

A heartfelt Welcome back and Hello to our Cootes Families!

We hope that you have had a relaxing summer of adventures and memories. While this year our start up will look different, our school staff is committed to welcoming our families and students in a manner that ensures the safety and well-being of students and staff. We would like to take this opportunity to share important updates with you as we prepare for our September start.

Your Child's Teacher

Please be advised that the parent portal is now open. Once in the portal you will be able to see the teacher that is assigned to your child. Please note that much work and preparation has been put into developing our classes. All parents were invited back in the spring to make placement requests for their child. These were all taken into consideration during class building. Until we have a better understanding of our classroom numbers we are unable to make and further changes at this time. If you do have a further request, this could be looked at if we are in a position to re-organize our classes in a few weeks.

School Day Details

School administration and custodial staff are currently in the building preparing information for a smooth transition into the new school year for all of our students. Specific details about what the school day will look like for your child will be shared before school starts.

Requirement for Masks

To further enhance safety measures for all students and staff, non-medical masks will be required for all students in kindergarten to grade 5 while they are indoors. Students may wear their own non-medical masks, and non-medical masks will also be made available for students.

Transportation

Families who are eligible for busing will receive a message to declare their intention to use transportation.

More information will be available on the HWSTS (Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation System) website.

Moving Forward

As plans for the safe return of our students continue, we encourage our families to remain informed through the HWDSB Covid website at https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/covid19/. If you have any specific school-based questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school.

We continue to focus on ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff, as we prepare to welcome our Cootes families in September.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fede & Mrs. Gojsic