



WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT FRANKLIN ROAD SCHOOL!



September 13, 2016
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school! I am truly excited about the upcoming year and the learning adventure we are about to embark upon. We have planned a great year filled with learning opportunities and memory making! I encourage all of our students to make the best of their education by committing themselves to doing high quality work, getting involved and immersed in our varied extra-curricular program and pushing themselves to be the very best that they can be. We want our students to be engaged in their learning and excited about their own development.

To those students and parents who are new to Franklin Road School, we extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a fun and productive year in your new school. Our enrollment has increased significantly and we have already opened a new Kindergarten class. Please be advised that due to Ministry and board policies and regulations more changes may occur before the end of September. More information will follow as soon as possible. Re-organization is always a stressful time for all involved and we appreciate your patience and support. We hope that you will quickly feel at home and that parents will become involved in the activities of our school through the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and/as well as your child's classroom program. **All volunteers must have a current Vulnerable Sector Police Check and complete a volunteer package.**

The staff has worked diligently to get ready for the opening of the school year. Our caretaking staff has been at the school during the summer months making the final preparations for the academic year to begin and the school looks fabulous! The teachers and educational assistants have been planning and working over the last couple of weeks and are excited to begin another dynamic school year. Franklin Road is completely aligned with the HWDSB Strategic Directions with the new tag line of **Curiosity. Creativity. Possibility. HWDSB**. The HWDSB is also involved in its *Reimagine* initiative to reflect on the board's past success and goals for moving forward in an increasingly technical and challenging world. If you would like to read more about the board's strategic direction please visit <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/parents> or inquire at the school office.

Over the next few weeks, your child will be bringing home information about school, board, and classroom policies and procedures. Please share these materials with your child. We also ask that you communicate directly with your child's teacher concerning any questions or issues that may arise. It is vital that your child see that you support their education, and a positive communication link with the school can only benefit your child's education. We are anxious to assist you in the growth of your child; academically, emotionally, and socially. Our shared efforts can ensure our students the opportunity to meet their full potential.

Included with this newsletter (and on the website) is some information about behavioural expectations and discipline policies. Please make sure you read over this information with your child so they understand all expectations.

I would like to welcome some new staff to Franklin Road for the upcoming year:

Mrs. H. Morrow – Grade 1/2b

Mr. McHarg – Instrumental Music

Mr. B. Soucie – Grade ¾

Mrs. J. Dingwell – grade ¾ and prep coverage

Mr. J. Pollock – French

Our genuine caring and concern for your child's well-being is the driving force for all school decisions. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Ms. S. Neville

Principal – Franklin Road P.S.

Don't forget - no peanuts or tree nut products



Walking and Biking to School and Picking up Students

If your child is a bus student and is being picked up from school **we require written notification that is sent to the office daily and children are to be picked up from the lobby at the indicated time.** We want to ensure as safe a process as possible and need to know where our students are at all times.

*****IF WE DO NOT HAVE A NOTE INDICATING OTHERWISE BUS STUDENTS WILL BE ON THEIR ASSIGNED BUS.*****

Please be extremely careful on the streets around the school before and after school and be courteous to our neighbours—**DO NOT block driveways.** Cars should *not be moving at all* while buses are loading and unloading **and you should never be parked in the bus zone in front of the school.**

We have 500 children to keep safe – please support and abide by the above policies and procedures. Thank you.

Busing Eligibility

Busing is provided for students as per HWDSB policy which is:

Further than 1KM for JK and SK students

Further than 1.6 KM for Grade 1-8

If you are eligible for transportation you have been notified by the Transportation department. If you have requested courtesy busing all requests will be considered as soon as possible but space is limited.

Busing is a privilege—inappropriate behaviour will leave to suspension of bus privileges.



SUPERVISION

It is important for student health and safety that students are only at school when supervised. Supervision on the yard in the mornings starts at 8:15am and supervision at the end of the day ends at 3:05pm. ***Students may not be in the school or on the property unsupervised so they may not be dropped off earlier than 8:15am.***

Student Discipline – 2016/2017

A large part of any school principal's job is to handle student discipline. School discipline has two main goals: (1) to ensure the safety of staff and students, and (2) to create an environment conducive to learning.

'Serious student misconduct involving violent or criminal behavior defeats these goals and often makes headlines in the process. However, the commonest discipline problems involve noncriminal student behavior.' (Moles 1989).

These less dramatic problems may not threaten personal safety, but they still negatively affect the learning environment. Disruptions interrupt lessons for all students, and disruptive students lose even more learning time. For this reason I would like to share with you my policy on student discipline which is based upon the Hamilton Board's Code of Conduct Policy which is clearly stated in the agenda and can also be accessed here: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/aboutus/policies/#ss> (Policy #7.22 and Provincial Policy Memorandum (PPM Directive PPM128), and the HWDSB's Progressive discipline (policy # 11.02 and PPM 145).

