PHILLIPS WEEKLY

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

Upcoming Events

Nov 11- Progress Reports go home
Nov 12 & 13- Parent/Guardian Teacher interviews
Nov 13- PA Day (No school)
Nov 16 - Photo Re-takes
Nov 17 - Bus Safety
Nov 20 - SCC Snack Shack
Nov 24 - House Colour Challenge (STEM)
Nov 27 - Gr 7 Immunizations
Dec 7-10 - Winter Concerts
Dec 1-11 - Annual Toy Drive

Diwali

Diwali is on Sunday, November 8, 2026.
Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by millions of people around the world, including Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. The festival symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Families celebrate by lighting small oil lamps called diyas, decorating their homes, sharing sweets, enjoying fireworks and spending time with loved ones. Diwali is a time of joy, hope, new beginnings and togetherness. We wish all those celebrating a very Happy Diwali!

Weather

We have enjoyed a glorious fall, but the weather will become cooler very quickly. Please make sure your children have winter clothing ready to go. Extra mitts and socks should be in every child's backpack please. Also, every child needs indoor shoes that are non-marking and appropriate for gym class. Over the past few days we have noticed a lot of mud in classrooms and we want to ensure that our school remains as clean as possible after our time outdoors. Thanks for your help!

Updates

Progress Reports will be sent out next Wednesday. Interviews will follow on Thursday evening and Friday morning. You should now have received an email link to sign up for parent-teacher interviews. We encourage you to also bring your child(ren). Some interviews require more time, so these will be organized outside of the interview 10-minute slots. At this time we hope to meet with all parents as we work together for your child's success. If the times do not work for you, please connect with teachers for an alternate appointment. In addition, children with many lates/absenses that are not tied to a significant illness or family vacation will receive a letter and specifics about student absences to date. We welcome meeting with families to offer our support.

Book Fair



Location: Portable 3
Dates:
-Monday, Nov. 9th - Classes are invited to browse the fair with their teacher
-Tuesday, Nov. 10th (PM) - Students can purchase items from the fair
-Wednesday, Nov. 11th (PM) - Students can purchase items from the fair
-Thursday, Nov. 12th (PM) - Students can purchase items from the fair

Family Events: Families can visit before or after interviews!
-Thursday, Nov. 12th EVENING - Open 3:45 PM – 7:45 PM
-Friday, Nov. 13th MORNING – Open 9 AM -11 AM

Parking

This is a reminder that our front parking lot on Simcoe is for STAFF ONLY. There is to be no pick up, drop off, childcare pick up or drop off. We have noticed a number of families accessing the parking lot, particular at the end of the day waiting to pick up their children. We ask that you please use our Kiss and Ride on Masson or park on the roads nearby. For childcare, please use Greta and the south parking lot (if there are spots available). The south doors are unlocked for you.

Remembrance Day

Poppy Donation

Let's show our respect and remember the brave men and women who served our country.

Please consider bringing in a **cash** donation for a **poppy.**



Parents can also pay on SchoolCash Online!

Thank you for supporting our **Canadian veterans!**

November

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Día de Muertos	2 pizza pizza	3 Treaties Recognition Week; Holocaust Recognition Week	4 SUBWAY	5 BOARDWALK	6 Osmows; DIWALI	7
8 Happy Diwali; Bandi Chhor Divas; National Indigenous Veterans Day	9 pizza pizza	10 The Lunch Lady; DIWALI	11 Progress Reports go home; Happy Twin Birthdays!; MR. SUB	12 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS; East Side MARIOS	13 PA DAY; CLOSED; Transgender awareness week (until the 19th)	14
15 Stop Bullying; Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	16 pizza pizza; Louis Riel Day; Photo Re-Takes	17 Bus Safety Assembly; barBURRITO	18 SUBWAY	19	20 snack shack; TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE	21
22	23 pizza pizza	24 Happy Gurunanak Jayanti; House Colour Challenge; A&W; VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN STOPS HERE	25 FIREHOUSE SUBS	26 KFC; DAY of the COVENANT	27 East Side MARIOS; Grade 7 immunizations	28 HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DAY; Commemorating the ASCENSION OF 'ABDU'L-BAHÁ
29 Advent begins	30 pizza pizza					

