

Meeting Norms

- Microphone off
- Hand up or use the chat for questions
- Welcome to turn on your video when asking questions
- We will have time for questions at the end of our presentation







Land Acknowledgment

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt represents the treaty relationship between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Anishinaabe with respect to sharing the land and resources thereon.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.



Balaclava Elementary School

MISSION

Balaclava is an inclusive and engaging community where creativity and commitment to equity are utilized to optimize learning for all.

VISION

We aspire to make the world a better place through informed, responsible, and compassionate action.

MOTTO

When we look after ourselves and we look after one another, we all succeed.

Kindergarten Team (2021/22)

Ms. Axon (LTO) for Mrs. Marshall/

Mrs. Miranda (DECE)

Ms. Wynne/Mrs.Martin)/Ms. Spada

Mrs. Ardron (LRT)

Mrs. Sisler/Mrs. Harron (EAs)



Support System

- Speech and Language Pathologist Mrs. Pugsley
- English Language Learner Itinerant Educator Mrs. Shaw
- Social Work Consultation
- School Council Co-chairs (Mrs. Wright/Mrs. Meanchoff)
- Home and School Rep Ellie Millard
- Office Administrator Mrs. Nelligan
- Principal Ms. Rizzo
- Before and After School Care Umbrella Program (Danica)
- Flamborough Eye Care (Dr. Todd Ruhl)

Flamborough Eye Care

 Get a vision test – Eye See, Eye Learn (free eyeglasses): hwdsb.info/2PRmres

Before and After Care

Victoria Hernandez, Program Leader at Balaclava
905-975-1912

plbalaclava@umbrellafamily.com

• To add your child to our waiting list, parents can go directly to portal.umbrellafamily.com

The Kindergarten Program

Play based

Child centred

Developmentally appropriate

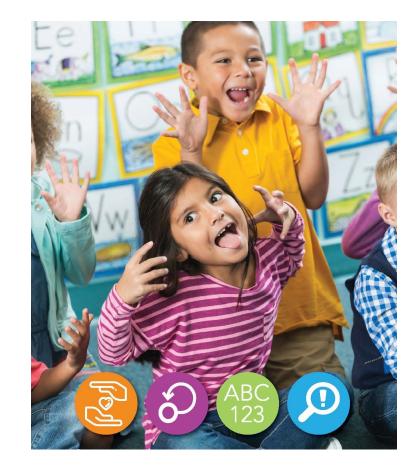
• Inclusive

Provides a safe and caring environment



Getting to know your child is our priority

- Educators observe each child to find their interests, their strengths and their learning needs
- Observation/documentation and assessment shape the play-based learning program
- Educators plan programming to meet each child's needs based on skills, strategies and interests demonstrated

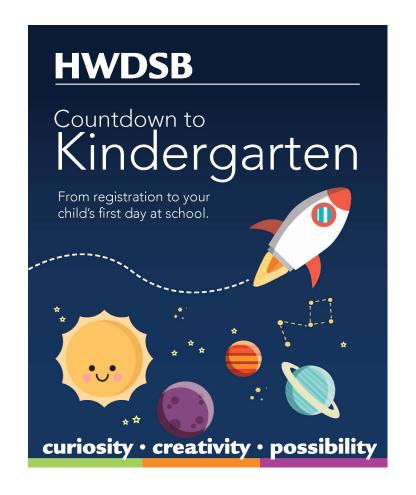


Intro to Kindergarten from Student

https://youtu.be/mzBK0xHg9Ak

Your child's day

- Full day, every day (9:15 3:35 p.m.)
- 2 Nutrition Breaks
- Outdoor exploration
- Variety of activity levels
- Buses/Drop off routines (Brave wave)
- Before and after-school programs (childcare)



A School Day and the Spaces we Explore









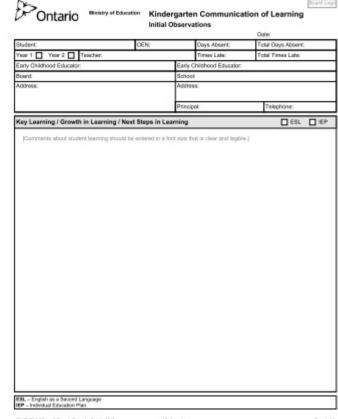
Communication

New to Kindergarten families- staggered start Ongoing communication methods: email, MS Teams, telephone etc.

Three Communication of Learning Reports:

- Fall (Nov) Initial Observations
- Winter (Feb) and Spring (June)

Full day Kindergarten: Understanding Your Child's Reports http://bit.ly/2V7xqxC



Medical Needs

- Plan of Care is required for all known medical conditions that may impact your child while at school.
- Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Asthma etc.
- Please contact our offices to receive a Plan of Care document balaclava@hwdsb.on.ca

Requires Physician signature

How can you get involved?



- Express interest in your child's learning
- Attend parent/caregiver/educator conferences
- Attend school events
- Volunteer/Home and School
- School Council
- Join an HWDSB advisory committee



The COUNTDOWN to the first day of school!

- Establish routines (sleep, eating times etc.)
- Practice opening containers independently, putting on shoes (Velcro)/coats
- Practice identifying their name, letters in their name etc.
- Visit your family doctor Immunizations
- Get a vision test Eye See, Eye Learn (free eyeglasses): hwdsb.info/2PRmreS
- Address speech concerns Early Words: hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo
 - (Referrals only possible up to August 31 of a child's first year in kindergarten).



Resources:

- Attend a Check It Out Clinic: hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe (these may reopen over the summer)
- Review the FREE LookSee Developmental Screen: www.lookseechecklist.com
- Find resources at hwdsb.info/kindergartenorientation

Questions?



We look forward to meeting you and your child!