



Billy Green Bulletin

September 2019

From the Principal's Desk . . .

Welcome back to the start of the 2019-2020 school year. We would like to begin by welcoming all of our new students and their families to the Billy Green community. We are certain that those new to Billy Green will recognize that this is a friendly school with a dedicated school team. Please introduce yourself and get to know our staff.

As an administration team, we are committed to celebrating the diversity at Billy Green and promoting a culture of inclusion. We will be continuing the work we began last year to build a better sense of community amongst students, staff, and families. It is important for all students to gain an appreciation of the impact of their words and actions compared to their intent.

We would also like to welcome our new staff members: Mrs. Blunsdon, Mr. Greenway, Mr. Ingrassia, Mrs. Carbone, Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Lubertino, Mme. MacLean, Ms. Montani, Mrs. Sun, and Ms. Tylee.

Over the next few weeks, families will be sent information from the school and the classroom teachers. We ask that you go over all material that is sent home, ensuring that the necessary paperwork is reviewed, signed and returned to school.

Additionally, all students will receive a student agenda. This is an important tool for organization and home/school communication and should travel home every afternoon and back to school every morning. We are asking for a donation of \$5 per student towards the cost of the agendas.

This year, we will be making even better use of the school website and calendar by posting information regularly. We will not be sending out monthly newsletters from the office. Please ensure that you have "subscribed" to our website so that you receive an email notification to your inbox when a new item is posted. If you subscribed last year, no additional action is needed. If you need some help subscribing, please call the office and we will walk you through the process (instructions are also attached).

Once again, welcome back and we're looking forward to seeing families September 12 at our Meet the Teacher Picnic!

M Wilson L Tovey
Principal Vice-Principal

Enclosed in this package are a number of information items and forms that need to be completed and returned during the first week of school.

Please keep the following for your reference at home:

- This newsletter
- School Year Calendar
- Life Threatening Allergy Information
- Emergency Closure Information
- Website Subscription Information
- School Cash Online Information

Please return the following forms/items to your child's homeroom teacher **by Friday, September 6, 2019.**

- Media Consent Agreement
- Emergency School Closure Form
- School Council Nomination Form (if interested in joining School Council)
- Technology Appropriate Use Guidelines
- \$5 for Student Agenda

Bell Times

8:40	Entry Bell
8:40 - 9:20	Period 1
9:20-10:00	Period 2
10:00 - 10:40	Period 3
10:40 - 11:20	Nutrition Break # 1
11:20 - 11:50	Period 4
11:50-12:20	Period 5
12:20 - 1:00	Period 6
1:00 - 1:40	Nutrition Break #2
1:40 - 2:20	Period 7
2:20 - 3:00	Period 8
3:00	Dismissal Bell

Save the Date . . .

September 12 (5:00-6:30pm)

- Meet the Teacher

September 19 (6:30pm)

- 1st School Council Meeting

September 20

- P. A. Day (no school for students)

