



Adelaide Hoodless

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From the Principal's Desk

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Welcome Back to Adelaide Hoodless!

I hope everyone had a great summer vacation. We have had a terrific first week back. The cooler temperatures have meant more comfortable learning environments.

Construction over the summer has brought significant improvements to our physical plant. The kindergarten conversion is almost complete. The new kindergarten room (former library) and grade 1 room (former book room) received new floors, lighting, and paint. A wall was built between the two spaces to create separate classrooms. Work is continuing in the lower level to improve the music room and to convert room 5 into the library. Work in these spaces should be complete by the end of September. Work will then begin improving the science and art rooms. Other improvements are scheduled and will be announced as details are finalized.

Adelaide will also be receiving a significant upgrade to our playground thanks to a joint project between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board. The first part of the project will be our project with Green Venture. We received a grant to de-pave parts of our playground. Our de-pave event occurs Saturday, October 14th at 9:00 am. We need all the volunteers possible to help remove the asphalt. The asphalt will be cut by professionals, but volunteer muscles are required to remove the pieces. Volunteers will be WSIB trained. We also welcome any donations of food and drink to help us get through the day. More information will be following shortly. We have partnered with a Landscape Architect to ensure our plants are low pollen and native to this area.

We had a few last minute changes to our staff over the summer. Ms. Gould is the temporary DECE in 9D with Ms. J. Morine and Ms. Rocznik. Ms. Rocznik is partnering with Ms. Morine in 9D. Ms. Morine will be here days 1-3 and Ms. Rocznik days 3-5. Ms. Centanni is in 9A with Ms. Ritchie. Ms. Husslage and Ms. Ridos are teaching class 9E. The teams of Ms. Fennell and Ms. Beasley and Ms. Tweedle and Ms. Theroux remain intact. Ms. Orovan will be teaching 1A for the month of September until re-organization at the end of September. Ms. Matthews is the new grade 3 teacher in 3A. Mr. Knight-Messenger is the new junior French teacher and shares 5A with Ms. Wagner. Ms. McFarlane (formerly Ms. Gagne) is our new primary LRT. Finally, we welcome Mr. MacLeod as our new vice-principal. We are very fortunate to have both Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Glenn full-time in our office.

Fidget spinners are not allowed at Adelaide this year without following a process that will include meetings with the classroom teacher, Learning Resource Teacher, and administration. We support all students being provided with accommodations to help them focus. As a team (parent, educators, child) we will determine a plan to support this.

Students in grade 5-8 who wish to go out for lunch second nutrition break, must have a written note each day they go out. We will not accept a blanket letter of permission. The note must identify the date, the student name, and the lunch destination. This helps us to locate students who may not return after nutrition break. Student safety is a priority. Please see more detailed information on page 2.

We look forward to working with all of you to help build this amazing school community.

Nanci Simpson—Principal

Important Dates

Photo Day—September 19
October 5th—Meet the Staff
(5:00-6:30)
October 14th—De-Pave Project
Part 1
October 28th—De-Pave Project
Part 2
Photo Re-take Day—November
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January 25 – Grad 8 grad
photos
March 1 – SK grad photos
June 20th - Graduation
June 28th—Last day of School

PA Day Dates

Friday, September 22
Friday, November 3
Friday, December 1
Friday, January 26
Friday, March 2
Friday, June 8
Friday, June 29

School Holidays

October 9th
December 25th-June 5th
February 19th
March 12th-16th
March 30th-April 2nd
May 21st

CREATIVE PLAYGROUND

Our creative playground is open to children in grades FDK-5 during nutrition breaks. All students in the school have received safety training and are expected to follow the rules.

Staff supervise the playground during both nutrition breaks and reserve the right to ask children to leave the area if they are not playing safely. Students are not allowed on the creative before (8:35-8:50) and after school (3:10-3:25).

We also will close the creative during wet weather or when the temperature drops below freezing. We reserve the right to limit use to the playground if we feel conditions are unsafe.

