

Buchanan Park School



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Kindergarten Communication of Learning Report Cards To Go Home with Grade 1-6 Progress Reports on October 30

The 2018-19 school year will be our second year using the new, written Kindergarten report provided by the Ministry of Education.

Issued on Oct. 30, 2018, the written document Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations will be the first formal report of the year on your child's learning in Kindergarten. You can see the document online at <http://bit.ly/2wQDjaR>.

While this replaces observation visits, it aims to open home-school communication throughout the school year. The report includes clear, detailed, and straightforward information about your child's learning, growth in learning, and next steps in learning in relation to expectations in Kindergarten.

At HWDSB, each team of Kindergarten educators will schedule interviews with parents for all students in years one and two of the two-year Kindergarten program.

Thank you for choosing HWDSB for these Kindergarten years, which lay the foundation for your child's future achievements and success.

Student Safety in the Parking Lot/Reporting to Office when Entering the School

As you know at HWDSB student safety is one of our utmost concerns. In order to **keep students safe around the Parking Lot**, we ask that parents dropping off, please pull over and **stay on the ROAD**. There is a sidewalk just beyond (EAST of) the parking lot entrance which goes directly to the playground. Please have students get out onto this sidewalk!

Also, to keep the building secure for all students, we must ask parents to say goodbye each morning either on the playground or, if you are coming late after your child's class line has entered the building, then at the Front Doors. We understand that a loving send off to school is important for all students and that the transition may be more difficult for some than for others, but Board policy is very clear that any adult in the building must have an ID tag on. For this reason we must ask that all parents refrain from entering the building in the morning through any other door but the Front door and that if you wish to visit in the hall, you must get a Volunteer sticker.

We Need You! Join our 2018-19 Buchanan Park School Council!

School Council Elections were held on October 11. The following positions on School Council were acclaimed:

Lisa Honeyford Chair
Christine Garrett Treasurer
Melissa Crowley Voting Member

Alisa Burton Voting Member
Lynn Pothier Voting Member

There are still many positions available on Council! Please plan to come out to our November meeting on THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1 AT 6:00!

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Buchanan Park Staffing Changes

We have a few staffing changes that we need to make you aware of. On October 19th we welcomed Ms. Burke a new EA to our staff. We want to thank Ms. Oliver who had been filling in and will return to the supply list.

On November 2, 2018, we will be saying Goodbye to two temporary teachers who have done a wonderful job here at Buchanan. When Ms. Loughridge and Ms. Klotz meet with Parents to discuss Progress Reports on Friday November 2nd, they will be doing their last official duties at Buchanan Park. We wish to thank them for the excellent work that they have done in their short time here.

When students return to school on Monday November 5th after the PA Day, we will welcome Mr. Neal as the teacher of our Grade 5/6 class and Mr. Calabrese as the teacher of our Junior Comprehensive Special Education Class.

Safe and Secure School Drills

As in the past, we will be implementing our "Secure School Procedure" during this school year. Secure school procedures are used when there is a potential risk of harm to people within, or outside, the school setting. It is important that staff and students are prepared and know what to do should such a situation arise. It is equally important that parents and guardians know what would be happening in such situations.

The procedures in Hamilton-Wentworth District Schools have been developed in close consultation with the Hamilton Police Services.

A secure school situation is when direction for emergency response is required in the event of the following scenario:

Lockdown: A potential violent situation at the school

Hold and Secure: Safety situation in the neighbourhood external to the school

Shelter in Place: A potential environmental hazard outside the school

Bomb Threat: A report of or discovery of an explosive device

For young children, this procedure will be presented in the same way we present information for a fire drill. Sometimes we can be safe by leaving the building; sometimes we can be safe by staying in our classrooms.

Fire drills are in place to quickly evacuate the building. Secure school procedures are in place to have children "get in" to classrooms, and "get down", away from windows and doors. Both procedures are in place to reduce the risk of harm in potentially threatening situations.

Principals are required to practice these procedures twice during each school year. We will have one practice in the fall and the second in the spring. **We have tentatively planned for our fall practice to occur on Tuesday November 27th.**

Along with the information being presented at school, we encourage parents to talk with their children about the need to always be prepared, and that sometimes we go out of buildings for safety, and sometimes we stay in the buildings for safety. As always, your support is much appreciated.

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HWDSB Volunteer Policy

HWDSB's Volunteer Policy came into effect in 2015.

