



# Highview Bulletin

## October 2018

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

It's hard to believe that September is already behind us! At this time, we would like to say thank you to all of the Highview students, parents & guardians, community members, and staff members for making the start of the year so successful. We are certainly excited about what is to come and are looking forward to a great year of learning for all of our students.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual "Meet the Teacher Night" the evening of Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Pellizzari (Principal) and Mr. McLean (Vice-Principal)

### Meet the Teacher Night:

You are invited to join us for our annual "Meet the Teacher Night" on October 3<sup>rd</sup> between 5:00-6:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to come out and meet many of the staff members that are involved in teaching and supporting your child(ren). This event will be taking place outside on the back playground (weather permitting). Although we will have some tables and chairs available, families are invited to bring their own portable chairs if possible. In the event of inclement weather, this event will take place in the school's gymnasium.

During this event, thanks to the support of School Council, there will be 3 food trucks on site so that you can get something to eat either before or after meeting Highview Staff. The food trucks will include: "Dora's Express" (Perogies, Chicken Fingers, etc.), "Curbside Foods" (Hamburgers, Sausages, Fries, etc.), and "Yummy Treats" (Ice Cream, etc.). These trucks will be onsite prior to the official event time beginning at approximately 4:00-4:30 p.m. and following the event until approximately 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>!!

### School Council:

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

The scheduled School Council meeting date for this month is **Wednesday, October 17, 2018.**

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

### PA Days for the Year:

- September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
- December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Photo Retake Day:

Please note that all photo retakes, **along with class photos for all of our grade 1 & 2 classes**, will take place on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Class photos for grades 1 & 2 are being done to accommodate the reorganization process and adding a gr.1/2 class.

### School Reorganization:

At this time of year each school year, The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board reviews its student enrolment numbers in each school. The enrolment numbers are compared to the projected enrolment numbers determined at the end of the previous school year, which initiates the staffing process. As we look to meet the provincial class size requirements and finalize the enrolment numbers for this school year, it's typical for student enrolment to fluctuate. Because of our increased numbers in our primary grades, **we will be adding a combined grade 1/2 classroom.** We are very excited about this reorganization and will be welcoming Mr. Eathorne as the teacher of this class beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We thank all of the parents & guardians of the students in grades 1 and 2 that will be moving into this new class, their support is greatly appreciated!! We know that this additional class will benefit the learning of all of our grade 1 and 2 students.

### **Parking:**

We understand that finding parking around the school can be a challenge. Having said that, in order to keep all of our students safe, we ask that you please avoid entering the staff parking lot off of Queensdale Ave. as this is creating a very dangerous situation for all, especially the students who are exiting vehicles and those walking along the sidewalk in front of the driveway.

### **Terry Fox Run:**

Thank you to all the family and friends who donated to our Terry Fox Run which was a huge success. Thanks to Ms. Martin for organizing this event for Highview!! As a school we were able to raise approximately \$550.00. Well done Highview!!

### **News From the Library: Save the Date!!**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Highview! Like in previous years, the book fair will coincide with progress report interviews. Because of Halloween festivities, we will not be having a preview day for the book fair this year, however, the book fair will be open after school on Halloween. The book fair hours will be as follows:

*Wed. October 31: 2:35-4:00pm*

*Thurs. November 1: 2:35-7:00pm*

*Fri. November 2: 8:15-11:00am*

Look for more information to come home with your child closer to the date! Hope to see you all there!

### **School Cash Online:**

Thanks to all our families who have signed up and already use School Cash Online to help us with collecting funds. The use of this tool not only provides a safe and secure method of paying for various items/events, but it also eliminates the countless hours needed to count cash at the school. This year, we would like to move as much as possible towards this tool for excursions, and **fully to this tool for any School Council Food Days or other events!** If you need help signing up for School Cash, please visit the support link on the School Cash Online website or contact the school. <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

### **Academic Focus:**

Highview's academic focus for school planning continues to be Early Reading Skills in Kindergarten and grade 1 and improving our Math Skills for grade 2 through 8. We will be including some parent resources in these areas in many weekly/monthly updates. This week is regarding looking for opportunities to "talk math" in everyday situations.

### **Everyday Mathematics: Daily Decisions**

We all use mathematics daily in what we do.

Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make those everyday decisions with you. For example:

- "Do we have enough plates and utensils for all the guests coming for the birthday party?"
- "We are doubling this recipe. How much of all the ingredients will we need?"
- "We are fertilizing the lawn. The fertilizer bag covers three square meters. How many will we need?"
- "This store is selling the game you want for 20% off of \$27.00. That store is selling the same game for \$19.99. Where should we shop?"

