



Franklin Road Elementary School

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Dear Franklin Road Families,

We are excited to welcome students back to classes with the hopes that everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break with friends and family! We know that beginning another school year holds questions about what is to come in the days ahead. Please know, that we will do our best to make sure that students feel a sense of belonging in order to engage in dynamic learning as classes begin this September. Franklin Road staff have been working hard on preparations to welcome our student back to school!

We appreciate that families may have a lot of questions as they prepare to send their children back to classes and we are committed to sharing updates as we receive new information. We invite our families to keep up with communications from HWDSB by subscribing to email updates or following **@hwdsb** on social media or Franklin Road's school website <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/franklinroad/> or email the school at franklinroad@hwdsb.on.ca or calling the school **905-388-4731**. You can also connect with your child's teacher with any questions by email. Teachers will share their email and a welcome newsletter with you by the first week of September.

To help Franklin Road families prepare for their child(ren)'s return to the classroom, we would like to share the following information. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions. The first few days of September are extremely busy as we register new students but we will return your call or email as soon as we can. Thank you in advance for your patience!

First Day: Tuesday September 3rd all Grade 1-8, and JK classroom visits with educators. All Kindergarten students will start Wednesday September 4th

School hours: Entry is 8:30 AM and dismissal is at 2:50 PM.

Arrival and Dismissal

Students will find their teacher and line up on the back playground. Teachers will have signs and class lists to assist families on the first day. At 8:30 grade 1- 3/4 students will enter at the primary doors and grade 4-8 enter at the intermediate doors. Prior to the first day of school families can also find their teacher's name by logging into the Parent Portal. We encourage all students to be on time to have a positive start to the day.

We ask that parents DO NOT park in the school parking lot, or in the bus loading zone in front of the school (see signs) or in our neighbours' driveways or block their driveways. We need to be respectful of our surrounding community. Smoking, vaping and pets are not permitted school property as well.

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Students may ride a bike and lock it in the bike rack at the back of the school. Please bring your own lock and chain.

At the end of the day at 2:50 PM, parents are welcome to enter the playground and wait on the blacktop where Gr.1- 8 students will be dismissed. Upon dismissal, students must leave school property in a timely fashion. Ms. Simon and Ms. Pretto's kindergarten students are dismissed from their back door and all other kindergarten classes are dismissed from the gated kindergarten pen area.

Transportation

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) provides students with safe and secure transportation for eligible students by HWSTS. For more information, visit HWDSB's [Transportation webpage](#). If your child qualifies for transportation, please remember to re-check information prior to sending your child(ren) to their assigned pickup location on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, as changes can occur. School buses will load and unload at the front of the school on Franklin Road. Students riding the bus will have a designated area to line up in the school at dismissal. Older students will be seated towards the back of the bus and the younger students will be seated nearer to the front of the bus. If buses are late, HWST will communicate to families though email or parents can log into the HWSTS site view the schedule.

Courtesy Transportation will not start until mid October. Parents can apply for courtesy transportation by filling out a form at our office but there are no guarantees that there will be a seat.

Code of Conduct

HWDSB is committed to making each one of its schools a caring place that is safe for learning. Every student and member of our school community deserves to feel and be safe in a school, on the school grounds, on the school bus and at school events and activities. Visit HWDSB's [Code of Conduct webpage](#) to learn about these changes. Students will not be permitted to use personal devices while at school.

Pizza Days and School Store

This year pizza and the school store will start the week of September 30th. A reminder that pizza must be ordered through Cash Online one week prior to pizza day.

Student Dress Guidelines

Starting in September 2024, HWDSB is sharing updated Student Dress Guidelines to help foster positive and inclusive learning environments. Developed with extensive student input and community consultation, these guidelines focus on equity, dignity, and well-being for every student. They can express themselves freely, without fear of bias or discrimination. Visit hwdsb.info/student-dress to learn more.



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Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities like School Council please connect with FranklinroadSC@hwdsb.on.ca for information about nominations and elections. Please see HWDSB's [Volunteers in Schools](#) page for more information. Our first meeting is September 23rd at 6:30 PM.

A complete list of Franklin Road staff is located on the Franklin Road website. Ms. Mair is off on a planned leave for the year and we wish her well on her travels and adventures. Ms. Noiles is taking time to focus on her family. Ms. Jackson is leave and we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return. Mr. Smith, Ms. Ponte, Ms. Aiello and Ms. Kellar continue to enjoy their new babies and will return at the end of their parental leaves. Educational assistants are assigned based on student need and these assignments change throughout the school year. A reminder to families that as always, there is a possibility of re-organization at the end of September.

At Franklin Road we are committed to partnering with our families to ensure that your child(ren)'s school experience reflects HWDSB's values – dignity, trust, compassion and joy. We are committed to ensuring your child(ren) are celebrated for who they are, experience safe and caring school environments and are supported to achieve their own academic success and positive learning outcomes.

Thank you for trusting us with your wonderful children and we look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Sincerely,
Sherry Del Mastro

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Principal

Vice Principal