



Weekly Update October 4 - 8, 2021



Daily Screening

Please continue to initial the daily screening calendars that come home (either in their agenda, or in a separate folder) each day with your child. This is an important tool to help ensure our classrooms stay safe, and kids stay in school.

Illness at School

We take illness very seriously at the school, so if a student says they are not feeling well, we will call for them to be picked up, and all Covid protocols must be followed. Please encourage your child to speak up if they are not feeling well. With this in mind, we are also asking parent to talk to their children about the ramifications for saying they are sick when they are not. These instances must be treated like all other illnesses, however, it puts unnecessary burden on the school if they are not really ill, and just want to go home.



Crossing Guard Shortage

We have been in touch with the city regarding the shortage of crossing guards at certain intersections. There is a large shortage this year, and priority is on crosswalks that do not have lights. It is very likely that many intersections that normally have a crossing guard will be vacant. Should you, or anyone you know be interested in a position as a crossing guard, please feel free to call the City of Hamilton Crossing Guard Recruitment line at (905) 546-2424 ext. 2200 or 2201.

In the meantime, please discuss with your child about the rules of crossing the street if a guard is not present.



Thanksgiving

Monday, October 11 is Thanksgiving, and there will be no school on that day.



Parking During Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Please ensure that you are **NOT** blocking **ANY** driveways during pick-up and drop-off. Many residents have called the school complaining that they cannot get in and out of their own driveways. Several neighbours have called the city, and parking enforcement will be monitoring and ticketing as needed. Please be respectful, and if necessary, park further away, and walk to the school.

Appointments

We understand that not all appointments can be made outside of school hours, however, we ask that, when possible, parents avoid early pick-up and late drop-off. Not only does it disrupt class time, it exposes students and staff to extra people outside of their cohorts. We appreciate your assistance with this so that we can keep everyone safe, and keep the school open.

Dropping Items Off

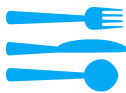
At this time, we are unable to accept items being dropped off late. Please ensure that your child has everything they need prior to dropping them off at school (water bottle, lunch, backpack etc). A check list for the student is a great way to help them learn to gather their items up. Any items dropped off would result in multiple people touching the item, which increases exposure. We thank you for your assistance and understanding with this.



Attendance

Please ensure that your child/ren arrive to school on time. Our morning bell rings at 8:50am, so students should be on the playground by 8:45am. Late arrival can disrupt the start of the class for both your child, as well as the rest of the class. Prompt arrival allows all students to learn the morning routines, and be fully ready to start the day.

Create a check list with your child, and have them help with gathering as many of the items as possible the night before. Have them double check the list before heading out the door. This helps them stay organized, and also teaches them to be responsible for their own belongings.



Spoons / Forks

We do not have forks for students, and are very limited on spoons, so please have all necessary utensils packed for your student each day.