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Green Acres School
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(905) 662-7021
Ms. T. Gasparik, Principal

September 2018

Arrival Check Program Please call the school to let us know that your child(ren) will **not** be attending school for the day or will be arriving late. For your convenience, the answering machine is available 24hrs/day & 7days/week.

Principal's Message:

It has been a great start to the new year as our students have settled into routines. With the changes in our boundaries we have seen our population decrease this fall. As a result of this, we will be reorganizing our classes from grades 1 to 8 and losing a teacher. We will be saying goodbye to Ms. Maika on October 2nd.

The school organization that will take affect on October 4th is the following:

JSA - Mrs. Tracey & Mrs. Thersidis
JSB - Mrs. Dempsey & Mrs. McKinley
12A - Mrs. Gear
12B - Mrs. Carter
34A - Mrs. Worley
45A - Mrs. Cave
56A - Mr. Reynolds
7A - Mrs. Karamath
78B - Mr. Kirkelos

If your child is moving, parents will receive a notice from Ms. Gasparik. We understand that change can be disruptive and challenging for our students. The reorganization timelines are set for all schools in HWDSB and must be adhered to.

New Staff to Green Acres

This year we welcome the following staff to Green Acres: Mr. Burgio is covering Mrs. Callari's maternity leave. Congratulations to Mrs. Callari on the arrival of her son! Mr. Burgio will be teaching Physical Education, Health and Library to the primary grades and our Intermediate Comprehensive Class. Ms. Chenier and Ms. Aboagye are our new Educational Assistants. Ms. Pelletier is our new Head Custodian and Mr. Doyle and Ms. Scott are our afternoon custodians.

Meet The Teacher

Please join us on Thursday, October 4th, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at our Meet The Teacher event. Come out and meet your child's teacher for the year. Thank you to School Council who will be selling pizza and pop at the event. Look for more information to come home soon.

Transportation

If your child qualifies for bussing, you would have received a letter from the HWDSB Transportation Department, including your child's pick-up/drop-off location and times that the bus will be there. According to the HWDSB Transportation Policy students qualify for transportation when the walking distance from home to school is more than:

1.0 KM for students in JK/SK
1.6 KM for students in Grades 1-8

All other students must apply for courtesy transportation. Students must apply for the 2018-2019 School Year, it does not carry over from previous years. Priority will be given to those students with siblings in Kindergarten, followed by students in grades 1-6, then our grade 7 and 8 students. There is only one bus allotted for Green Acres this year and as a result not all students will receive courtesy transportation. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Safe School Procedures

Green Acres Elementary School will be practicing our "Lockdown Procedure" during this school year. A Lockdown is used when there is a potential risk of harm to people within, or outside the school setting. Although one can never predict when a violent or potentially harmful situation may arise, schools can prepare for responding to such an incident through intentional, scheduled practices. The goal of the practice is to minimize the risk for staff and students during time of crisis. In the event of a "real" Lockdown, the Hamilton Police Services will be responding to the situation. All staff, students and volunteers who are regularly in the school building are required to know the procedures. The students will have the Lockdown procedures explained to them ahead of time and the school will practice this procedure twice per year. We will also be practicing our Emergency Evacuation drills during this school year. Teachers will review emergency exit routes and procedures with their class regularly. Along with this information being presented at school, we encourage parents to talk with their children about the need to always be safe and well prepared for an emergency situation. Thank you for your continued support.

Parents are reminded to please use the "Sign In/Out" book when you enter the school to let us know you are in the building. The book is located in our main office. This is a Safe School regulation and applies to all adults who enter our school.

We ask that all parents say their goodbyes to students on the playground. This makes for a smoother transition for the students when they enter the school with their classmates.

ATTENDANCE - ABSENT OR LATE

A reminder to all parents, please call the school at 905-662-7021, if your child is going to be absent or late. The answering machine at the school is always on. Help us ensure your child is safe!

Volunteers at Green Acres:
Part of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board's Volunteer Policy is that any volunteers working with children must have obtained a Vulnerable Sector Screening Report. This is essentially a criminal record check and is put in place to protect our students. To obtain a report, an adult can pick up an application form from the Police Station, complete the form and submit either in person at the Hamilton Police Services Headquarters on King William Street in Hamilton or online. The cost is \$25.00 and the report is valid for 3 years with the HWDSB.

It could take up to 4-6 weeks for the report to be prepared. Once you have obtained the report, bring it to the school office for approval and complete the Volunteer Forms for Green Acres School. If you are interested in volunteering, complete this process as soon as possible, so that you can take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

If you volunteered last year and intend to continue volunteering you will need to come in and sign the Offence Declaration and Volunteer Agreement Form for this school year.

Newsletters

Please subscribe to our School Newsletter by visiting www.hwdsb.on.ca/greenacres/ and clicking SUBSCRIBE. This will also give you updates when something has been updated on our website/ calendar. You will need to subscribe each school year. Please call the office if you would like a paper copy of the newsletter each month.

