



ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE TOMEKICHI HOMMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Homma Community **The Week Ahead – November 1 to 5, 2021**

Monday	Grade 6 Volleyball Practice at 12:15 pm
Tuesday	Pizza Day Grade 7 Volleyball Practice at 12:15 pm
Wednesday	Hold and Secure Drill (please see info below) Grade 6 Volleyball Practice at 12:15 pm
Thursday	Grade 7 Volleyball Practice at 12:15 pm
Friday	

In Other Homma News:

1) Supporting Mental Wellness – Helping Children Manage Anxiety

This coming Wednesday, November 3rd from 10:00 to 11:30 am, Richmond District Counsellor, Evelyn Ioannidis, will be hosting a session to learn how anxiety affects children's mind and body and how to handle it. Please see the attachment to this email for a registration link.

2) Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball

This coming Monday we will begin Volleyball Practices for any interested students in Grades 6 and 7. Grade 6 students will practice on Monday and Wednesday at lunch and Grade 7 students will practice on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch. More information will be coming home with your child early next week.



3) Hallowe'en Candy Donation




The leadership students from McMath Secondary School are once again collecting Hallowe'en candy donations. Homma students have always been incredibly generous in sharing their candy and we hope for the same generosity this year. **Students will be able to bring any candy donations down to the front foyer and place it in the large bins until Friday, November 5th.** The McMath leadership students thank you in advance for your support!

4) Emergency Preparedness

Yesterday students and staff at Homma Elementary participated in the Grade Canadian Shake Out. One of the main reasons we have emergency drills is to learn how to best prepare ourselves in the event of a true emergency. While standing outside in the rain yesterday after evacuating the building, we learned that many of our students would benefit from having additional items in their backpacks such as an extra pair of socks, rain pants, and a warm hat. These are all items that take up minimal space but could be very important should we be outside for an extended period of time during an emergency.

5) Hold and Secure Drill

This coming **Wednesday, November 3rd** will be our first Hold and Secure Drill. During the drill, students and staff will be guided by Mrs. Major and Mr. Vines with what to do and expect in case of an emergency happening outside of the building. The intention of this drill is to help students and staff prepare should they be instructed to do so by the school administration or the RCMP. In a Hold and Secure, students and staff remain in their classroom with doors and blinds closed while continuing on with their day. This is a scenario where there is no threat to the inside of the building or the occupants. In the event of a true Hold and Secure, we would remain in the school until given the “All Clear” from the school administrators or the RCMP. On Wednesday, we will remain in the safe position for only a few minutes. Staff will debrief the drill with their students upon completion.

		
LOCK DOWN Emergency Inside Building (Secure all Rooms)	HOLD & SECURE Emergency Outside Building (Secure the Building)	ALL CLEAR Emergency Resolved (Return to normal)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police/emergency incident within the school; necessary to quickly secure everyone inside a locked room 2. Armed or aggressive intruder(s) who poses an imminent threat to harm others 3. Staff or student(s) who pose an imminent threat to harm others 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police/emergency incident in the area of the school; necessary to keep everyone secured within the school building 2. Hazard on or near the school grounds. e.g. gas leak in neighbourhood, dangerous dog on the field 3. Medical emergency in the school; necessary to keep hallways and common areas clear 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police/emergency incident has been resolved 2. This will happen only at the direction of the RCMP
Fire alarms during a LOCK DOWN must be ignored unless physical evidence of a fire is present (smoke, flames).	Display HOLD & SECURE Notice on exterior doors to inform parents Use discretion regarding response to Fire Alarms during a HOLD & SECURE	Ensure there is a clear debriefing protocol (for staff and students) following any LOCK DOWN or significant HOLD & SECURE

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Major at the school.

6) Drop Off Lane and Parking Lot Safety

To ensure the safety of all students, please pull up as far as possible in the drop off lane when coming to school in the mornings. Please do not park in the drop off lane to bring your child into the school as it disrupts the flow of traffic. Street parking is available on Railway Ave or Brunswick Drive. **At the end of the day, the drop off lane is closed to vehicles and we ask that you do not remove the parking lot chain to enter.**



7) Student Absences

If your child will be away from school, please call the Early Warning Line at **604-668-6491** before 9:00 a.m. with the following message:

My name is _____. I am calling to let you know that _____ (child’s name) in Division _____ will not be at school today.

If your child’s absence is due to answering “Yes” to any of the Daily Health Declaration questions, please report this additional information to the school.

8) Follow us on Social Media!

At Homma we love to share events and activities with our Community! Please follow Homma School on twitter and Instagram by following the handle **@homma_school** and the Homma Library on twitter by following **@hommalibrary**. Student photos will not be posted without signed parent/guardian consent.



Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Thursday, November 11	Remembrance Day Observed - All Schools Closed
Friday, November 12	PAC Hot Lunch – Dairy Queen
Tuesday, November 16	Photo Retake Day
	PAC Pizza Day
Wednesday, November 17	Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm
Thursday, November 18	Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm