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progress reports go home

SUNDAY 8 — HAPPY DIWALI

MONDAY 9 — pizza pizza

TUESDAY 10 — The Lunch Lady

WEDNESDAY 11 — MR. SUB; DEADLINE TO ORDER PIZZA PIZZA NOV 16; Remembrance Day

THURSDAY 12 — East Side MARIOS; DEADLINE TO ORDER BARBURRITO NOV 17; PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

FRIDAY 13 — DEADLINE TO ORDER SUBWAY NOV 18; PA DAY; PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS; CLOSED

SATURDAY 14 — DEADLINE TO ORDER BOOSTER JUICE NOV 19

As always, we have a wonderful week of winter concerts in the works for our families! Here are the dates for your calendars:

Monday, December 7th, 2026

WINTER WONDERLAND
Kindie Matinee ~ 1:00 p.m.
Mrs. Kelly/Mrs. Sharpe's class
Mrs. Howe/Ms. Hoard's class

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS - a mini musical
Primary Evening Show ~ 6:30 p.m.
Ms. Nash's Grade 1 class
Mrs. Ferguson's Grade 1 class
Ms. Grant's Grade 2 class
Ms. Affolter's Grade 2 class

Tuesday, December 8th, 2026

WINTER WONDERLAND
Kindie Matinee ~ 1:00 p.m.
Mrs. Henderson/Mrs. Tennant's class
Ms. Dionne's class

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS - a mini musical
Primary Evening Show ~ 6:30 p.m.
Mrs. Townsend's Grade 2/3 class
Mrs. Peterson's Grade 3 class
Ms. Bourque's Grade 3 class

Thursday, December 10th, 2026

HOLIDAY CHEER!
Junior-Intermediate evening show ~ 6:30 p.m.
Performing Groups: Senior Band, Junior Choir, Junior Ballet, JI Soloists

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

Make this year's Book Fair an event to remember!

WE WILL BE OPEN DURING INTERVIEWS:

THURS NOV. 12 (3:45-7:45 PM)

FRI NOV. 13 (9 - 11 AM)

Bring on the book joy!

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Stock up on your favourite coffee while supporting our school! ♥

EVERY BAG PURCHASED GIVES $5 BACK TO OUR SCHOOL!

Every purchase helps support our students and school community! ♥

ORDER NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 23RD!

HOW TO ORDER:

1. Visit our online store: https://fundraising.mavincoffeecorp.com/drsjphillipsps
2. Choose your coffee, grind preference, and quantity, then select your homeroom teacher.
3. **IMPORTANT: YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THE CHECKOUT NOTES!**
   Adding your child's name is **REQUIRED** so we can ensure your order gets to the right student.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN ORDER TOO!
Aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, and anyone who wants to support our school can shop online. Just make sure they include **YOUR CHILD'S NAME** in the checkout notes!

Have multiple children? Select just **ONE** teacher for your entire order and list your child's name in the checkout notes.

4. Complete checkout and payment.

A FEW THINGS TO KNOW:

- **FREE delivery!**
- Orders will be distributed before the holiday break.
- Save your order confirmation!

EVERY BAG MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for supporting Dr. S.J. Phillips P.S. and our school community!



DON'T WAIT – PLACE YOUR ORDER BEFORE NOVEMBER 23RD!

DDSB
Ignite Learning

STAFF ASSOCIATION
education centre

Holiday Market

December 1, 2026

10:00am-6:00pm

Durham District School Board Education Centre

400 Taunton Road East, Whitby

*Cash purchases preferred

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • FREE ENTRY

Make a difference for students and their families by contributing non-perishable food donations to support the Ignite Durham Learning Foundation (IDLF).

Vendors Wanted!

6' tables are available for $20.

Fill out our application to participate!



It's back! Our 2nd Annual CTRL+ALT+EDUCATE event! K–8 students will dive into hands-on tech and AI activities, while caregivers join quick, practical sessions on classroom technology, modern math, AI, and land-based learning.

Friday, November 13, 2026 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

- DDSB Education Centre (400 Taunton Rd E, Whitby)
- Caregiver supervision required for all students.

Registration and more information here!