We try our best at Franklin Road to ensure that all pupils have a safe, caring and accepting school environment in order to maximize their learning potential and to ensure a positive school climate for all members of the school community. Please review the following Rules and expectations with your child(ren):

Expectations of Student Behaviour: Respect, Responsibilities and Rights

We expect high standards of behaviour from all our students. We will not tolerate bullying, harassment or any other behaviour that makes students' feel uncomfortable about being in school or prevents him/her from studying to your best level. The expectations apply to all students and not just in classrooms but in all areas of the school and outside of school – if it impacts the school environment. **However, bullying is a specific and pervasive behaviour and should *not be mistaken* for singular acts of agitation, upset, frustration, or aggression.**

Franklin Road Expectations for Behaviour

- Arrive to class on time and ready to learn
 - Meet deadlines set for your course work
 - Take an active role in the class ***without disrupting lessons***
 - **Co-operate** and communicate with **all of** your teachers and other students
 - Follow the class rules agreed with your teacher
 - Have your mobile phone **off and out of site (see electronic devices policy in Agenda)** and only bring water into class (some teachers will insist phones remain in lockers – this is their right)
 - No Gum
 - no hats inside the school
 - lockers are for storage, not for socializing – move quickly between classes (no access to lockers between classes)
 - do not leave school property without permission
 - NO SKATEBOARDS OR SCOOTERS
 - No pokemon cards
 - **Respect each other** - this means that you:
 - Are **polite** and do not use language that can offend others
 - Will **never be violent, aggressive** or intimidate others. **if it looks like a fight, it will be treated like a Fight - which is suspensionable offense**
 - **Will not bully or discriminate against others – bullying (personal or cyber – suspension or expulsion)**
 - Listen to your teacher and other students and allow others to take part
 - Look after the School environment and equipment
 - You do not have to accept behaviour (in or outside the classroom) that makes you feel uncomfortable or stops your ability to learn
- ALL OF THE ABOVE APPLIES ON THE BUS AS WELL AS IN SCHOOL**

Consequences for Inappropriate Behaviour

Although I strive to be consistent in both expectations and consequences for behaviour it is important that the board policies mentioned above are followed and each incident is investigated fully. I do ensure that all incidents reported to the office will be investigated fully and all parties spoken to before any decisions on consequences are made. Many mitigating factors impact my decisions and I am always happy to share my reasoning both with my students and with their parents. **However, due to all individuals rights to privacy please be aware that I do not share the consequences for one child with the children or parents of another.**

Examples of Possible Consequences

- Detention
- Calls home
- Meeting with parents
- Behaviour plan
- Loss of privileges
- Inability to play on sports teams (one game/all games)
- Inability to attend trips
- Temporary withdrawal
- Suspension
- Expulsion



School Cash Online 2016/2017

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. School Cash Online is available at all HWDSB schools.

School Cash Online is an on-line payment service offered through the KEV Group. The KEV Group is Canadian owned and operates its head offices in the Province of Ontario. There are over 9,000 schools using KEV's solutions for managing school bookkeeping across North America.

The School Cash Online website is certified compliant with Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards. School Cash Online does not share personal information with any third party. They do not store credit card information on their own web servers, computers or other devices. With the exception of funds loaded into MyWallet, your payment information must be entered every time you checkout.

The KEV Group uses Moneris as the payment processor. Moneris is Canada's largest payment processor, processing over 3 billion credit and debit transactions every year.

To participate in using this service, your child must obtain a one-time PIN code from the school for our secure registration process. If you require a PIN code, please contact the school office. Newly registered JK/SK students will receive their PIN codes a few weeks into the school year.

Coming Soon!!



Safety at Franklin Road – Priority Message

Safety is a priority at Franklin and we need the entire community's co-operation to ensure students arrive and depart the building and arrive home safe and sound. It is necessary for all parents to adhere to the following procedures to ensure this happens:

If you are picking up your child early a **written note** must be sent to the office so we are aware.

Parents picking up students must **wait in the lobby** and pick up your child from there. **Do not go down to your child's classroom and pick them up there unless you have direction from the office.**

This disrupts the instructional program of all classrooms. We have also had parents take their children without notifying the office and then we are frantically looking for them at the end of the day. The end of the day/beginning of the day (at the bell) is also not a good time to speak to your child's teacher as it is his/her responsibility to escort their class to the exits for dismissal. They would be happy to make an appointment time to speak to you either in person or on the phone.

Parents are **NEVER** to take children other than their own without written permission given to the office (note sent in, written in agenda, email sent to the Principal or Mrs. Eustace).

Parents are not to pick up students on the street – too busy a place after school. Please come in and get your children.

If you are visiting the school for an extended period of time you must sign in and get a visitors pass from the office.

Children are to travel on their designated bus only and **be on the bus list**. If permanent bus stop assignment changes are required please call transportation at 905-523-2318.

Kindergarten dismissal Procedure– The classes will walk out to the FDK play area or the playground (room 16 and 24) with the teacher/ECE on duty. Bused students are escorted separately to the lobby by ECEs..

******Please, please be respectful and courteous of the office staff (and the chaotic nature of the school at the beginning and end of the day. If you have issues where plans need to change please be pro-active and call the school with plenty of time before the end of school day (2:50pm). It becomes extremely crazy in here with many people calling (or coming in the school) at 2:50pm with last minute change to their children's home plans – we have to hold buses, call home, search for children, etc. and it is not just one student impacted but 500. We greatly appreciate your understanding and support as we try to keep all of our Franklin Falcons as safe as possible.******



Thank you,
Sue Neville
Principal – Franklin P.S..

Safe Arrival—change in practice

As of Monday September 19th we will be using an automated service (Synervoice) for unexplained absences. Please always call the office if your child is going to be absent. 905-338-4731. Thanks so much!