



# Highview Bulletin

## June 2018

### From the Vice-Principal's/Principal's Desk:

Another school year is coming to an end! It has been an honour and a pleasure to work with your children, yourselves, and the Highview Community this year, and we look forward to continuing to do so in the coming school year! A special congratulations to our grade 8's who are moving on to secondary school and congratulations to Ms. Corbin-Harper who will be moving on to the role of Principal at Elizabeth Bagshaw School. For September, we will welcome Mr. McLean to Highview as the Vice-Principal. Mr. McLean will be at Highview half of his time and at Viscount Montgomery School the other half of his time.

Thanks to all of our students for working so hard to engage in their learning and for continuing to be responsible citizens within the Highview School Community.

Thanks also go out to all of the staff at Highview for all they do to help in your child(ren's) learning, and for providing so many other experiences outside of the classroom!

A huge thanks to School Council for all of their efforts and support this school year!! Highview wouldn't be such a great place without their efforts. Thanks for providing us and the school with direction/feedback, and thanks for all of the fundraising efforts! **Please be sure to check out the "School Council" pages attached** to see all that this amazing group has done to support learning at Highview!!

We thank everyone for all your support and I wish everyone a safe, happy, and restful summer! We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Ms. Corbin-Harper  
Mr. Pellizzari

### Balanced Day:

We will remain on the same Balanced Day Schedule in September. The day will be as follows:

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Arrival time (Playground supervised)
8:15 -9:55 a.m.	Entry and Instructional Time
9:55 -10:35 a.m.	Nutrition Break #1
10:35 -12:15 p.m.	Instructional time
12:15 -12:55 p.m.	Nutrition Break #2
12:55 – 2:35 p.m.	Instructional Time and Dismissal

### School Council:

Highview School Council encourages all parents & guardians to join us at Council meetings throughout the year. Everyone is welcome at all meetings, it's never too late to get involved!

The scheduled School Council meeting date for September is **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

We look forward to seeing and hearing from as many parents/guardians as possible!

If you are looking to either be nominated, or self-nominate to become a member of the School Council, please watch for the nomination forms that will be posted on the school website in early September. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you don't want to be an elected member of Council.

### JK/SK Gradual Entry:

Tuesday September 4, 2018

All children new to kindergarten are clustered for short visits (eg. One hour) with their parents....**SK (Year 2) Students do not attend.**

Wednesday September 5, 2018

All children new to kindergarten (JK) begin full day attendance.

All children entering year 2 (SK) of kindergarten begin full day attendance.

### School Year Calendar:

Please note that the HWDSB School Year Calendar is available at the following link:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

The calendars include: all holidays, Professional Activity Days, Days of the Cycle (1-5), and First/Last days of school.

### PA Days for 2018/19:

September 21<sup>st</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, January 25<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>

### Bussing:

Please be reminded that those students who are eligible for bussing for the school year will receive a letter from Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) indicating so over the summer. All others who wish to ride, but are not eligible, **will need to complete "Courtesy Rider" Applications in September**. Acceptances as courtesy riders will be completed by the beginning of October. Any questions regarding bussing, please contact HWSTS at 905.523.2318 or visit their website at:

<http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/> .

### School Excursions/Events/Purchases & School Cash Online:

Thanks to all our families who have signed up and use School Cash Online to help us with collecting funds. Use of this site is a **safe and secure way** to make payments to the school using e-cheques, personal credit cards, and prepaid credit cards. Paying through School Cash Online avoids the need for students to carry large amounts of money to school, and also makes the collection of money at the school much more efficient, removing the need for staff to collect/count/store/deposit large sums of money. If you haven't already signed up, and you need help, please visit the support link on the School Cash Online website. Please remember that no special code is necessary, all you need is some basic information that all families have on hand to get started. We look forward to being a "cashless" school in the near future!! <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

### Volunteering at Highview:

Whether it is helping out in a classroom, on an excursion or in our school library, volunteers are important to us at Highview.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please request a volunteer package from our office. As per HWDSB policy, a volunteer package must be completed annually and a **Vulnerable Sector Screening** every three years. This screening can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online. The summer is a good time to request your vulnerable sector screening, if needed, so that you are ready to go for September!