### **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/updated as needed annually and a Vulnerable Sector Screening must be presented every three years. This screening can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online. <http://www.policysolutions.ca/checks/services/Hamilton/>

Please stop in at the office if you have any questions.

### **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!

### **Hamilton Public Library-Tumblebooks:**

Did you know that your Hamilton Public Library card will grant you access to a very large collection of online, narrated and animated stories for children. In order to access this incredible collection, please visit the HPL Kids page and find Tumblebooks via HPL Online > Digital Media > Tumblebooks. Enter your library card number and read away. A great alternative to engage your child in reading.

<http://kids.hpl.ca/digital-media/tumble-books>

### **Mathify (Homework Help) for Students Grade 7 to 10:**

Mathify connects grade 7-10 students with Ontario certified math teachers - online, after school - to better understand how to solve math problems through live one-on-one math tutoring and 24/7 access to online math resources. It's all done on a shared whiteboard, talking over voice, and chat. Mathify will connect students with awesome tutors: they are patient, approachable, and super helpful. The tutors will help you fully understand how to solve and work through even the toughest math problems, helping students to succeed.

To log in, students will need to register with their Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of their report card near their name. (Your child's OEN never changes so any of their Ontario report cards will have it.) Visit: <https://tvomathify.com/>

### **New Gymnasium Scoreboard:**

Thanks to the efforts of Facilities Management staff, Highview School was the recipient of a new Gymnasium Scoreboard over the summer. All Teachers/Coaches are excited to have access to this new tool both during games and classes within the gym.

### **Supporting our English Language Learners (ELL's):**

We are very excited to welcome Ms. Doyle to Highview School beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Doyle is an ESL (English as a Second Language) Teacher and will be joining the Highview staff 3 days per week and will be supporting many of our ELL's from all grades, K-8.

### **EQAO School Report:**

EQAO results from testing which took place in May of last school year for our Grade 3 and 6 students, have now been released to the public. Please visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) to view the results for Highview School. Information and results regarding EQAO will be shared at upcoming School Council meetings. Individual Student results will be sent home this week to last year's 3's and 6's.

### **Fire Drills:**

Each school year, schools are required to hold a total of 6 fire drills, 3 in the fall and another 3 in the spring. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, Highview held its first successful drill for the fall. Over the coming weeks, we will be holding the 2 additional fire drills required.

## **Lockdown Drill:**

Each year, schools are expected to practice 2 lockdown drills to ensure that, in the case of a real emergency, staff and students are kept safe. On September 25th, along with Constable Dinning, Highview School held its first Lockdown Drill. We will be holding a second drill in the New Year.

“Lockdown”: (usually initiated by Hamilton Police Services, sometimes by Principal or school personnel) \*\*A lockdown is defined by police as the restriction of movement during the time of a potentially serious violent threat or violent incident that would endanger the lives of students and staff.

- used when there is a violent incident or threat of serious violence within the school, or in relation to the school;
- the threat is inside the school, or is on school property, and poses an immediate threat to the students and staff; follow current lockdown procedures;
- all movement within the school and into and out of the school is restricted; doors remain open to permit police immediate entry.

Please visit the following link for more information and please speak to your child(ren) about these types of drills and their importance.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Secure-Schools-Protocol.pdf>

## **Bomb Threat Evacuation Drill:**

Please note that on the morning of Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Weather Permitting), Highview School will be holding a Bomb Threat Evacuation Drill along with Constable Dinning, the Community Liaison Officer who supports Highview School. This type of drill prepares schools for an event where a threat of an explosive device is directed at a school. During the drill, students will hear an extended ringing of the bell followed by an announcement indicating that the school will need to be evacuated. Students will calmly exit the building with their teachers and meet on the south side of Highview Park along Brucedale Avenue. Please take the time to discuss this drill with your child.

Please also note, that in the event of a real threat, Police may direct staff to evacuate to our off-site location. In situations such as these, Highview School would move all of its students to **Sherwood Secondary School** which has been assigned as its off-site evacuation location. (Students are not moved to Sherwood during our practice drills at any time)

## **Highview School Website Subscription:**

In an effort to improve communication between school and home, we are asking all parents/guardians to subscribe to our school website. With hard copy newsletters only sent home a couple of times a year, it is more important than ever to subscribe. Subscribe to take advantage of our electronic subscriptions for: school website updates, school news, weather alerts, school closures, and HWDSB's monthly newsletter the Virtual Blackboard. Please know that these updates at times may promote, advertise or offer for sale items including school pictures, yearbooks, books, school merchandise, food programs, event tickets, entry fees, fundraising events or items, or similar events or offers to sell goods and services that are related to the school.

To subscribe, please visit [www.hwdsb/highview](http://www.hwdsb/highview), click on the subscribe link (envelope) found on the menu bar beneath the picture of the school, enter your email address and appropriate check boxes, and finally click submit.

