



Bennetto Newsletter



Mrs. L. Millen, Principal & Ms. D. Sprentz, Vice-Principal

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Teaching Staff

D. Hone	JK
M. Parfitt	JK & SK
A. Enns	JK/SK
C. Blunsdon	SK
S. McNie	Grade 1
A. Stephens	Grade 1
V. Peng	Grade 1
S. Bowler	Grade 1
N. Bruwer a.m./J. Olsen p.m.	Grade 2
S. O'Breza	Grade 2
B. Allum	Grade 2
S. Easterbrook	Grade 3
J. Morrison	Grade 3
A. O'Connor	Grade 3
L. Hill	Grade 4
D. Simpson	Grade 4
L. Mizzan	Grade 5
L. Shields	Grade 5
S. Elliott	Comprehensive Class
S. Zambiasi	Class 61/62/63
S. Johnson	Math
M. Robertson	Phys.Ed/Health (Girls)
S. Dobbie	French—Gr. 4,5,6
A. Guiney	Science—Gr. 6,7,8
R. Friesen	Library/Social Studies
E. Tamblyn	Art/Computers
G. Hewitt	Phys.Ed/Health (Boys)
M. Mace	French—Gr. 7,8
R. Robinson	Grade 71, 72, 73
C. VanderVinne	Grade 81,82
N. Raspopov	Music(6,7,8)Math(8)
J. Olsen (a.m.)	History/Geo./Guid.
J. Hawkins	Intermediate Class
E. McDonald	Learning Resource
S. Mrzic	Learning Resource
M. Tadeson	ESL
S. Del Mastro	Literacy
R. Leroy	Math Facilitator

Educational Assistants

J. Burns	S. Walsh
D. Faulds	A. Chomej
A. Havercroft	G. Lottridge
P. Murray	C. Stone
B. Culnan	P. Edmunds
A. Bross	K. Hawkins
D. Menjivar	B. McMillan
S. Wood	

Office Staff

D. Vallentin, Office Administrator
T. Gunn, Office Assistant

Custodial Staff

B. Rotter, Head Caretaker
D. Kushner
B. Bashista
M. Jenkins
J. Jenkins

Social Worker—S. Radford

Parent Centre—C. Cole (905-512-3168)



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ **Wed. Sept. 30** **Meet the Teacher 4:30—6:30 BBQ**
- ★ **Mon. Oct. 12** **Thanksgiving Monday— school closed**
- ★ **Oct. 22 & 23** **Picture Day**



Does your child need a backpack or lunch bag?

Lunch bags and backpacks are available from the office. If your child needs either of these items, please send a note with your child to the office.

From Your School Council...

School Council is an excellent way for you to work together with other parents and guardians to help make our children's experience at Bennetto the very best it can be. Our first meeting for this year will be Tues. Oct. 6, from 6:15 to 7:45 in the school library. At that meeting we'll elect the final four voting members, and the Executive. We'll also talk through a number of the exciting initiatives you can be involved in this year - like the new Healthy Snack Program, lobbying for safer traffic flow around the school, and other volunteer possibilities. If you would like to be a voting member, please leave your name and contact information at the school office. You can also pick up a brochure there with more information about getting involved at Bennetto.

If you would prefer not to be a voting member, you are still welcome to come and participate in our meetings which take place from 6:15 - 7:45 on the first Tues of every month during the school calendar. Your input is very important! So hopefully we'll see you on Oct 6.

Looking forward to a great year together!

Greg Reader
School Council Chair

Healthy Action Team Tip of the Month



Fall is here so let's take advantage of the fresh Ontario apples, and produce that is available and let's not forget to pack healthy lunches for our Bennetto students.

Bennetto Community News

Kids' Club

(Grades 1 – 8)

Jamesville Community Centre

Monday-Friday, 3:00pm – 5:30pm



Nutritious snack provided daily

Fun recreational games

Educational activities

Making friends and developing social skills

Lessons in healthy-active living

Art and MORE!!!!

Programs are provided free of charge.

REGISTRATION is required.

For more information call 905 525-3069 or
email Danielle at jamesvillecc@gmail.com

Wesley Child Care Centre

- Limited space is available for Wesley Child Care Centre -ages 2 1/2 to 5 years, please call 905 526-7660 for more information
- Limited space is available for the Wesley School Age Program 6-12 years, please call 905 521-0926 ext 233 for more information
- Wesley Ontario Early Years Centre has many FREE programs available you and your 0-6 year old to enjoy with your child, please call 905 524-4884 for a location near you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

The **Children's Breakfast Club** is a school nourishment program for all school-aged children. Every school day morning, children are served a nutritious breakfast, and they can take part in various games and activities. Parent Volunteers are a vital part of our program, and we need your help today! Come out and give some of your time on school day mornings from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m.

For more information:

Diana at (905) 523-6611 ext. 223

North Hamilton Community Health Centre

Don't forget about the **Community Health Bus!**

First Come, first served. The following services are available on the Community Health Bus:

- Dental Care (x-rays, fillings, extractions and antibiotics)
- Health teaching, Head Lice, Immunizations (Wed. only), mental health/addictions, sexual health

For Schedules and Locations call 905-546-2489 or go to the website www.hamilton.ca/community health bus.

