remember that Accessible parking (at the side) is reserved for individuals with the appropriate permit. These spots are not to be used for idling or for brief stops. Under no circumstance should cars without the accessible parking permit use these spots. Please be respectful and model this when picking up your child/children.
- * Please be patient, at drop-off and pick-up as this can take 10-15 minutes depending on the weather. A reminder that our school grounds are open from 9:15am until 9:30am when our instructional bell rings. Teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants are ready to assist and support students during this time. As always, we encourage students who live close by to walk to school, this will cut down on the congestion in our parking lot.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

We are writing again to all children’s families to emphasize the importance of being at school on time and ensuring that students are receiving the required number of educational hours per day. There have been numerous incidents of some families routinely arriving at school past 9:30am or later and collecting their children very early before our end time of 3:50pm.

School starts at 9:30am every day. Children need to be in their class line at 9:30am so that they can start their lessons promptly.

Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to re explain work.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child’s own learning and that of others. We are required to monitor children’s punctuality and attendance.

On-going lateness is monitored by the school office and other agencies which have a duty to investigate further. We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances which can be documented through the parent portal. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child is reaching their full educational journey by bringing and picking up your child on time.