September 26

- Terry Fox Run Day

September 27

- Deadline for Spirit Wear Orders

2019/20 Staff	Homeroom Class/ Assignment
Mrs. Dawson/Miss Lewis (for Ms. Pulice)	JSA
Mrs. Krouse-Cutler/Mrs. Hayes	JSB
Mrs. Byrne/Ms. Glover	JSC
Mrs. Voth	JSD
Mrs. DiCecca	1A
Mrs. Rusan	1B
Mrs. Maika	1C
Ms. Hughey	1/2A
Mrs. Mitchell	2A
Mrs. Cammisoli	2/3A
Mrs. Alexander	3A
Mrs. Miller-Boyes	3A & Lib/Pri Arts
Mrs. Ott	3/4A
Mrs. Palmer	3/4B
Mrs. Barr	4A
Mrs. Tremain	5A
Mr. Greenway	5B
Mrs. Lubertino	6A
Ms. Rodic	6B
Mr. Fleming	6/7A
Mr. Mace	7A
Mr. Soltesz	7/8A
Mrs. Begley	8A
Mrs. Wunsche	SJC
Mr. Minich	SIC
Mme. Volpe	French
Mme. MacLean	French
Mr. Ingrassia	Music
Mr. Forrest	FDK/Pri/Jr PE
Mrs. Carbone	FDK/Pri PE
Mr. Cherriere	LRT
Mrs. Procyshyn	LRT
Mrs. Blunsdon	Reading Specialist
Mrs. Sun	ESL
Mrs. Chiasson	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Kazlovskis	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Kennedy	Educational Assistant
Ms. Montani	Educational Assistant
Ms. Tylee	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Winter	Educational Assistant
Mr. Gaglione	Caretaking
Mr. Toth	Caretaking
Mrs. Woznica	Caretaking
Mr. Walker	Caretaking
Mrs. Humphreys	Office Administrator
Mrs. Hyatt	Office Assistant
Mrs. Tovey	Vice-Principal
Ms. Wilson	Principal
Mr. J. Gillies	Superintendent
Mr. C. Galindo	Trustee

Student Fees

School Fees this year will include Yearbook, School Lunch Days (pizza days, etc.), Picture Day Pictures, Grad Pictures, and Spiritwear. These opportunities are voluntary for our families.

Additionally, families will be asked to pay for costs associated with class trips. Although ultimately the decision to participate lies with the parent/guardian, we believe that these excursions are valuable extensions of the learning that is happening in the classroom.

In the event of a situation where a family is experiencing a hardship related to a school expense (e.g., a class trip), please contact Ms. Wilson directly to confidentially work out a plan for participation.

Prescribed Oral Medication

All medication (including non-prescription medication) that needs to be administered by staff requires a written authorization from a doctor and must also be signed by the parents. Please ask at the office if you need one of these forms. All medication will be kept at the office.



Volunteering at Billy Green

Whether it is helping out in a classroom, on an excursion, or in our school library, volunteers are important to us at Billy Green.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please request a volunteer package from our office. As per HWDSB policy, a volunteer package must be completed annually and a Vulnerable Sector Screening every three years. This screening can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online.

<http://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/>



Lost and Found

Although we have a "Lost and Found" box, many items are never claimed. We urge you to **label your children's clothing with their name**. At the end of every month all unclaimed articles are sent to community groups who can make good use of them. Whenever you are in the school please have a look at the "Lost and Found" box.

Buses

Attridge Bus Lines, Sharp Bus Lines, and First Student will be providing transportation again this year.

If you need to reach the dispatcher, please call:

Attridge - 905-690-2632

Sharp - 905-679-0001

First Student - 905-522-3232



To reach the **Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Transportation Department**, please call: 1-800-691-6402.

Valuables at School

We ask for your co-operation in not sending valuables to school. The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board does not have the kind of insurance coverage that would permit it to compensate students if valuable articles are lost or stolen at school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Billy Green School will not be responsible for lost or stolen valuables.

Leaving School Property for Lunch

Students from Grade 6-8 who would like to leave school property for lunch, during 2nd Nutrition Break, must have their parents/guardians complete the appropriate forms (one form for September to December and one form for January to June). Forms are available at the office. Students who are not going out on a daily basis, but leaving for lunch once in a while, must have a note from parents/guardians in their agenda on the days they have permission to go out for lunch.

BILLY GREEN SCHOOL

Meet the Teacher Picnic



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

5:00pm-6:30pm

- Mix & Mingle with Billy Green Staff on the school playground (classrooms will not be open)
- Pre-order pizza (forms sent home with your child) or bring your own dinner
- Funds raised through pizza orders will support our technology purchases this year
- Bring a blanket or your lawn chairs

**Please ensure that all children are accompanied by an adult throughout the evening. Thank-you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.*

In the event of rain, our Meet the Teacher will take place in the gym.