



NORWOOD PARK



September, 2017

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Norwood Park Staff 2017-2018

Mme Huffman	Grade 1 Room 112
Mme Anderson (LTO)	Grade 1 Room 108
Mme Collins	Grade 1 Room 110
Mme Lardi (LTO)	Grade 1 Room 115
Mme DeWolfe	Grade 1 Room 109
Mme Wood-Martin	Grade 2 Room 113
Mme Gallacher	Grade 2 Room 126
Mme Sayer Bernal	Grade 2 Room 105
Mme Long	Grade 2/3 Room 135
Mme Thompson	Grade 3 Room 127
Mme MacLean	Grade 3 Room 131
Mme Schilthuis	Grade 3 Portable 8
Mme Amoah	Grade 3/4 Room 134
Mme Cyr (LTO)	Grade 4 Room 210
Mme Newman	Grade 4 Portable 6
Mme Hempseed	Grade 5 Portable 7
Mme Salciunas	Grade 5 Room 203
M Schneiderman	Grade 5/6 Room 209
Mme El-Dorra	Gr. 6 & LRT Rm 211
Mme Lofthouse	Gr. 6 & Pr. Art Rm 211
Mme Higgins	Grade 6/7 Room 202
Mme Gordon	Grade 7 Room 206
Mme Vrgoc	Grade 7/8 Library
Mme Dube	Grade 8 Room 208
Mme Lane	Core English/Gym
Mme Bianchi	LRT Room 103
Mme Bodner	Music/Core Eng./ Drama Room 132
Mme Chiaravalle	Core English
Mme Pugliese	Core English
M. Lemmond	Core English Rm 204
Mme Besser	Educational Assistant
M Bowker	Head Caretaker
M Grandits	Assistant Caretaker
Mme Pond	Assistant Caretaker
Mme Boyle	Assistant Caretaker
Mme Finlay	Office Administrator
Mme Beattie-Bigalow	Office Administrator
Mme C. Lacroix	Vice Principal
M. R. Contant	Principal

*F*rom the Principal's Desk ...



Welcome back! I hope that you have enjoyed the recent holidays with family & friends and I certainly look forward to working with your children through the school year once again. We would like to welcome Mme Sayer - Bernal, who will be teaching grade 2 and Mme Lacroix as our new Vice Principal. Mme Cyr (Occasional Teacher for Mme Amodeo) has rejoined our grade 4 team until the New Year. Mme Anderson (Occasional Teacher for Mme DeSantis) will be in our grade 1 class until Mme DeSantis returns and Mme Lardi, will be with us in our new grade 1 class, until the beginning of October.

We are sad to see Mme Finlay go, however, we are happy for her and wish her all the best as she and her husband reunite with their daughter, son-in-law and grandson in Edmonton.

While we are on the topic of comings and goings, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I will be retiring from the Hamilton Board of Education on October 31st. I have enjoyed the past 32 years with the HWDSB, both as a teacher and administrator. It has been a pleasure ending my career at Norwood Park School working with such a dedicated, professional team and school community. I wish you all well and look forward to the next two months working together.

Please take the time to drop by the office and say hello to Mme Finlay, Mme Beattie-Bigalow, Mme Lacroix and myself when you are in the building.

A reminder that a key to your child's success is effective and ongoing communication. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Mme Lacroix or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope that you find the 2017/18 school year to be both academically rewarding and enjoyable for your child(ren).



Meet the Teacher
Thursday September 14th, 2017
5:00 - 6:00pm
Please join us!

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All students received their agendas on the first day of school. The agenda is a tool for learning. Teachers will be expecting our students to carry their agendas with them at all times. Parents should review their child(ren's) agenda on a daily basis, to keep informed of upcoming events, assignments and activities. **We are hoping that you can help offset the cost by sending a \$5.00 DONATION with your child by Friday, September 15th, 2017. (Available Cash On Line)**

At the beginning of each school year, there are a number of forms we require, most of which have to do with your child(ren's) safety. We know that this takes time, but thought you might appreciate getting most of the forms we require at once. All forms will be coming home this week and we would ask that you **PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS SIGNED IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACES by Friday, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2017.**

Road Safety / School Bus Safety

Get Ready - Practice your route to school and point out any dangers to your children.



Get Set - Teach your children the Four Steps to safely cross the street.

- Stop and Look both ways
- Listen for traffic
- Wait until the street is clear and all traffic has stopped
- Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they have seen you



And Remember - Always walk on the sidewalk. Children under 9 need supervision when they cross the street. Children should walk to school with a parent, a sibling or a responsible friend.

School Bus Safety - Talk to your children about the school bus rules

- Don't let your children arrive too early - they may wander.
- Tell them to come straight home when they get off the bus.
- Have a plan if your child misses the bus
- Remind your children to find a seat and stay seated until the driver says they can get off
- When getting off the bus, remind your children to take all their belongings. One backpack is easy to remember
- Teach your children to walk out away from the front of the bus when the red lights are flashing; that way the driver can see them.



