



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! Franklin Road staff have been working hard on preparations to welcome our student back to school and the first phase of our renovations is nearly complete.

A reminder that the first day of school is Tuesday September 2nd, 2025 for grade 1-8 students. First year kindergarten students are attending scheduled classroom visits. The first day for all kindergarten students is Wednesday September 3, 2025. School hours are 8:30 AM -2:50 PM.

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. At Franklin Road all parents/guardians will receive a weekly **Community Update** through School Messenger (email) with the latest events happening at the school. 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/>. You can also email the school at franklinroad@hwdsb.on.ca or call **905-388-4731** if you have questions. Teachers will share their email and a welcome newsletter with you by the first week of September.

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! To help Franklin Road families prepare for their children's return to the classroom, we would like to share the following information.

Arrival and Dismissal

On the first day students will find their teacher and line up on the back playground. Teachers will have signs and class lists to assist families. At 8:30 grade 1-4 students will enter at the primary doors and grade 4/5-8 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 on school property as well. 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.

Transportation 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 2, 2025, as changes can occur. Information is located

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at [Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services](#). School buses will load and unload at the front of the school. Students riding the bus will have a designated area to line up in the school at dismissal. If buses are late, HWSTS 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 may pick up a form at the office.

School Device Policy and Code of Conduct

A reminder that we continue to promote expectations for reducing distractions and respectful and safe interactions throughout the day. **This includes prohibiting the use of personal devices unless permitted by an educator for instructional purposes only.** HWDSB is committed to making each 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](#) for more information.

Pizza Days and School Store

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

Parent Portal and School Messenger

Please ensure that you can access the [Parent Portal](#). This is a log in protected space for families to access important information and complete necessary forms such as annual medical and verifications, and media consents. We also use school messenger.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities such as School Council please connect with FranklinroadSC@hwdsb.on.ca or me at sdelmast@hwdsb.on.ca for information about nominations and elections. The School Council parent group meets several times per year as an advisor group. We invite you to join us for our first meeting on Monday September 29th at 6:30 in the Library. Please see HWDSB's [Volunteers in Schools](#) page for more information.

At Franklin Road we are committed to partnering with our families to ensure that your children's school experience reflects HWDSB's values – dignity, trust, compassion and joy. We are committed to ensuring your children 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 students and we look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Del Mastro (Principal) and Mrs. Dogterom (Vice Principal)

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