This Policy requires every Principal to interview Volunteer candidates and fill in the Volunteer Information Sheet and the School/Volunteer Agreement Form, and for all **NEW** volunteers to obtain a Police Check that is current within the last 6 months. After this initial Police Check is obtained, volunteers **without** a break in service will only need to update their Police Check **every 3 years**, but will need to fill out an **Offence Declaration Form** annually. If you are continuing to volunteer please obtain the Offence Declaration and hand it in to the office. If you are new to the school, then please drop by the office to get a volunteer package and set up an interview time with Mr. Playfair.

Attendance Check

Absent or Late?
Please Call...
(905) 387-5212 It is so important for the safety of your child that we know when they are away.

Future Newsletters

We did not receive as many commitments as we had hoped to from families, committing to accessing the Newsletter online instead of receiving a paper copy. Because of this, in order to save trees and reduce paper/photocopying costs, we will only be issuing quarterly Newsletters from now on as follows: February, April and June.

Bus Reminder...

Parents/guardians of JK students are advised to accompany and remain with your child until picked up by the school bus. No JK student should be left unattended at a pick up point. Parents/guardians are advised to be on time and present at the drop off point to receive their JK child. Thank you for your support in ensuring our students are safe! **October 24th is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day and we want our drivers to know how much we appreciate them!**

Thank You Drivers!!! We are fortunate to be having two Bus Safety Assemblies this week on October 30th. Please follow up with your child about Bus Safety afterwards.



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HALLOWE'EN

On Wednesday October 31st classes will celebrate Hallowe'en by having a class-room party and by going on a school-wide Hallowe'en parade. The Hallowe'en parade will start at 12:10 pm. Parents, Grandparents etc. are always welcome to come enjoy the parade in the Gymnasium.



If you would like to support your child's classroom by providing a **NUT-FREE** snack it would be much appreciated. This day is classified as one of our 10 NON-Nutritional days. Please check ALL labels for "**MAY CONTAIN**" warnings and if you're sending a homemade snack, please attach an ingredient listing as many students have other allergies as well. Healthy snacks such as fruit and/or veggies are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of Buchanan Park activities!



K-GR. 6 PARADE STARTING AT 12:10 PM

Pizza Days at Buchanan Park

(Not to be Confused with Opera Club Fundraiser Below!)



Weekly Pizza days began at Buchanan Park School on October 4th, 2018 and will run EVERY Thursday until



December 6. Pizza will resume on January 24 and will run up to and including June 13th. Order forms will be done **ONLY ONCE PER TERM!** (Every 10 weeks) Pizza will be provided by Domino's and will cost \$2.00 per slice. We ask that exact change be sent in to the school along with the order form for the entire 10 week period. Orders **MUST** be in by Noon on the due date and no late orders will be accepted!



BUCHANAN PARK OPERA CLUB LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER

Order form and payment due
by Monday, November 5th, 2018
Delivery of Pizza Kits on
Wednesday, November 21st, 2018



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Buchanan Park Picture Retake Day is Thursday Nov. 1!

If you would like to have re-takes done, then you must please return the Proof Package on or before the Re-take day on November 1st.

Thank You!



Picture Day is coming soon Order your portraits now



Scholastic Book Fair!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to you, we raised almost \$400.00 for new books for our Library!

Special Thanks to Ms. Kellam for organizing the Book Fair and many thanks to all of our Book Fair helpers Ms. Boyd, Ms. Peterson, Ms. Guidotto, Ms. Martens, Ms. Cadeau and of course our own student-helpers Jad and Jana!

Cross Country Meet

Congratulations to our awesome Cross Country Team. In September, many of our students in Grade 3-6 signed up for the Cross Country Team. After a few weeks of training, many were apprehensive of the challenge of going the distance. But on Wednesday October 10, 2018 on a very cool day at Christie Conservation Area, ALL students completed the very long race! (1 Km for Grade 3's, 1.5 Km for Grade 4's, 2.0 Km for Grade 5's, and a whopping 2.5 Km for Grade 6's). The team is to be commended not only for their excellent behaviour, which was noticed by many, but also for their perseverance, dedication and their amazing accomplishment! Buchanan was able to achieve two 1st place finishes and one 3rd place finish. Special Thanks to our Coaches Ms. Myke and Ms. Nicol!

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Sun-day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat-urday
Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30 Bus Safety Assemblies Progress Report Cards Home	Oct. 31 Hallowe'en Parade 12:10 PM	Picture 1 Re-Take Day School Council 6:00 PM	2 INTERVIEW PA DAY NO SCHOOL	3 Time Change
4	5	6	7 Swim Practice	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Swim Meet	24
25	26	27 9:30 Lockdown Practice	28	29	30	