

Week of October 19th

Dear Half Moon Bay students and their families,



All of our students have been on the MOON for 20 days this year. We want to thank you, our community for keeping sick children at home, practicing mask wearing, hand hygiene, social distancing and limiting your social contacts.

We are all doing our very best as a staff to keep your children safe everyday.

In the event of a positive case of Covid-19 at our school, we will be working in partnership with Ottawa Public Health to inform in the following order a) direct contacts of the positive case b) the school community (staff, students and parents). If you receive confirmation of a positive case of covid-19 in your household, **please contact the school office 613 692 5455 and ask to speak to the school principal/vice principal. This information is confidential.** Half Moon Bay administration has direct contact with Ottawa Public Health to confirm the positive case, and follow the protocols outlined by Public Health. Please note, time is required to investigate the positive case, determine high-risk contacts of the positive case, communicate with the high risk contacts, and then communicate with the low risk contacts.

Last week, I had the opportunity to speak to year 2 teacher's college students at the University of Ottawa. Preparing for this presentation made me reflect on how (even more than usual) proud I am of the staff at Half Moon Bay.

Staff are working tirelessly to ensure your children have great days, everyday. Here are some of the ways:

- Teaching Physical Education without equipment;
- Updating their Google Classroom/Google Sites everyday so absent children can learn along with the class;
- Finding new ways to teach and differentiate so all students can learn at their own pace students; now work at their own desks, not in collaborative groups; (without being able to set up small groups of students working together);
- Finding new ways to make learning fun and accessible, behind a mask and shield.
- Creating IEP's (Individualized Education Plans) for our special needs students;
- Every week, modifying safety protocols to ensure students are the safest they can be in the classroom environment!

The staff have to work harder to teach your children to ensure they are safe and learning. Mr. Harry and I have so much gratitude for what all our staff do everyday at Half Moon Bay P.S.

Please, if you have any questions or concerns (or compliments) about our school, please direct them to the Administration Team at Half Moon Bay. This is the most direct way of finding out what is happening on the MOON. We do our best everyday to support your children, our staff and our community.

Aisling (Ashling) O'Donnell & Harry de Roo

Administrative Team

Half Moon Bay Public School

WHAT'S GOING ON?





Halloween- We WILL be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 30, 2020. We will be meeting as a staff to determine what Halloween looks like this year! More details to follow.



Some of our HMB models show their tee shirts, hoodies and track pants during a Friday spirit day!

Moon Wear- Last week, you received a message from the school via School Cash on-line about ordering MOON WEAR. Please have all orders in by Friday, October 30, 2020. Please note, this year's **MOON WEAR** features the school mascot, the OWL/le hibou, and is our 5th anniversary!

We love to wear our **MOON WEAR** on Fridays....sparkly boots are optional!

Items	Description	Colour & Size
	<p>100% Cotton Tshirt with full front screen print</p>	<p>Black Youth: XS-XL Adult: S-2XL</p>
	<p>100% Cotton LS T-shirt with full front screen print</p>	<p>Black Youth: XS-XL Adult: S-2XL</p>
	<p>50/50 Cotton/Poly Hoodie with full front screen print</p>	<p>Black Youth: S-XL Adult: S-2XL</p>
	<p>50/50 Cotton/Poly Full Zip Hoodie with full back screen print</p>	<p>Black Youth: S-XL Adult: S-2XL</p>

	<p>50/50 Cotton/Polyester</p> <p>Elastic ankle Sweatpant with left leg screen print</p>	<p>Black</p> <p>Youth: XS-XL</p>
	<p>50/50 Cotton/Polyester</p> <p>Open Bottom Sweatpant with left leg screen print</p>	<p>Black</p> <p>Adult S-2XL</p>
	<p>5 Panel Polycotton</p> <p>Baseball Cap, snapback, with full front heat seal transfer</p>	<p>Black</p> <p>Youth Size</p> <p>Adult Size</p>

Thank you for your partnership in your child(ren)'s health and education this year. Have a great week!

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