

Poltimore Elementary Monthly ROAR!! October 2024



Poltimore Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Poltimore Elementary Families,

What a warm start to the year- we could not have asked for better weather! We are well into October and the students and staff have been working hard on establishing routines, procedures and clear expectations for a solid foundation to this 2024-25 school year. We have been practicing lock outs and lock ins. Please see the attached document for your reference. We understand these procedures may cause students some stress, but it is important students and staff are aware of all procedures in case of an emergency. Staff are sensitive to all student needs and make great efforts to reassure students should they be feeling overwhelmed by the security practices.

This month we look forward to some fun and engaging learning activities. Mr. Graham is the new WQSB outdoor education animator and will visit our school. Students will participate in a variety of activities focusing on the scientific theme of living and nonliving things. On Nov. 1st, we welcome back Geordie Productions for the presentation of [The Velveteen Rabbit](#).

I would like to take a moment to introduce Poltimore's 2024-25 student council. The student representatives from cycles 2 and 3, are: Benoit, Keegan, Charlie-Ann, Logan, Clara, Zoey. Student council will help ensure student's voices are heard with regards to whole school events and projects. Their first order of business was the planning of our October Spirit Week. Please refer to the calendar for the daily events.

If you have any questions or concerns never hesitate to reach out! I wish everyone a fantastic October!

Sincerely,

Melanie Hogan

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 11- Progress Reports
available on parent portal

Oct. 14- Thanksgiving
Holiday

Oct. 16- Terry Fox Walk &
School photo order deadline

Oct. 17 & 18 WQSB PD days

Oct. 21-24th – Outdoor Ed.
With Mr. Graham

Oct. 25th- MacMillan Orders
Due

Oct. 28th – Nov. 1st Spirit
Week

Change of daily routine

Poltimore School has a part time secretary. If there is a change to the end of day routine please email your child's homeroom teacher **AND** our secretary **Melinda** no later than 1:30pm meldupuis@wqsb.qc.ca

Dress for the weather!

The weather is starting to change, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. If it is slightly misting outside, students will have outdoor recess. Please ensure your children bring rain gear on days that may be wet. Should you need help with providing appropriate clothing, please let the school know and we will be happy to help.

Healthy Habits

At Poltimore Elementary we are committed to helping children make healthy food and beverage choices and have a balanced diet that supports growth and learning. Please note that soda pop and energy drinks are not permitted at school. If parents send in candy as a sweet treat, students are encouraged to eat their main meal items prior to their desserts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clubs & Alternative Recesses

Alternative lunch recesses are back by popular demand! Alternative lunch recesses run every day of the week. Mondays= whole school, Tuesdays= Cycle 1, Wednesdays=Cycle 2, Thursdays = Cycle 3 and Fridays=Kindergarten

Students have expressed their desire for clubs again this year and the teachers are responding! Clubs will begin in the next few weeks.

SeeSaw

Please take a moment to download the “Seesaw” app and login to view our school’s digital journal. One of our goal’s at Poltimore School is to increase our school spirit and to showcase the hard work, academic and social emotional learning of our students. Please take time to view and have your child share their accomplishments with you. We are proud of our students, and they deserve to show off their hard work!

WQSB Elections

The school board elections for Ward Six will soon take place. The polling days are Oct. 27th 12:00pm-8:00pm and Nov. 3rd 10:00am-8:00pm at Poltimore School. For more information, please see the public noticed located at the main entrances of the school and/or visit the [WQSB website](#).

October Focus [Seven Sacred Teachings: Respect](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Governing Board	11 Progress Reports Available
14 Holiday! 	15	16 Terry Fox Walk	17 WQSB PD DAY (no school for students)	18 WQSB PD DAY (no school for students)
21	22	23	24	25 MacMillan's Fundraiser Orders Due
28 Halloween Door Decorating in prides	29 Wear "spooky" colours (black, orange, purple)	30 Candy Corn Guess Game	31  Halloween Scavenger Hunt	Nov. 1 st Geordie Productions PJ Day

Joke Joke!

What do you call two witches sharing an apartment?
Broomates!