From the Gym

The junior cross country team (gr.3-5) has been practicing each lunch hour for the last 2 weeks and are looking forward to their upcoming meet at Christie Conservation area on September 30.

The junior swim team (gr. 3-5) will be starting up in October just after Thanksgiving. All gr. 3-5 students are welcome to come try out. See you then!

Boy's 3 Pitch Baseball

The senior boys 3-pitch team just returned from their tournament at Turner Park. The boys played 6 games and made it to the championship game and won! This is Bennetto's first championship banner this year. Hopefully, there will be many more to come. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hewitt would like to thank the boys for all their hard work and the fans who came out to support our team.

Girl's 3 Pitch Baseball

On Monday, September 21, Mrs. Van der Vinne and Madame Dobbie had the pleasure of coaching our senior girls' baseball team to a second place victory. All the girls made us very proud as they displayed super ball-throwing, catching and batting skills. The girls also showed excellent sportsmanship in both speaking and competing against the other teams. Congratulations to all those girls involved—following is a list of the team: Ghammama, Kazi, Kadija, Shaqynna, Keisha, Katie, Marlayna, Brittany, Suzy.

Just a reminder that proper gym clothes are required for phys ed classes. t-shirt, shorts/jogging pants, and running shoes. Also, any gently worn shoes would be greatly appreciated to be donated to Mrs. Robertson or Mr. Hewitt.

Spirit Wear is Back!

Bennetto school spirit clothing is coming soon. We will be offering t-shirts, shorts and new this year, zip-up hoodies and pants. Awesome.

Important Reminder to Bennetto Students/Parents

Dogs are **NOT permitted** on school property. Should you choose to bring your dog with you to school, you must wait on the sidewalk off of school property.

Please remind your child to check to see that they have everything they need for the day, e.g. gym equipment, books, lunches, etc. **BEFORE** they leave for school. Students will not be permitted to make phone calls for forgotten items!

When your child leaves for school in the morning, please make sure they know the routine for after school - **where they are going or who will be picking them up**. Due to the large number of students at Bennetto, we are unable to take messages for students.

Reporting Absences

If your child will be absent for any reason, please remember to call the school at 905-528-6341 to report the absence. Our answering machine is on 24/7. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Also, please remember toys, games, cellphones, ipods, etc... should not be brought to school

When picking up your children, please stand back behind the yellow line and away from the canopy, as it becomes very congested in this area and makes it difficult for the children to exit the school.

Settlement and Integration Services Organization (S.I.S.O)

In partnership with Settlement and Integration Services Organization (SISO) and Settlement Workers in Schools - Hamilton (SWISH), Bennetto is pleased to introduce Mahtab Davari as our Settlement Worker. SWISH workers are dedicated to building bridges to link newcomer students and their parents/guardians with school resources and social/cultural services in the community. We are thrilled to have Ms. Davari's support and assistance!

Melissa Tadeson
Itinerant ESL/ELD Teacher

Learning and Fun (L.A.F.)

L.A.F. will begin on Monday, Oct. 5 for children in grades 1-3 and run on Mondays and Wednesday. Students in grades 4-8 will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 6 and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children are reminded to meet their L.A.F. leader under the big tree on the playground.



Yummy Yummy Snacks

An exciting new program is being launched on Wednesday, October 7th at Bennetto School this year! Teachers, staff, School Council and other volunteers are working together to provide a nutritious morning snack for every child in the school. Initially we will be doing this one day per week, but we are hoping to expand to two or more days per week over the course of the year. Volunteers are vital to ensure that our program runs successfully. Volunteers will help with food preparation and distribution. If you are able to help out, please stop by the office to sign the volunteer sheet or email Mrs. Gunn at tara.gunn@hwdsb.on.ca

Sincerely,

The Snack Program Team

Parents with Children from 0-6 years old!!

Come join us at The Parenting Centre.

This is a **free** play based program located in Bennetto School. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to age six are welcome to attend the program.

Come and learn with your child while enjoying activities such as, creative arts, gym/outdoor time, family music and story time and a free nutritious snack.

Drop in anytime!

Come meet new friends and learn about other community resources.

The centre is open Monday –Friday from 9a.m-1p.m

From more Information and other centre locations call 905-512-3168.



Bennetto Book Fair

Coming on Sept. 30th, during our "Meet the Teacher" event, the library will be hosting it's **Annual Fall Book Fair.**

Hundreds of books will be for sale, and the selection is amazing!

Come and check out all the latest titles and our great specials!

Don't forget to enter your children in a special draw to win books for themselves and their class.

See you there!

All profits go to providing new books, magazines, and DVDs for our library

Library News!

The library is back! Students are flocking here to read the hundreds of new titles on the shelves. Its wonderful to see such keen enthusiasm!

In June we completed an inventory of our collection, which is great news! Everything looks bright and fresh. There are many new titles, and we are busy! We are also expecting to make further purchases this fall with some money that the Ministry of Education is giving all Ontario schools. What could be better? Please feel free to drop in and take a look some time. We are proud of our Library. In order to keep meeting the needs of your children we do ask that all books be returned on time. Thank you.

Happy Reading!