

Greenleaf Gazette

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

The sunshine is finally here, and with it, comes the final stretch of the school year. Hard to believe!

This is a very busy time as we wrap up another amazing year, and begin planning for September.

A huge thank you to our awesome Greenleaf staff for everything you do to go above and beyond for our students on a daily basis. From excursions to coaching to fundraising and beyond, **THANK YOU!**

A sincere thank you to our parent volunteers and members of School Council for everything you have done this year to support our school. Thank you for volunteering your time. Your help not only makes our school great, you also build a strong, supportive school community which founds us, **THANK YOU!**

To our students and their families, thank you for your commitment to student learning and to making this school a safe, kind, caring place for everyone to learn and grow. We continue to be in awe of not only the outstanding academic achievements of our students, but all of the ways that the learning extends in order to make our community a better, kinder, more environmentally-friendly and innovative place for all. **THANK YOU!**

As we begin to prepare for September, there are always a number of changes that we need to share with the community.

Next year we are projected to increase in student population. Currently, we have 596 students. Next year, we are projected to have 617 students. Due to this projected increase, we will have 26 classes, which is an additional two classes. We will be adding an additional Kindergarten class, as well as an additional Junior class.

Due to the increase in our student population and the limited learning spaces to accommodate this growth, the system program, Character Networks, will be re-locating to another school site for September 2019. We have welcomed this program as an important part of our school community for the last number of years, and we will be sad to say farewell to the staff and students who are a wonderful part of our Greenleaf family.

With this increase in classes, we have begun hiring new staff members to our team for September. We are pleased to welcome Ms. J. Tirimacco, who will be joining our Kindergarten team as a classroom teacher. We are also pleased to welcome Ms. A. McLaren, who will be joining our Kindergarten team as a DECE. Finally, Mrs. T. Huber, who currently teaches our Character Networks class, will be teaching in our Primary/Junior Division next year. Please join us in welcoming these staff members to our school community! In addition to welcoming new staff members for September, we will also be saying farewell to a staff member who has been part of the Greenleaf team for the last 19 years.

It is with mixed emotion that we would like to share that our fabulous Mme. Di Pelino will be retiring at the end of this school year.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. A. Guidotto to our Greenleaf team in September. Ms. Guidotto will be teaching Junior French. Please join us in welcoming her to our school community.

While Mme. Di Pelino will be deeply missed by our school community, we are looking forward to celebrating this exciting milestone with her.

On behalf of all of us: Congratulations, Mme. Di Pelino! Thank you for your many years of service in education, and for the positive impact that you have had on our Greenleaf community. You will be missed, but we wish you the very best.

We are also saying farewell to the following staff members:

Ms. J. Duffield, who has served on our Educational Assistant team for the Character Networks program.

Mr. E. Anderson, who has served on our Educational Assistant team for the Character Networks program.

Ms. D. Lewis, who has served on our Educational Assistant team for the last two school years in a Long Term Occasional position.

Ms. B. Higginson, who has served on our Kindergarten team this past year as a DECE in a Long Term Occasional position.

Ms. L. Castellan, who has served on our Kindergarten team this past year as a classroom teacher in a Long Term Occasional position.

Ms. K. Heublein, who has served on our Educational Assistant team since the beginning of the school year.

Ms. M. Trindade, who has served on our Primary team since October as a Grade 2 classroom teacher in a Long Term Occasional position.

Ms. S. Coburn, who has served on our Kindergarten team since January as a 0.2 classroom teacher in a Long Term Occasional position.

Ms. J. Zaza, who has served on our Junior/Intermediate team since February as our Music, Art, Drama teacher in a Long Term Occasional position.

Ms. C. Miscione, who has served as our Character Network teacher in a Long Term Occasional position.

On behalf of our school community, thank you to each and every one of you for your dedication and positive impact on our school community. We wish you all the very best!

It has been a privilege to serve as your administrative team this year, and we look forward to working together as a school community in September.

We wish everyone a wonderful end to the school year, and a safe and happy summer!

Ms. Snell

HWDSB HEAT EVENT

With the warmer weather now approaching, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) would like to make you aware of our procedures during a heat event.



The City of Hamilton Public Health department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 degrees or higher humidex reading.

Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- limit physical outdoor activities
- ensure access to water
- close drapes and blinds
- move students through cooler areas of the school
- monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our school has a Before and After-School program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. If you completed the Before and After-School survey earlier this year, and you provided consent to release your information, we will be providing your contact information to our existing child care operator. For more information on the Before and After-School Program you can reach the program at **YMCA**. If you require information on the City of Hamilton's child care subsidy program you can call 905-546-4870 or check their website <https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/early-years-and-child-care-services/financial-support-child-care>

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 4-6-Gr. 8 Kilcoo Camp Trip
 June 4-Jr. Soccer Tournament-Ancaster
 June 4-Special Olympics
 June 6-JK/SK Soccer World
 June 6-Special Olympics
 June 7-P.A. Day-No School
 June 10-Senior Track & Field-Mohawk
 June 11-Band-Wonderland
 June 11-Gr. 1&2's Twin Valley Zoo
 June 11-5A Scientists in the Classroom
 June 14-Gr. 5&6 McMaster Sports Camp
 June 17-Gr. 6 Warplane Museum
 June 19-Grad Rehearsal
 June 20-Grade 8 Graduation
 June 21-Jr. Track & Field
 June 24-Gr. 1-3 Bowling
 June 25-Gr. 4-6 Bowling
 June 26-Report cards go home
 June 26-Play Day
 June 27-Last day of School
 June 28-P.A. Day-No School

DRESS CODE

Now that the weather is warmer, please support your child in choosing appropriate clothing to stay cool. Below is the dress code expectations.



Students, staff and other school personnel are required to wear clothing that is appropriate and suitable for the school environment and setting.

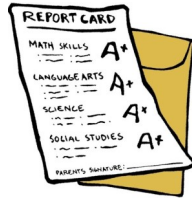
The following are the expectations regarding dress code at A.A. Greenleaf School:

Students, staff and other school personnel will not wear:

- Clothing or jewelry that bears suggestive or objectionable pictures, logos, words, symbols, any offensive, violent or racist comments or messages
- Haltertops, tube tops, muscle shirts, tops with low cut necklines, spaghetti straps or tops that expose midriff sections or under-garments; shirt straps will be a minimum width of 2 fingers
- Pants, shorts or skirts which expose undergarments, or that are worn low on the hips. Shorts and skirts must be at least as long as the end of a student's fingers when their arm is fully extended at their side
- Jewelry that could compromise the safety of others
- Students dressed inappropriately will, at the least, be required to cover up.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be distributed to students on June 26th this year. The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 27, 2019. Please note that if you are planning to take your child out of school early, please let the teacher know. If your child is not at school on the last day and will not be returning we will mail the report card to your home. Please send in the third page of the report.



CLASS ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019



Round two of teacher postings and interviews are taking place over the next couple of weeks. Between now and September, please keep in mind that staffing may change due to a number of factors.

Having said that, tentative teacher assignments will be indicated when reports go home on Wednesday June 26th.

Our hope is that by doing this, first day of school anxiety may be reduced as children will have an opportunity to prepare over the summer. Our staff spends a tremendous amount of time and energy creating class lists. Staff teams collaborate to create these lists. Requests to have students move classes will not be granted.

Kindergarten students will receive a postcard in the mail indicating their class assignment and the date and time of the JK or new SK meeting on September 3. With the staggered entry, new JK students will have one hour visits on Tuesday, September 3rd. **All Junior and Senior Kindergarten students start on Wednesday September 4, 2018.**

"VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: ENTHUSIASM

You are practicing *enthusiasm* when you have a positive attitude. When you enjoy whatever you are doing, even the duller job can be fun. Use your imagination to find ways to enjoy what you are doing. Take time for simple pleasures and enjoy the wonders of life. Show enthusiasm to others by celebrating with them when something wonderful happens. Your enthusiasm shines through your smile.



I am full of enthusiasm. I look on the bright side. I give 100% to whatever I do. I use my imagination. I am open to the wonders in store for me today.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

With **SafeArrival**, families report a child's absence in one of the three ways:



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

1. Use the SafeArrival website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select **Sign up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (or from links at go.schoolmessenger.ca). the first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, seven days a week. You can report a future absence any time. Student records will show an unexplained absence if it is not reported. Late students must report to the office before going to class to have their attendance recorded.

COURTESY BUS TRANSPORTATION

All students who are eligible for Transportation to and from school will be notified in writing by the bus company during the summer. If your child does not receive information about drop off and pick-up, they are not permitted to ride the bus. The School Board aims to have the buses that they run full to capacity with eligible students. Each year there are some extra seats available on our buses. The number of seats varies each year and cannot be predicted prior to September. Parents can come into the office in September to get a form to request Courtesy Transportation. If and when we determine that we have extra seats available for Courtesy Transportation we will allocate the seats to the students who live the furthest from the school. Please know that Courtesy Transportation is not guaranteed from one year to the next. Each year we process the requests based on the number of seats available in that year. Also note: if your child is in Kindergarten this year and qualified for transportation but is in grade 1 in September, they may no longer qualify for transportation. The distance from school to qualify for transportation changes at grade 1 and again in the later years. The distance from school to qualify for transportation increases as the age of your child increases. To view the HWDSB Transportation Policy please refer to the Board website.

