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Garden Clean Up Event Happening Saturday, May 7

Spring Garden Clean Up is set for May 7, 9am-2pm. Come and help us prepare our beloved garden for the summer!

- *Drop in for all community and school members
- *No experience necessary; we will provide some tools
- *Bring Water Bottles & Tools & Friends!
- *Kids can play or help!
- *Facilities will be open for water & bathrooms
- *If you have leaves & other yard waste, please feel free to drop to the compost on the school grounds prior to the above date. The compost is located in front of the garden beds, next to the butterfly garden.
- *Contact sherisseo@yahoo.ca for more information, to RSVP, or to get involved in the garden committee

Mother's Day Basket

Thank you so much for those who purchased tickets for our Mother's Day Basket. Tickets are due into the office by Thursday, May 5. Draw date will be on Friday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Classroom Configurations

It is getting close to the time where teachers and additional school staff start thinking about classroom placements for next year. School staff work tirelessly on this process in an attempt to make well-informed decisions in the best interest of students. A great deal goes into this process and many considerations are taken into account: gender balance, learning style, strengths, challenges, student relationship with other students, and specific programming details. No student is assigned to a classroom without thoughtful, professional conversation taking place.

At this time, I would like to invite you to share any characteristics of your child's learning you would like us to take into consideration when configuring classrooms. **Without requesting specific teachers**, I am encouraging you to forward an email or letter to my attention for future planning. Although I cannot guarantee requested placement as those decisions are made by a professional team, it will certainly provide

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additional information for us to consider when making these decisions. Please note that the staffing process is tentative until the end of September. Teaching assignments may change, along with enrolment and class configurations. I am confident you will trust in our ability to work with you to make the best educational decisions possible for your child. Please forward the requested information by Friday, **May 20, 2022**.

Term 3 Report Cards

All students will receive an end of year report card with a next grade indicator. Teachers will be focusing on the quality of learning evidence. Teachers can only consider evidence they have in relation to the expected learning for each student. All subject areas will be reported on in June. Teachers will report using a grade (Grades 1-12) and comments (Primary – Grade 12). Teachers will complete learner profiles. Distribution dates for June report cards/IPP reports will be communicated shortly.

Registration for New Students

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year continues to take place remotely. If you have a child or know someone in the neighborhood who has a child that will be five years old on or before December 31, 2022, they are eligible for school in September 2022. Please go to the HRCE website (<https://www.hrce.ca/registration>) to register. We will require the following information from you when registering your child:

- Child's Birth Certificate or passport
- Proof of Address
- Child's Health Card Number

Registration is an important factor in determining staffing for to the school year. If you require assistance completing the registration form or if you do not have access to email, please contact the school.

Staffing Changes

As you know this is the time of year when staffing changes are likely to take place. The staffing process is not complete until the end of September as enrollment drives number of classes and teachers required. Late registration happens in August, which sometimes has an effect on



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classroom configurations. Teachers also have the ability to move around if there is a vacancy at another school site during permanent posting rounds. Here is what we know to date:

Mr. Longaphy has been successfully awarded the permanent Vice Principal position here at William King. We are very excited for him and for us!

The other news we have to share at this point is that I will be heading to John W McLeod Flemming Tower in the fall. William King feels very much like home to me and I am so sad to leave this incredible family. This is where I started my career many years ago, completing my student teaching in this very building. I also taught here in several capacities, was VP for a number of years and returned 6 years ago as Principal. I can't begin to express to you how much this school and community means to me and how much I will miss all of you. Change is good and necessary for everyone but please know that I am only always a phone call away.

Grade 5 Orientation Session for Parents/Guardians

Herring Cove Junior High be holding our parent/student orientation night in person this year on Wednesday, May 11 from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Parents will meet in the cafeteria with administrators and specialist teachers for a presentation. Students will be directed to the gym, where they will find their name on a class list (these are not the classes for next year, just for the evening session). Teachers will then take them down to classrooms and conduct a presentation, take them on a tour, and answer questions. After the presentations, parents and students will reunite in the gym on the main floor.

Water Bottles/Sunscreen

With warmer weather slowly approaching, staff is getting students outside more frequently. Students are reminded to take their water bottles to school and may require sunscreen before coming to school. Staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen on students.



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School Advisory Council

We are still looking for one community member to serve on our SAC Committee. The candidate must not be a parent or staff member within the school community. If you know of someone who may be interested, please let the office know. The SAC Committee will be sending out a parent/guardian survey over the next month to collect your feedback on a few items of interest.

Save the Date Events:

Here are some early notice events that are currently being planned:

Spring Fair – June 11. We need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event. Please call the office to let us know if you are available on this day.

Field Day – June 15. Students look forward to this fun filled morning every year. Due to public health restrictions, we haven't been able to run our activity stations in the last couple of years. Rain date will be on June 17.

Maker's Fair – June 16. Students will have an opportunity to show off their unique and creative creations/projects. Everyone loves Maker's Fair.

Grade 5 Closing Celebration – TBA. We will be hosting an end of year celebration for our grade 5 students. **Could you please forward a baby picture of your son and daughter to tmarchand@hrce.ca if they are in grade 5. Classroom teachers will reach out to you about this as well.**

Thank you in advance!



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