

HESS ST HAPPENINGS

Welcome Back

September 2016

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our returning students, and a special welcome to all those students and families new to Hess Street Elementary. I hope you have had a relaxing and memorable summer with family and friends, and are ready to be part of our vibrant and special school community.

Hess Street Elementary values teaching and learning from one another, and encourages students to take an active role in their learning. As the new principal at Hess Street, I look forward to working with staff, students, and their families to develop students' literacy and numeracy skills so that our students will have the foundation and skills to work towards their goals and aspirations. I am excited and honored to be working at Hess Street Elementary and know that together, we can create a community and learning experiences that will foster the best in each of our students. -Mrs. E. Jones

School Council Elections

School Council provides a forum for parents/guardians to contribute to student achievement and the school. The primary focus is on student learning and allows parents to provide input and stay informed about what is happening at the school. Anyone interested in being the Chair of School Council must submit a completed nomination form (at the end of this newsletter) by September 20. **Elections will be held on September 27, 2016.** It is a wonderful way to be involved in your child's education. All parents are encouraged to be part of School Council.

Access to Schools

For the safety of our students, doors will be locked during the school day. For entry into the school, please press the button at the front door and someone will be happy to assist you.



Upcoming Clubs & Teams

- Breakfast program starting week of Aug. 12—students in gr. 6-8 can sign up to help in the mornings!
- Wan2Be is a program for Gr. 6, 7, 8 students run through Wesley Urban Ministries. It will run on Tuesday and Thursdays from school dismissal until 5:30 p.m. Information will be sent home with your child(ren). It is a fun opportunity to talk about where you want to be in the future and how to get there!
- Stay tuned for information on more clubs and teams!

Hess St has a New Schedule

This year we will be having a new schedule which involves two nutrition breaks during the day. Each break will consist of 20 min for students to have their snack/lunch, as well as 20 min for outdoor activity. This will slightly extend the length of the school day. ALL students will be required to remain at school during the 1st nutrition break. During the 2nd nutrition break, students may leave to go home for lunch IF the lunch form is signed or if a note from home is provided for the day. As always, students Gr 5 and under should not be left at school unsupervised before or after school.

Primary/Junior (JK-5) and Intermediate (Gr 6-8) Schedule

8:35-8:50 am	Outside Supervision– Gr 1 to 5
8:40-8:50 am	Outside Supervision—kindergarten
8:50 am	Instruction Begins
	First Nutrition Break
10:30-10:50 am	Primary/Junior Inside; Intermediate Outside
10:50-11:10 am	Primary/Junior Outside; Intermediate Inside
11:10 am	Instruction Begins
	Second Nutrition Break
1:10-1:30 pm	Primary/Junior Inside; Intermediate Outside
1:30-1:50 pm	Primary/Junior Outside; Intermediate Inside
1:50 pm	Instruction Begins
3:10 pm	Dismissal
3:10-3:20 pm	Outside Supervision– kindergarten
3:10-3:25 pm	Outside Supervision– Gr 1 to 5

Going Home for Lunch? Going to be Absent?

Students may go home for lunch during the second nutrition break if (1) a lunch form is completed and returned, or (2) a note from home is provided for the day.

If you are aware that your child will be absent, please provide a note in advance or call the school at 905-527-1439.

Important Dates

- September 6—Registration for Wesley free after-school program after school—first come first serve basis
- September 20—Nominations for School Council Chair due
- **September 23—PA Day : NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- September 27—School Council Chair elections
- September 29/30—Possible class reorganization and changes to staff for some students/classes
- September 30—Terry Fox Run



Peanut/Nut Policy

Please be aware that Hess School is a **nut safe school**. We have several children with severe peanut allergies and for everyone's safety please make sure you do not send your child with peanut butter sandwiches or food which contain nuts or nut products.

Meet the Teacher

October 6

Please plan to join us for our Meet the Teacher event on October 6. Come and meet our staff and mingle with other families. We will have pizza and refreshments for sale from 4:30—5:00 p.m., then there will be an opportunity to visit classrooms and introduce yourself to our teachers from 5:00 –6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL-CASH ONLINE

A reminder that you can sign up for School-Cash online. Information on how to sign up was sent home with your child last May. This program allows you to pay for items on the website so you do not have to send cash with your children to school. When items are available for your child to purchase you will be emailed with a notification. No more missing deadlines if your child forgets to let you know about a special trip coming up!



Student Fees

Hess St Elementary and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School believes that students are entitled to an education that ensures they achieve their full potential and that all students must be able to participate in all aspects of their school experience regardless of personal economic barriers that exist. In some cases, fees are requested to enhance or supplement regular programming. For example, fees may be requested for Gr 8 graduation, field trips and team/tryout fees. If a family is experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school for support.

Breakfast Program/Pizza Day/Milk

Our Breakfast program at Hess will start the week of Sept 12. Bins are provided in each classroom in the morning which provides nutritious food for any students in the class who would like something to eat when they come in. We have had a lot of students sign up to volunteer to help with the program and are so thankful to have such wonderful students who are willing to help out. We could not do it without you. Pizza day will start September 15th. Pizza is \$1.00/slice and students can order from their teacher on Thursday mornings. We will also continue to sell milk for \$1.00 and more information will come home on that shortly.

Wesley Before/After School Programs

As in previous years, Wesley is offering an after school care program which runs from 2:50—5:00 at no cost. Registration for this program will start Tuesday at the end of the day in the school foyer and is on a first-come/first-serve basis. They can have up to 30 children and once they are full you can fill out an application and go on a waiting list if you wish. Wesley also has a before and after school care program where your children can enjoy an interactive program that includes a variety of physical activities, crafts and games. A free snack is provided daily. This program is also open during all P.A. Days and other school breaks. The fees for this program is for before and after kindergarten \$18.00/day, and for before and after school age (grade 1 and up) \$12.00/day. Families may be eligible to receive subsidy. For more information regarding fees, subsidy or registration, please call 905-521-0926.

Contact Us

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

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Telling Tales Festival

The Telling Tales Festival is a free fun family event that takes place on September 18th at Westfield Heritage Village. There are a variety of free activities for you and your children to do together. There will be storytellers, music, a children's activity area and the Village to explore. A **free** picnic lunch will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own food. All children will have a coupon for two **free** gently used books at the Book Swap. The HWDSB will also be providing a free bus for families leaving from Hess Street School by 9:30 a.m. at the front of the school. Please note this is **not a school activity**; it is a community activity, so there will be **no** school staff on the bus. **All children are required to be with an adult for this activity.** Buses will be leaving from Westfield at 3:00 and you should be back at Hess Street by 3:45. Forms have been sent home and to take part in this wonderful event, you will need to have the form returned to the school by September 13th.



I am interested in running for the post of: chair co-chair secretary

I am interested in becoming a member of parent council

Child's name: _____ Grade _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Phone number: _____