In compliance with HWDSB policy, all volunteers, including volunteers for trips and volunteer drivers, must have a current Vulnerable Sector Check to be permitted to volunteer. We recognize this can be difficult. We are including the link that provides you the information required as well as an option to complete the form electronically. You also require a letter from the school. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to receive a letter. If the cost of VSC is problematic, please speak to your child's teacher. We never want finances to be a barrier to parent participation.

<https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/how-to/obtain-criminal-records-check>

FOOD FOR KIDS

Adelaide Hoodless is in the second year of partnership with Food for Kids. Food for Kids provides many of our students with nutritious food to help them over the weekend and holidays.

Cold and flu season is upon us. Please review proper hand washing procedure with your child. If your child is very ill (fever, vomiting, diarrhea) please keep them home from school.

Kindergarten parents are reminded to bring their children in through the kindergarten doors. Please do not accompany your children into the school. This makes the halls too crowded and makes it difficult for us to monitor who is in the building. We have over 125 FDK students at Adelaide. The halls are crowded and we need to ensure everyone is safe. Please work hard to be on time so you do not need to enter through the front doors. We need to maximize every minute of instructional time!

NUTRITION BREAK PROCEDURES

All students are required to stay in their home classes during Nutrition Break #1 (10:30am-11:10). Students in grades 5-8 are permitted to go out for Nutrition Break #2 (12:50pm-1:30), however, the following restrictions apply:

- Students who go HOME for lunch may have a blanket permission form signed and on file with the classroom teacher.
- Students who want to go out to a store or area business MUST have a written, dated and signed note for each day they go out. The note must clearly identify the lunch destination (for example Subway, KFC, the Fry Truck). We will not take phone call permission. This is for student safety in the event they do not return back to school or if the school is evacuated during nutrition break. We need to know where our kids are to ensure their safety.
- Students who leave for nutrition break must leave for the entire 40 minutes. Students must re-enter through the front door. Students will not be allowed back onto the school playground with food or beverages.
- All food and beverage must be consumed prior to re-entering the school.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the school.

Important Information:

School Day Organization

SCHOOL DAY-Kindergarten/Primary/Junior/Intermediate

(Balanced)-Entry: 8:50

Instructional Block 1: 8:50-10:50

Nutrition Break 1: 10:50-11:30(students remain at school)

Instructional Block 2: 11:30-1:10

Nutrition Break 2: 1:10-1:50 (students may go home for lunch with permission)

Instructional Block 3: 1:50-3:10

Dismissal: 3:10

Drop Off and Pick Up

Supervision on the playground begins at 8:35 a.m. There is no supervision prior to that time so we ask that students not arrive prior to 8:35. Please make sure that your child knows their correct entry door at the back of the school. JK-3 students will be met at their entry doors by a staff member. Grades 4 to 8 students will enter the school through the main doors at the back of the school. Students are dismissed out the same doors. Parents picking up students are asked to meet them at the back of the school at dismissal time. Please note that outside supervision ends at 3:25 and we expect students to be off the playground by that time. Please do not idle your cars along Springer or park in front of the school on Maplewood. Parents are reminded that parking in either parking lot is restricted to HWDSB staff and should not be used for drop off or pick up. Additionally, do not cut through either parking lot to access the school. Please enter the playground by the main gates only. We encourage your children to walk or ride to school.

Adelaide Hoodless Home and School and Adelaide School Council

Adelaide Hoodless is fortunate to have a strong Home and School Association with deep roots in the community. Everyone is invited to become a member, although you do not need to be a member to attend meetings. Meetings are traditionally held the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm. The meeting is held upstairs in the staff room. Child care is available. The first meeting this year is Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm. Please consider attending.

We are currently in the process of building our School Council. Please consider attending our meetings and become a member of our School Council. We meet the same evenings as the AHSA but at 6:00 pm. Our first meeting is September 13 and we will meet in the staff room.

ADELAIDE CLOTHING CLOSET

Please be advised the Adelaide Clothing Closet is currently closed as the space is required for storage during construction. We are presently in consultation with HWDSB staff to explore the feasibility of maintaining the closet for Health and Safety and Fire Code reasons. Please do not leave donations as they will not be processed. Access to the closet is now restricted to HWDSB staff only.