[http:// www.policesolutions.ca/checks/ services/Hamilton/](http://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/Hamilton/)

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

### Kindergarten Registration:

If you or someone you know has a child who will be attending our Full-Day Kindergarten program in September, and hasn't yet registered, please call the school to make an appointment to register your child. If you require further information and have additional questions, please visit the Board website at:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten/> or give us a call at the school.

**Before/After School Care: (email: [HAMILTON.SACC@YMCAHBB.CA](mailto:HAMILTON.SACC@YMCAHBB.CA) PHONE: 905.317.4916)**

The YMCA ( provides before and after school care at Highview. Visit the Y website for more information: [https://www.ymcahbb.ca/Programs/YMCA-Child-Care/School-Age-Child-Care-\(SACC\)](https://www.ymcahbb.ca/Programs/YMCA-Child-Care/School-Age-Child-Care-(SACC))

## Website Update Notifications:

Would you like to receive an email notification each time our school website is updated? If so, please take a minute to visit our school website at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/highview/> click on the "Subscribe" link found on the right side of the page near the top> enter your email address >choose if you would also like to subscribe to other HWDSB messages and click on submit. Once submitted, you will receive a notification confirming your subscription.

Please note that this feature has become more important as we continue to move away from a paper copy monthly newsletter towards a digital means of communication which is not only more environmentally friendly, saves the school \$\$ on paper/printing, but also allows communication to become more timely.

## Farewells:

As you know, this is a happy but also sad time of year because we have to say goodbye to staff members who will be moving on to new challenges next year. We wish them all the best and hope that their new positions will bring them much happiness and fulfillment. We thank them sincerely for all their contributions to Highview School!

- **Ms. Corbin-Harper...**Thanks to Ms. Corbin-Harper for all of her work as the Vice-Principal at Highview School!! Ms. Corbin-Harper has done great things for Highview and will be missed by all!! She will be moving on to Elizabeth Bagshaw School where she will be taking on the role of Principal. Congratulations!!
- **Ms. Currington...**Thanks to Ms. Currington for all of her work with her JK/SK class as DECE! Ms. Currington will be moving on to Guy Brown School in Waterdown for the 2018/19 school year. Congratulations!
- **Mr. McCabe...**Thanks to Mr. McCabe for all of his work in Class 5A! Mr. McCabe will be taking on a system support role within the HWDSB as a Math Facilitator beginning in September. We wish Mr. McCabe all the best in this role.
- **Ms. Novogradac...**Thanks to Ms. Novogradac for all of her work supporting our students as an Educational Assistant. Ms. Novogradac will be moving on to Ray Lewis School for the coming school year. We wish Ms. Novogradac all the best at her new school.
- **Ms. Paul...**We thank Ms. Paul for all of her work as an Educational Assistant here at Highview supporting our students!! We wish Ms. Paul all the best in the coming years.
- **Ms. Joshua (Class 3B), Ms. Catsoudas (Class JSK4), Mr. Farkas (Class 5B), Ms. Hone (Class 5A), Ms. Billesdon (Class JSK1), Ms. Jones (Class JSK3/Class 6/7)...**We thank all of our Long Term Occasional Teachers that have been with us at Highview for various lengths of time this year and we wish them all the best in the coming years!!
- **Ms. Porterfield...**At this time, we will be saying thanks and good-bye to Ms. Porterfield who has worked half of her day at Highview as a Reading Specialist supporting early literacy with our Kindergarten and Grade 1 Teams. We wish Ms. Porterfield all the best as she will be moving to full time at Armstrong School for the coming school year.
- **Ms. Bettig...** At the end of this school year, we will be saying thank you and good bye to Ms. Bettig who has been working with us in the role of ESL Special Assignment Teacher. We thank Ms. Bettig for all of the support she has provided for our staff and our English Language Learners.
- **Ms. Palmquist...** We will also be saying thank you and good bye to Ms. Palmquist who has been supporting Highview in the role of Social Worker each Thursday morning. Thanks to Ms. Palmquist for all of her support.

