



Dalewood Elementary School

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Welcome Back to School! September 2020

I hope that you and your families had a safe and enjoyable summer. Here are a few updates as we continue with our back to school plans.

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.

School administration and custodial staff have been in the school all week preparing for student entry. We have been enhancing class layouts, planning for safe exit and entry, cleaning surfaces and modifying workspaces and washrooms. We have been preparing Personal Protective Equipment for all Staff. Next week, teachers will be having Professional Development and training and will have access to the school to set up. I am extremely confident that the long list of modifications to the school building and to the school day (eg. Recess, Nutrition Breaks, teacher contacts) will help to make our school safe for re-entry.

We are asking for a few things from students to increase safety measures:

-During Nutrition Break, students can leave with parent permission to go home for lunch but they should not go to local restaurants or stores. This will allow for a reduced number of contacts for your child and for the rest of the school. Thank you for your understanding with this change.

-Students will stay within their cohort group all day, including when lining up to come inside and during recess. We will be marking off areas on the playground to give classes open space for playing.

-Students will wear masks when at school.

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. Our office will be open for phone calls on Monday, August 31 and every day thereafter.

We are truly excited about having staff and students back at school. Our commitment to safety for everyone is paramount and we will continue to work to implement the safety measures as recommended by Public Health and the HWDSB.

Sincerely, Mrs. Johnson

Principal of Dalewood School.