

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

1. Administrative Changes

As we move into the last month, we will change our Vice-Principal. Mr. Gould, who was with us in May moves back into retirement. On behalf of the Greenleaf School community, I wish to thank him for his dedication, energy and contributions. Enjoy the summer!

Mr. Wallace will serve as our Vice-Principal for the month of June. He has a wealth of experience and I've known him for a long time. He will be an asset to our administration team. Welcome aboard!

I know the community has experienced a lot of transition this year with Ms. Costa- Popovich being on medical leave and having multiple administrators serving the school. Unfortunately, retired principals are limited in the number of days they can work. That results in the turnover in staff. However, they do bring a wealth of experience to handle the day to day situations and incidents. Again, on behalf of the school community, I wish to thank Ms. Wigood, Ms. Coomber and Ms. Fox for efforts and contributions.

I am happy to announce that starting this September, our school will have a full time Vice-Principal. Our new Vice-Principal will be Ms. Snell. She is currently the VP at Eastdale School in Stoney Creek. She is very excited to be coming to AAG. She plans to visit our school a couple of times in June to get acquainted with our school. Welcome aboard!

Ms. Costa-Popovich will remain as our Principal of our school. She will not return this current school year and we hope she will return in August in good health and ready to go!

2. Staffing Information

The staffing process for the Board will continue into the summer months. Round Two of teacher postings and interviews are taking place over the next couple of weeks. That is followed by teacher placements by a Board committee and if schools have vacancies after that, they will be permitted to hire. Over the summer, staff could change due to personal moves, resignations, retirements, illness, promotions, system staffing needs or leaves of absence. Tentative teacher assignments will be indicated when reports go home.

3. EQAO

As we move into June, we are "wrapping up" this assessment. Our students "gave it, a good go..." and we are confident they will represent our school well.

Although we tend to play down the Ministry's and media's importance and attention to this testing, it does provide a snapshot of student performance standards at that time of writing it. The results of this assessment provides some indication of how well our students have grasped the provincial expectations and it will assist our staff to uncover what we do well and what areas require attention. Over the years, this process has assisted in developing consistency and continuity in program content, instruction, assignments and assessment. Results from the EQAO testing will be released in autumn.

Mr. B. Morlog & Mr. G. Gould

COURTESY BUS TRANSPORTATION

All students who are eligible for Transportation to and from school will be notified in writing by the bus company during the summer. If your child does not receive information about drop off and pick-up, they are not permitted to ride the bus. The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board spends much more money on student transportation than they receive from the Ministry of Education and thus the School Board aims to have the buses that they run full to capacity with eligible students. Each year there are some extra seats available on our buses. The number of seats varies each year and cannot be predicted prior to September. Parents can come into the office in September to get a form to request Courtesy Transportation. If and when we determine that we have extra seats available for Courtesy Transportation we will allocate the seats to the students who live the furthest from the school. Please know that Courtesy Transportation is not guaranteed from one year to the next. Each year we process the requests based on the number of seats available in that year. Also note: if your child is in Kindergarten this year and qualified for transportation but is in grade 1 in September, they may no longer qualify for transportation. The distance from school to qualify for transportation changes at grade 1 and again in the later years. The distance from school to qualify for transportation increases as the age of your child increases. To view the HWDSB Transportation Policy please refer to the Board website.



“VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: CO-OPERATION

You are practicing **cooperation** when you are willing to go along in order to get along. We are respectful of the rules. We consider other people’s needs. We look for ways to be helpful, and we ask for help when we need it. Co-operation helps us bring together the ideas of many so that a new idea can come to light. Working together, we can make any place a safe and happy one.



I am cooperative. I work and play well with others. I respect the rules. I keep myself and others safe.

HWDSB HEAT EVENT

With the warmer weather now approaching, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) would like to make you aware of our procedures during a heat event.



The City of Hamilton Public Health department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading.

Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- limit physical outdoor activities
- ensure access to water
- close drapes and blinds
- move students through cooler areas of the school
- monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton
<http://www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices/PublicHealth/TipsToBeatTheHeat>

<http://bit.ly/nB4ZQp>

Health Canada
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php>

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 4-7-Gr. 8 Kilcoo Camp Trip
 June 5-JK/SK Springridge Farm Trip
 June 6-Special Olympics
 June 7-Gr. 1 RBG trip
 June 8-P.A. Day-No School
 June 11-Class 3/4 & 4A Scientists in the School
 June 12-Middle School Track & Field
 June 13-Band-Wonderland
 June 14-Gr. 2 & 3 RBG trip
 June 15-Movie Night
 June 18-Gr. 5 & 6 McMaster Sports Camp Trip
 June 19-Gr. 7 & 8-McMaster Sports Camp Trip
 June 19-JK/SK Play Day
 June 20-Gr. 6 Cooking Demo
 June 21-Grade 8 Graduation
 June 21-Jr. Track & Field
 June 25-Gr. 6 Warplane Museum Trip
 June 25-Report cards go home
 June 26 - Play Day Gr 1-7
 June 28-Last day of School

DATES TO REMEMBER

DRESS CODE

Now that the weather is warmer, please support your child in choosing appropriate clothing to stay cool. Below is the dress code expectations.



Students who dress appropriately appear self-disciplined, well-organized and respectful. Students, staff and other school personnel are required to wear clothing that is appropriate and suitable for the school environment and setting.

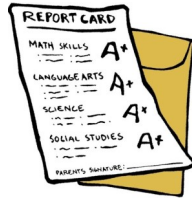
The following are the expectations regarding dress code at Greenleaf School:

Students, staff and other school personnel will not wear:

- Clothing or jewelry that bears suggestive or objectionable pictures, logos, words, symbols, any offensive, violent or racist comments or messages
- Haltertops, tube tops, muscle shirts, tops with low cut necklines, spaghetti straps or tops that expose midriff sections or under-garments; shirt straps will be a minimum width of 2 fingers
- Pants, shorts or skirts which expose undergarments, or that are worn low on the hips. Shorts and skirts must be at least as long as the end of a student’s fingers when their arm is fully extended at their side
- Jewelry that could compromise the safety of others
- Students dressed inappropriately will, at the least, be required to cover up.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be distributed to students on June 25th this year. The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 28, 2018. Please note that if you are planning to take your child out of school early, please let the teacher know. If your child is not at school on the last day and will not be returning we will mail the report card to your home. Please send in the third page of the report.



CLASS ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



Information regarding placement and teacher will be communicated on the Report Card going home on June 25th. Our hope is that by doing this, first day of school anxiety may be reduced as children will have an opportunity to prepare over the summer.

Our staff spends a tremendous amount of time and energy creating class lists. Staff teams collaborate to create these lists. They review social, emotional and academic development. In addition, they consider the number of males and females, balancing academic performance and leadership skills, which students need to be together, and who needs to be separated. Teachers differentiate instruction on a daily basis. As all parents were given an opportunity to have input as indicated in previous newsletters. Requests to have students move classes will not be granted.

Kindergarten students will receive a postcard in the mail indicating their class assignment and the date and time of the JK or new SK meeting on September 4. With the staggered entry, new JK students will have one hour visits on Tuesday, September 4th. **All Junior and Senior Kindergarten students start on Wednesday September 5, 2018.**

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Help us ensure the safety of your children. **Please continue to contact the office if you know your child will be away.**



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our school has a Before and After-School program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. If you completed the Before and After-School survey earlier this year, and you provided consent to release your information, we will be providing your contact information to our existing child care operator. For more information on the Before and After-School Program you can reach the program at **YMCA**. If you require information on the City of Hamilton's child care subsidy program you can call 905-546-4870 or check their website <https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/early-years-and-child-care-services/financial-support-child-care>.



A Brief Look at Commencement

Thursday, June 21st, 2018

The *ceremonies* begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp at



Allan A. Greenleaf Elementary School. Graduates are expected to be at school no later than 5:45 p.m.

Due to limited seating, 6 tickets will be issued per student. Tickets will be distributed June 11th.

Reception at Allan A. Greenleaf for

Everyone – 7:15– 7:45 p.m.

Pizza and Music at Allan A. Greenleaf for

Students only 7:45-9:00 p.m.

Rehearsal: At Allan A. Greenleaf School on

Thursday June 21st

9:15-10:45 am approximately

Wishing our students
and community
a safe and enjoyable
summer!