- **Ms. Ayre...**Thanks to Ms. Ayre for all of her work as a long term occasional, half time, Office Assistant at Highview. We wish Ms. Ayre all the best in the coming years! Beginning in September, the Office Assistant position will become a full time position.

### **Moving or Moved:**

If you know that you will be moving over the summer, or if you have moved over the course of the school year, please notify the office as soon as possible. This really helps us to keep our records accurate and to know exactly the numbers of students within each grade/classroom.

Please note that although Highview School is not closed to “Out of Catchment” students, parents/guardians must follow the proper steps regarding this. According to the HWDSB Out of Catchment Policy, anyone residing in another school’s catchment area **will need to register at their home school for September** and complete an Out Of Catchment request form for Highview if requesting to remain. Out of catchment requests will be considered in late September, and decisions will be based upon space available within the requested grade(s).

### **Safe Welcome Protocol:**

As you know, the HWDSB has initiated a Safe Welcome Program. The program supports a welcoming learning environment by ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors can access elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe. At our school, all exterior school doors will be locked during the instructional day, and visitors must access the school via the main entrance. Please be reminded that the front entrance is equipped with a video/intercom access system which is to be used to gain access. Once granted entry, **all visitors must report directly to the office**. Anyone needing to travel beyond the office will be asked to sign in and to wear a visitor’s sticker. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in keeping all of our students and staff safe!

### **Highview Staff List 2018/2019:**

Role:	Name:	Role:	Name:
Head Caretaker	Mr. L. Ivan	Teacher JK/SK	Ms. B. Depew
Assistant Caretaker	Ms. V. Buckland	Teacher JK/SK	Ms. L. Fortman
Assistant Caretaker	Mr. R. Pfau	Teacher JK/SK	TBD (Ms. D. Stewart)
Office Administrator	Ms. R. Bowman	Teacher Gr. 1	Ms. M. Sakins
Office Assistant	Ms. C. Babb	Teacher Gr. 1	Ms. L. Toth
Educational Assistant	Ms. S. DiBartolo	Teacher Gr. 1	Ms. E. Wigood
Educational Assistant	Ms. J. Compton	Teacher Gr. 2	Ms. B. Nantais
Educational Assistant	Ms. S. Start	Teacher Gr. 2	Ms. K. Pecuh
Educational Assistant	Mr. J. McNiece	Teacher Gr. 3	TBD (Ms. R. Harvie)
Educational Assistant	Mr. M. Preston	Teacher Gr. 3/4	Ms. T. MacLean
Educational Assistant	TBD	Teacher Gr. 3/4	Ms. M. Martin
Early Childhood Educator	Ms. Q. Nguyen	Teacher Gr. 4/5	Ms. R. Kellner
Early Childhood Educator	Ms. N. Quinn	Teacher Gr. 5	TBD (Ms. K. Clark)
Early Childhood Educator	Ms. T. Graydon	Teacher Gr. 5/6	Ms. T. Lantagne
Learning Resource Teacher	Ms. T. Hallford	Teacher Gr. 6	Mr. R. Kaszas
Learning Resource Teacher	Ms. E. Douglas	Teacher Gr. 6/7	Ms. E. Zablocki(Green)
Teacher Librarian	Ms. S. Little	Teacher Gr. 7/8	Mr. B. Moore
French/Art Teacher	Mme. Berrafati	Teacher Gr. 7/8	Ms. C. Maciel
French/Prep Coverage	Mme. Muller	Teacher Gr. 7/8	Ms. N. Raspopov
Prep Coverage	Mr. Cochrane	Vice-Principal	Mr. J. McLean
Reading Specialist	Ms. K. Clause	Principal	Mr. I. Pellizzari
ELL Spec. Assignment Tchr.	Ms. D. Kim	Social Worker(half day/wk.)	TBD