## **Pets on School Property:**

Please be reminded that we respectfully ask that all pets be kept off of school property as students, staff, or other caregivers may have allergies to these pets or not be comfortable in their presence. We are also always concerned that a student might approach pets in a manner that results in an undesirable response from the animal. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

## October Happenings:

- October 1<sup>st</sup>-Photo Day (Adjustments to be made regarding reorganized classes-Grade 1 and 2 Class Photos Not Taken)
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>-Bomb Threat Drill with Constable Dinning
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>-"Brand of You" Presentations Gr. 7 & 8 from Constable Dinning
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>-Meet the Teacher Night/Food Trucks
- October 5<sup>th</sup>-Jr. Swim Team Practice @ Huntington Park
- October 8<sup>th</sup>-Thanksgiving Day Holiday (No School)
- October 9<sup>th</sup>-Grade 8 Camp Trip Parent Information Meeting
- October 12<sup>th</sup>-School Bus Safety Presentations Gr. K-3/Gr.4-8
- October 12<sup>th</sup>- Jr. Swim Team Practice @ Huntington Park
- October 16<sup>th</sup>-Grade 8 Camp Trip Information Night
- October 16<sup>th</sup>-Grade 7 Immunizations (Menactra, Hepatitis B and HPV 9 (Human Papilloma Virus))
- October 17<sup>th</sup>-Sr. Girls Volleyball Game at Tapleystown
- October 18<sup>th</sup>-Grade 7 & 8 Marijuana & Vaping Presentation from Constable Dinning
- October 19<sup>th</sup>-Kindergarten Excursion to Sherwood Library
- October 19<sup>th</sup>- Jr. Swim Team Practice @ Huntington Park
- October 24<sup>th</sup>-Photo Retake Day (Class Photos for Grade 1 and 2 Classes Taken on this day)
- October 24<sup>th</sup>-Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- October 24<sup>th</sup>-Sr. Girls Volleyball Game @ Highview
- October 24<sup>th</sup>-"My Path, My Way" Information Night for Grade 7 & 8 Students
- October 25<sup>th</sup>-Sr. Boys Volleyball Game @ Highview
- October 26<sup>th</sup>- Jr. Swim Team Practice @ Huntington Park
- October 29<sup>th</sup>-Sr. Girls Volleyball Game @ Michelle Jean School
- October 30<sup>th</sup>-Jr. Girls Swim Team Practice
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>-PA Day

## Highview School Staff List for 2018/2019:

Ms. R. Bowman	Office Administrator		Ms. T. MacLean	3/4B-Teacher		Mr. M. Preston	Ed Assistant
Ms. C. Babb	Office Assistant		Ms. R. Kellner	4/5- Teacher		Ms. S. Start	Ed Assistant
Ms. L. Fortman	JSA -Teacher		Ms. S. Richarz	5A- Teacher		Ms. S. DiBartolo	Ed Assistant
Ms. Q. Nguyen	JSA-DECE		Ms. T. Lantagne	56- Teacher		Ms. I. Brunaccioni	Ed Assistant
Ms. B. Depew	JSB -Teacher		Mr. R. Kaszas	6B-Teacher		Ms. J. Compton	Ed Assistant
Ms. N. Quinn	JSB-DECE		Ms. E. Zablocki	6/7A- Teacher		Ms. E.Douglas	LRT/Prep Coverage
Ms. C. Ogden	JSC-Teacher		Ms. N. Raspopov	7/8C- Teacher		Ms. T. Hallford	Learning Rsc. Tchr
Ms. T. Graydon	JSC-DECE		Mr. B. Moore	7/8A- Teacher		Ms. S. Little	Teacher Librarian
Ms. M. Sakins	1A-Teacher		Ms. C. Maciel	7/8B- Teacher		Mr. L. Ivan	Head Caretaker
Ms. E. Wigood	1B-Teacher		Ms. J. Berrafati	French: 5-8 Teacher		Mr. R. Pfau	Assistant Caretaker
Ms. L. Toth	1C-Teacher		Ms. C. Muller	French: 4-8 Teacher		Ms. V. Buckland	Assistant Caretaker
Mr. R. Eathorne	1/2-Teacher		Mr. N. Cochrane	PE Health		Mr. I. Pellizzari	Principal
Ms. K. Pecuh	2A-Teacher		Ms. K. Clause	Reading Specialist		Mr. J. McLean	Vice-Principal
Ms. B. Nantais	2B-Teacher		Ms. T. Doyle	ESL Teacher			
Ms. S. Biggs	3A-Teacher		TBD	Prep Coverage			
Ms. M. Martin	3/4A-Teacher		Mr. J. McNeice	Ed Assistant			