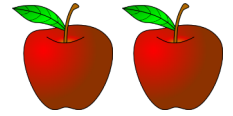




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## September 2020 Newsletter

Hi Bagshaw families,  
We are excited about welcoming back our students to the 2020-21 school year, whether they are in-person or through remote learning. The pandemic has brought many changes to our school and its families, but I know that we can rise to the occasion if we continue to work together. We just need to keep reminding ourselves that we are not alone and the school is just a phone call or email away.  
We know that there has been quite a number of communications from the Board and we just want to say thank you for keeping up with it, and for completing important forms and surveys as required.  
We are taking many actions to prevent COVID-19 at our school. You will notice that safety is guiding our programming choices. Here are some of the important points to remember:

### Attestation

**Before a student can enter a school, we require that their family completes an attestation that they have read, understood, and will abide by expectations.** Find this on the [Parent Portal](#). ([Backup location](#) for forms and translations.)

### Daily COVID-19 Screening

HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist is to be completed daily before arriving at school. The checklist is found on the Parent Portal as well as on the [HWDSB website](#). If you answered YES to any of the screening questions, or if you refuse to answer the questions, the student has failed the screening and must not attend school. The family should contact Public Health (905) 974-9848 or their family doctor for testing. Please contact the school using [SafeArrival](#) to report the absence. If the student is tested for COVID-19, your school would appreciate knowing the outcome of that test.

### New routines and protocols

School operations are changing significantly to ensure that we can provide a safe learning environment for students. We are finishing school-specific protocols and expect to post these to our website in the days ahead. These will cover everything from parking lots, classroom set up, nutrition breaks, mandatory masks for students and more. **One important change is that parents will not be allowed on our primary playground so that we will have enough room for our students to socially distant and stay in their cohorts.**

### Water Bottles & Personal Belongings

Drinking fountains in all schools will be bagged and not used. Please be sure to send your child with a reusable water bottle so they stay hydrated, in addition to their non-medical mask. Please make sure that your child(ren) personal belongings are labelled so they be easily identified. As students will not be able to share school supplies (e.g., rulers; pencils; erasers; scissors; calculators; etc.) parents are encouraged to send their child(ren) in with their own.

### Staggered start details

As you know, we will be opening our school with a staggered start timeline. This means that not all students will begin on the same day. Please see the chart below, note which group your child falls into, and reach out if you have more questions. **We know that some families have children with different last names so we will be reaching out to those families to share the date they will be coming in.**

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	Staff Transition to New Assignments	Staff Transition to New Assignments	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health
	Remote Learning Day School Training	Remote Learning Day School Training	JK Orientation  Remote Learning Day School Welcome	JK Orientation  Remote Learning Day School Welcome
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18
GROUP A  Last Name Alpha A to K (approximately ½ class)	GROUP B  Last Name Alpha L to Z (approximately ½ class)	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)

### Junior Kindergarten Orientation

Junior Kindergarten students are invited to visit school and meet their teachers before school starts. These visits will take place on Thursday, September 10 or Friday, September 11. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule the date and time.

### Elementary reorganization

We are hoping to have class lists and schedule sent out by the end of the day on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> so your child(ren) will know their class teacher.

We will continue to send updates as we receive added information. Thank you for understanding the challenges of planning the new school year, and for sharing our commitment to safe and successful school year.

To learn more about COVID-19 precautions at HWDSB please visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19).

If you have any questions, please feel to call us at the school or send us an email via the school's website. Once again remember this is new to all of us and we need more than ever to be patient and take things slow. As the famous saying goes "it takes a village" and together we will get through this.

Sincerely,

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