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Dear Portland Estates Families,

Hello everyone, we hope you are all doing well!! October has been an exciting month of learning and growing together and we wanted to reach out and thank you all for your kindness, your support and to let you know that despite everything, we are having a wonderful start to the year at school and even occasionally starting to feel a little back to routine. Fall is upon us and we are in full swing with learning here at Portland Estates Elementary School. We are excitedly building momentum towards another great year. Thank you everyone for your dedication to following the Covid-19 protocols. With incidences of positive cases on the rise in the province, we will need to continue to be vigilant and careful with our habits.

The month ahead brings school photos, our (virtual) Remembrance Day Assembly, Crazy Hair Day and Progress reports.

We want to close by sending out a big THANK YOU to our PEES families. With everything that is going on, you have all been extremely supportive and understanding. On behalf of our staff, we greatly appreciate everything you do.

Stay warm and stay well everyone,

Your PEES Administrative Team



Important Dates to Remember:

November 11- Remembrance Day – No school

November 19 – Crazy Hair Day

November 20 - Assessment and Evaluation Day – no school for students

November 30 – Progress Reports released through EDUPORTAL

Virtual Parent-Teacher/Progress Reports: Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for December 3 and will take place in the afternoon. Interviews will be either by phone call or Google Meet. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks as to how appointments will be made. At PEES, we welcome communication all year long. We all need to be on the same page in order to do our best for our students. On that note, report cards will be coming out at the end of the month as well and will be released through EDUPORTAL so please ensure we have the correct emails for Parent1 and Parent2 on your September Registration form. There should be no surprises on Progress reports as they should just reaffirm what you already know about how your child is doing.

School Photographers- As announced last week, the Minister of Education is working on opening up schools to the public therefore we feel we can safely have our school pictures completed. Please note that school photographers are not essential workers therefore they have not been allowed in the building. Some photographers such as Adams, Tenwolde have equipment which they can take pictures outside – however the company we have a contract with (Harvey studios) does not have equipment which can go outside. We have been in conversation with them over the past few weeks and hope to have something set up for November 16 & 17 as long as they meet the public health guidelines. More information will be sent home closer to this date.

Poppy Donations for Remembrance Day - All Portland Estates Elementary School students will be provided with a poppy. The poppies have been provided by The Canadian Legion. If you would like to make a donation for your child's poppy, you can donate online to The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund. <https://legion.ca/home>



Thank you so much to all parents and guardians for your understanding with following the Covid protocols. We know that it can cause great inconvenience for some families to keep symptomatic students home, or to pick them up from school. Following the protocols helps to keep us all safe, and we are truly thankful for the kind cooperation and support from everyone.

Taking Photos: When you are at or around Portland Estates Elementary School, please be sensitive regarding taking pictures of students who are not your own children, and then posting them on Facebook or other online social media sites. Some of our parents request that their child's pictures do not appear on these sites.

Dropping off Items/Picking Up Students: Just a reminder to have all items (lunches, band instruments, clothing) labeled if you are dropping off items to the school for your child. When picking up your child- please call the office when you have arrived in the parking lot and we will dismiss your child from class.

Head Lice: Head lice is a nuisance and occurs frequently especially among younger students. In order to prevent the spread of lice, please consider checking your child's head regularly for lice and nits and report it to the school if you discover any - contact the Public Health if you suspect head lice and require help.

Dress for the Weather: As classes are spending more time outside this school year, please remind your child/ren to dress for the weather.

RELIEF Lunch Monitors needed

Portland Estates Elementary School is in immediate need of a relief lunch monitors between the hours of 11:00 am – 1:30 pm for the remainder of the school year. A Criminal records check with vulnerable sector check and a Child Abuse Check are required. Please contact the school office at 902-433-7100 if interested.