Once again this year, we are asking parents to contact the school when your child is going to be late or absent. Please leave your child's name,

BELL TIMES FOR 2017 - 2018



Please note that our school day remains the same with six 50-minute periods, **HOWEVER, our start time and end time have changed.** Our school day is now as follows:

8:55	Student Entry
8:55 - 10:35	Instructional Block #1
10:35- 11:15	Nutrition Break
10:35- 10:55	Students Outside
10:55- 11:15	Students Inside
11:15 - 12:55	Instructional Block #2
12:55 - 1:35	Nutrition Break
12:55- 1:15	Students Outside
1:15- 1:35	Students Inside
1:35- 3:15	Instructional Block #3
3:15	Dismissal

All students not taking the bus will be dismissed to the back playground to meet parents/guardians.

Thank You

A special thank you to M. Bowker, Mrs. Boyle and M. Grandits for the *outstanding* job they have done in preparing the school for the new year. The school looks **GREAT!**



Front Door Reminder

Students are reminded to ONLY use the Front Entry Doors when arriving after 8:55a.m. or leaving PRIOR to the 3:15 p.m. dismissal.

A REMINDER THAT ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL ARE TO REPORT TO THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL.

Thank You



Life

Threatening Allergies

Many children have allergies. A few, however, are life threatening. The most common causes of life-threatening reactions are food, drugs, insect stings and exposure to natural latex rubber. **If your child has a life threatening allergy that we don't know about, please let the school/Office know.** With your help, we will do our best to prevent mishaps and to make sure that all our students are safe, healthy and able to concentrate on learning. **Norwood Park continues to be a NUT SAFE School** this year as we have several students with life threatening allergies.

Your **Character** isn't just something you're born with; it's how you choose to act. Becoming the kind of person you want to be is a lifelong journey that is made up of small steps. Every choice you make defines your character...

September's Character Trait CITIZENSHIP

What does Citizenship look like at school:

- standing at attention for O'Canada
- listening carefully to the announcements
- following classroom and school rules
- volunteering and taking pride in our school environment and community

Nous tenons comme droits et privileges d'être membres responsables et actifs dans notre communauté.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you are new to Grade one and would like an electronic version of our newsletter, please let the office or your child's teacher know and we will send you an authorization form.



Safe School Procedures...

Our School Community continues to work together ensuring a safe school. One of the goals is to educate and heighten awareness of necessary safety rules in and around the school. Please remember that the **parking lot** is an **out of bounds area** for our students. There is **No Stopping/Parking at ANY time** in the school bus loading area or in the staff parking lot except for parents dropping off or picking up their children from the YMCA program. Please be courteous of our neighbors at the end of the day by making sure their driveways are not being blocked. Safety of the students is a priority. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Gentle Reminder - you will have noticed that again this year, teachers & support staff are meeting their students outside each morning at 8:55 a.m. on the back playground. This practice will continue throughout the school year. In an attempt to keep the hallways and entry doors congestion free, we are asking that all parents/guardians say good bye to their child(ren) outside each morning. This allows for a safe and orderly entrance into the building.

All students who do not take the bus will be dismissed onto the BACK PLAYGROUND at the 3:15 p.m. dismissal bell. Parents/guardians will meet students on the back playground to avoid congestion at the front of the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Please remind children that the **CREATIVE PLAY STRUCTURE** continues to be an **"Out of Bounds Area"** unless supervised by a parent/guardian.

Thank You for your continued support ...

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Join our School Council

It's a great way to get involved with your child's education.

- ◆ Have input and learn about current school initiatives
- ◆ Strengthen the partnership between parent and school staff members
- ◆ Assist in organizing fundraisers
- ◆ Help decide where School Council funds are being spent to support student learning

Involvement in School Council Meetings/Fundraising can vary depending on your availability

First School Council Meeting

6:30-8:00pm

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017.
ALL WELCOME in the Music Room (132)
Election of Council Members.

Nomination forms are available on line. If you prefer a hard copy, please send a note to the office. Thank you



School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. School Cash Online is available at all HWDSB schools.

School Cash Online is an on-line payment service offered through the KEV Group. The KEV Group is Canadian owned and operates its head offices in the Province of Ontario. There are over 9,000 schools using KEV's solutions for managing school bookkeeping across North America.

The School Cash Online website is certified compliant with Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards. School Cash Online does not share personal information with any third party. They do not store credit card information on their own web servers, computers or other devices. With the exception of funds loaded into MyWallet, your payment information must be entered every time you checkout.

The KEV Group uses Moneris as the payment processor. Moneris is Canada's largest payment processor, processing over 3 billion credit and debit transactions every year.

To participate in using this service, your child must obtain a one-time PIN code from the school for our secure registration process. If you require a PIN code, please contact the school office. Newly registered grade 1 students will receive their PIN codes a few weeks into the school year.



Safe Welcome Program

This program supports a welcoming learning environment by ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors can access elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe.

Exterior school doors will continue to be locked during the instructional day, and visitors will access the school during school hours via the main entrance.

You will notice that our main entrance is equipped with a video/intercom access system and signage. The access system allows staff to see and talk with any visitors requesting entry into the school. The system also allows school office staff to electronically release the lock on the door.

Please note that visitors must report to the office for sign-in.

COURTESY TRANSPORTATION

Our office administrators have been working very hard on the organization of our bussing. Once everything is in place and all spots have been confirmed we will begin to offer courtesy transportation. Until then we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this process.

