

R.L. Hyslop Elementary School



OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

October 3 - Photo Day

October 8 – Thanksgiving Day

October 17 – Dental Screening (JK, SK, grade 2)

October 30 – Progress Report Cards sent home

October 31 – Fall Festival Parade (9:15am)



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HILL, VICE PRINCIPAL

A huge thank you to all of our students and their families for a great start to the 2018-2019 school year! We had a very successful first month of school. We are continuing to focus on and reinforce the “3Rs” of RL Hyslop: Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect RL Hyslop. Congratulations to all of those students who remember what that respect looks, sounds and feels like every day.

Thank you to Adrienne Bothen and her small team of volunteers for looking after the selling of pizza and drinks at our Meet the Staff night. My thanks also to the parents and guardians who attended our first School Council meeting for the year, especially those who were willing to take on executive positions.

As you are aware we will be making changes to our grades 1/2 to 4/5 classes on Thursday, October 4th, and will be creating an additional combined grade 2/3 class. Staff will monitor these transitions carefully and do our best to support all students through this process.

October is going to be a busy month with the startup of our pizza days, smoothie days and nutrition program. Please see more information about all of these later in the newsletter and remember to subscribe to our website and follow us on Twitter for updates and reminders throughout the month and year!

STAFFING UPDATE

We wish Ms. Vogt all the best as she will be moving from R.L. Hyslop to continue her teaching career at Tiffany Hills Elementary School in Ancaster. We appreciate all her hard work and the energy and enthusiasm she brought to our Junior/Intermediate Music Program. Her last day at Hyslop is Friday November 2. We would also like to welcome Ms. Tremain who will be starting as our new music teacher on Monday November 5.

ATTENDANCE CHECK – ABSENT OR LATE



Please call the school (905-662-8425) if your child is going to be absent or late. The answering machine at the school is on 24 hours. Help us to ensure the safety of your child.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our first School Council Meeting occurred Wednesday September 26th. We are pleased to announce our Council for 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in learning more about School Council or becoming involved, please connect with any member or join us at our next meeting on Monday December 3 at 6:30 pm in the library.

Adrienne Bothen – Chair
Linda Wallace – Treasurer
Margaret Morse - Secretary
Lee-Ann Wallman – Fundraising
Monique Moore – Voting Member
Melissa Stewart – Voting Member
Jen Zorony – Voting Member
Kelly Lickman – Voting Member
Natalie Maclean - Community Rep



The annual bazaar will be on December 13th - keep your eyes open for more information!

PIZZA, SMOOTHIES AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Pizza Days will continue on Fridays beginning October 19th. Smoothie Days will be held on Wednesdays starting on October 17th. Orders for these can be placed online for the month of October until October 10th. November and December are also available for purchase at this time if you wish to do multiple months at once.

Our Hungry Hawks Shop will be open every Tuesday during first nutrition break where popcorn, baked Lays Chips, cookies and milk will be sold. These items are all \$1.00. Frozen yogurt is also available at a cost of \$2.00.

We are aiming to have our Taste Buds Nutrition Program up and running for students who need an extra healthy snack during the day (e.g., fruit, veggies, yogurt, cheese, crackers) on Mondays and Thursdays. We are aiming to have this started the week of October 15th.

R.L. Hyslop also has special exemption nutrition days scheduled during the school year. Your child's teacher will notify you of these dates if necessary. Our school is allotted one nutrition exemption day per month. With this in mind, we ask that you please do not send food items when celebrating your child's birthday or other special events. October 31st is our next exception day. We encourage healthy snacks. **All food items must be peanut/nut free.**

VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE POLICE CHECK: VULNERABLE SECTOR SCREENING



Part of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Volunteer Policy is that all volunteers working with children must have obtained a Vulnerable Sector Screening Report. This is essentially a criminal record check and is put in place to protect our children. To obtain such a report, application forms are available at the Police Station or on-line. Complete the form and submit either in person at the Hamilton Police Services Headquarters on King William Street in Hamilton or on-line. There is a cost for the check and it is valid for 3 years with the HWDSB. Returning volunteers must also sign an offence declaration each year. Please contact the school office for more information.