



# Poltimore Elementary School

## October 2020 Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

It is so great to be back at school with our students! While the protocols for Covid-19 have made our return to school unusual, the warm and family -feel of Poltimore Elementary School remains the same.

I am blown away each day by our team of highly dedicated, creative and skilled professionals. We are finding new ways to connect with our students and are staying positive during challenging times. Things are going well!

Please read through this newsletter to stay up-to-date on what is happening at school.

I am always available to answer questions and listen to concerns. Please contact me if anything is on your mind that our staff or I can help with.

warm regards,

Amy Curry

### Important Dates

**Monday October 12**  
Thanksgiving- No classes for student

**Thursday October 15**  
Progress Reports available in the Parent Portal

**Thursday October 15**  
Professional Development Day  
No classes for students

**Friday October 16**  
Professional Development Day  
No classes for students

**Tuesday October 27**  
Governing Board via Zoom  
4:00 pm

**Friday October 30**  
Halloween Activities



### School Fees

Thank you for your patience as school fees are calculated for the 2020-2021 school year.

We hope to have information to share within the next few weeks.

### Student Absences



Please let us know when your child is absent. You can do so by calling the school at (819)457-2335 and leaving a message with our secretary, Margit Pedersen, or by e-mail ([mpedersen@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:mpedersen@wqsb.qc.ca)). If you forget to let us know, we are required to check in to make sure that your child is safe and accounted for. Thank you for your co-operation.



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## Covid-19 Protocol Update

Thank you parents and guardians for working with us to keep our students and staff healthy and safe!

We are definitely seeing more student absences than we are used to, but that is because parents are following the public health guidelines and keeping students at home when they are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19.

You must keep your child home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness.

Please keep in mind that if your child(ren) exhibit symptoms while at school, we adhere to public health guidelines that require the following:

- isolation of the student in a separate room
- parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child immediately-- no exceptions
- your child will remain in the isolation room until he/she is picked up



Please make sure that the information you provided on the emergency form is correct and up to date.

If you work a far distance from the school, it is important to have a plan in place should your child need to be picked up.

Before returning to school following an illness, a child must be fever free for 48 hours – without the help of medication. They must not exhibit acute symptoms for 24 hours (cough, runny nose, sore throat etc.) – without the help of medication.

## End of Day Routine

If there is a change to the end of day routine for your child(ren), we ask that you inform the school by 12:00 pm on the day of the change. **Please email the principal ([acurry@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:acurry@wqsb.qc.ca)) and your child(ren)'s teacher to alert them to the change.** This is important for us to ensure that students are safe and accounted for. We will not allow children to board different buses or leave with a family member unless a parent/guardian has notified the school in advance.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Office Hours

Our secretary, Margit Pedersen, is in the office daily from 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.. Please note that the phones are not answered in the afternoon. If you need to contact the school outside of these hours, please contact Principal Amy Curry at (819) 457-2335 ext. 2. or email [acurry@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:acurry@wqsb.qc.ca), or email your child(ren)'s teacher.

We will get back to you as soon as possible!





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## POLTIMORE HOODIES: COMING SOON!

We are purchasing hoodies with our school logo for all of our students at **no cost** to families.

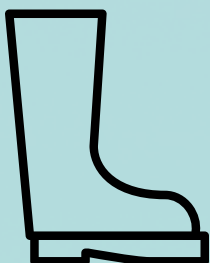
This purchase will help to promote school spirit!



## Vaccinations

CISSO has postponed in-school vaccinations that were scheduled to take place last spring and this fall in light of Covid-19. Principal Amy Curry will advise parents when these vaccinations are rescheduled.

## Be Weather Ready!



Please ensure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather each day. We go out for recess in light rain, and many classes are taking advantage of our surroundings for nature walks. Rain boots, extra socks and layers make the outdoors more enjoyable. Thank you!

## Terry Fox Run

We will be participating in activities for the Terry Fox Run-- in Covid-19 safe ways! Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



Questions? Concerns? Feel free to contact the principal anytime.  
You can reach Amy Curry by phone at 819-457-2335 or email at  
[acurry@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:acurry@wqsb.qc.ca)