

HESS ST HAPPENINGS

November 2016

Principal's Message

Thank you to all of the staff and students for their understanding and patience during re-organization. Congratulations to Miss Jones (one of our JK/SK teachers) who was an occasional teacher at Hess on an LTO and obtained a permanent position with the Board, unfortunately not at our school. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Bezemer, Mr. Soucie and Ms. Berdula to our staff. Mrs. Bezemer is teaching our new grade 2/3 class, Mr. Soucie is supporting learning throughout the school, and Ms. Berdula is the new LTO in our JK/SK class. As we approach November, teachers have now had ample opportunity to assess our students' learning and needs. Numeracy continues to be a focus at Hess St. We encourage parents to engage their children in 'number talk'. For example, look for opportunities for students to count in multiples, such as 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 when eating grapes or crackers. Another example might be counting forwards (1, 2, 3...) or backwards (10, 9, 8...) while climbing up or going down stairs. Whatever the level, conversation involving numbers is a wonderful way to demonstrate the value of mathematics and develop a love for it.



Upcoming Clubs & Teams

- Homework club is now running every morning from 8:10 — 8:50 a.m. for students in Grades 6-8. Please have your child see Mrs. Solano if interested in attending..



Halloween Parade



Hess Street will be having our Halloween Parade on Monday, October



31st in the morning. After the announcements, the students in Grades



JK—5 will take part in the parade and will end up going through the



gym. Any parents wishing to come and watch are welcome to come to



the gym to see your child(ren) on parade.



Little Free Library!

One of our Hess Street families has set up a little free library for our community. This is located at 136 Queen Street North. They want to promote the love of reading for the children in our neighbourhood. You are invited to participate in this library by borrowing books and even sharing some of your own favourite books for others in our neighbourhood to read.



Message from Mrs. Carriere...

It is with mixed emotions that I have to let my Hess family know that I will be leaving Hess Street School at the end of October. I have been so lucky to have worked at this amazing school for 8 years. The staff, students and families have given me so much joy and memories that I will cherish forever. I will miss you all very much. To the students—keep working your hardest, you are all amazing and I'm proud and honoured to have worked with each and every one of you!!! Until we meet again. *Mrs. Carriere*

We Scare Hunger

Thank you so much to everyone who helped by donating canned goods to our We Scare Hunger food drive! The Good Sheppard Centre was so thrilled to get over 1000 items! Congratulations to Mrs. Freeman's class who brought in the most at a whopping 77 food items. A special thank you to the Me to We team and Mrs. Solano for all their hard work making this such a success!



Mathies Parent Website

Looking to help your child(ren) with math and need some help? Take a look at <http://mathies.ca/parents.html>, Mathies is a very useful and informative website that you can use to help your child learn math. They offer help, activities you can do together and information on other supports you can access to help your child reach their full potential in math. Please see attached Hess Street's EQAO results from 2015/16 school year.

Important Dates

- November 2—Progress Reports sent home
- November 3 and 4—Parent Teacher Interviews.
- November 4—PA Day—No School
- November 11—Remembrance Day.
- November 16—Grades 4-6 students to Hamilton Bulldogs Game at First Canadian Place
- Nov. 20-26—Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- November 22—Picture Retakes



Contact Us

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school and let us know.

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PRIMARY (Grade 3)

| | 2015-2016 | | | 2013-2014 | | | Relative Change |
|---------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | Board | Province | Difference | Board | Province | Difference | |
| Reading | 64 | 72 | -8 | 66 | 70 | -4 | -4 |
| Writing | 63 | 74 | -11 | 74 | 78 | -4 | -7 |
| Math | 50 | 63 | -13 | 59 | 67 | -8 | -5 |

| | 2015-2016 | | | 2013-2014* | | | Relative Change |
|---------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | School | Province | Difference | School | Province | Difference | |
| Reading | 23 | 72 | -49 | 31 | 70 | -39 | -10 |
| Writing | 37 | 74 | -37 | 58 | 78 | -20 | -17 |
| Math | 23 | 63 | -40 | 36 | 67 | -31 | -9 |

(*) 14-15 Board and Provincial results not available

JUNIOR (Grade 6)

| | 2015-2016 | | | 2013-2014 | | | Relative Change |
|---------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | Board | Province | Difference | Board | Province | Difference | |
| Reading | 74 | 81 | -7 | 74 | 79 | -5 | -2 |
| Writing | 73 | 80 | -7 | 73 | 78 | -5 | -2 |
| Math | 38 | 50 | -12 | 46 | 54 | -8 | -4 |

| | 2015-2016 | | | 2013-2014* | | | Relative Change |
|---------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | School | Province | Difference | School | Province | Difference | |
| Reading | 46 | 81 | -35 | 49 | 79 | -30 | -5 |
| Writing | 49 | 80 | -31 | 66 | 78 | -12 | -19 |
| Math | 29 | 50 | -21 | 34 | 54 | -20 | -1 |

(*) 14-15 Board and Provincial results not available