



Balaclava Bulletin

Summer 2018

From the Principal's Desk . . .



This is the time of year when we look back on the school year and it certainly has been another busy one at Balaclava!

It is with mixed emotion that we say good-bye to another school year. We wish our graduating class all the best next year as they move on to secondary school. We are certain that your time at Balaclava has prepared you for the challenges ahead.

This is also a time to say good-bye to our departing staff. Mrs. Higginson, Ms. Kuzmichuk, Mr. Maloch, and Mrs. Price were with us this year on a long-term basis and will be moving on to new assignments for the fall. Mrs. MacLachlan who had the position of Reading Specialist for our kindergarten and grade 1 classes will be moving to a new school. Mrs. Attwood will also be starting at a new school. Mme. Wright will be on a leave for the 2018/19 school year.

Additionally, due to our lower projected enrollment for September, we had staff in a surplus position (determined by seniority at HWDSB). Mrs. Arruda, Ms. Clarke, and Mrs. Lucyshyn will be starting at new schools in September. Also, Mrs. Pyper will be at Balaclava 3 days each week.

We wish all our departing staff well in their new positions and thank them for their dedication to the Balaclava school community.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

M Wilson
Principal

Balaclava Band & Choir

Congratulations to the Balaclava Band and Choir on their wonderful performances at the Festival of Music at Canada's Wonderland. The adjudicators were very impressed with our dynamics and articulation.



Thank you to Balaclava's Home and School and the Carlisle Optimist Club for their on-going support of our students and the Music program at Balaclava.

Miss Clarke

Balaclava School Office re-opens

- August 27-30, 9am to 3pm

School Resumes

- Tuesday, September 4, 9am.

Balaclava staff members will **meet all students (gr1-8) on the playground** and help them find their new teacher. Classes will enter together and go to their new classroom.

Please note, classroom assignments for students will not be distributed prior to September 4.

The Balaclava Staff wishes



our community a happy and safe summer!

See you back at Balaclava September 4.

September Procedures for FDK

As we will be welcoming our new JK students for the first time, the FDK classrooms will use the following start up procedure.



Be sure to adjust your start up calendar using the information below. Families of new JK students will receive a post card indicating their visit time.

Tuesday, **September 4**

- JK Visits, SK does not attend

Wednesday, **September 5**

- all JK Students and
- all SK Students attend



Terry Fox Run 2018

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 (with a rain date of Friday, September 28). Our goal will be to raise a toonie per person! We will send out more information in September.

2018-2019 HWDSB Elementary School Calendar

- Monday, September 3 - Labour Day Holiday**
- Tuesday, September 4 - First day of school**
- Friday, September 21 - P. A. Day** (no school for students)
- Monday, October 8 - Thanksgiving Holiday**
- Friday, November 2 - P. A. Day** (no school for students)
- Friday, December 7 - P. A. Day** (no school for students)
- December 24 - January 4 - Christmas Holidays**
- Monday, January 7 - School Resumes**
- Friday, January 25 - P. A. Day** (no school for students)
- Monday, February 18 - Family Day**
- Friday, March 1 - P. A. Day** (no school for students)
- March 11 - March 15 - March Break**
- Friday, April 19 - Good Friday Holiday**
- Monday, April 22 - Easter Monday Holiday**
- Monday, May 20 - Victoria Day Holiday**
- Friday, June 7 - P. A. Day** (no school for students)
- Thursday, June 27 - Last day of instruction for students**
- Friday, June 28 - P. A. Day** (no school for students)

2018-19 Balaclava Staff

Ms. L. Wynne	FDKA
Mrs. B. Martin	FDKA
Mrs. M. Moase	FDKB
Ms. S. Miranda	FDKB
Mrs. J. Marshall	1A
Ms. A. Todoruck	1/2A
Mrs. C. Button	2A
Mrs. S. Cassidy	2/3A
Ms. K. Gilbank	3/4A
Ms. P. Pirie	4A
Mrs. D. Rocznik	5A
Ms. J. Keyte	5/6A
Mr. M. Ansty	6A Advisor
Mrs. C. Barrett	6/7A Advisor
Mr. G. Hewitt	7/8A Advisor
Mrs. S. DeLong	7/8B Advisor
TBD for Mme. L. Wright	Core French
M. R. Barrett	Core French
Mr. T. Nicks	Phys. Ed. & Music
Mrs. C. Pyper	Library
Mrs. L. Ardron	Learning Resource
Mrs. K. Sisler	Educational Assistant
Mrs. M. Wright	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Powell	Caretaking
Mr. S. Meto	Caretaking
Mrs. D. Nelligan	Office Administrator
Ms. M. Wilson	Principal
Ms. S. Dunlop	Superintendent
Ms. P. Deathe	Trustee

School Cash Online

Just a reminder for those families with children moving to another HWDSB school in September, your School Cash Online payment history and registration will move with you to the next school (elementary and secondary school).

Volunteering at Balaclava



Thanks to all the amazing volunteers that we are fortunate to have at Balaclava! Whether it is helping out in a classroom, on an excursion or in our school library, volunteers are important to us at Balaclava. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please request a volunteer package from our office. **This package must be completed annually along with proof of a Vulnerable Sector Screening.** This screening can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online.
<http://www.policiesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton>.