



# George L. Armstrong Elementary School

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Hello Eagle Parents and Guardians!

Wow! What a year! In school, online, in school, online! Thank-you to all of you who participated with your children, helped your children work on their online learning tasks, came to pick up iPads or belongings from the school, and supported staff all while looking after the well-being of your families. Our Armstrong community is the best!!

As I am writing this, we are still uncertain about whether students will be returning for the last few days of June or whether we will be creating times for families to pick up student's belongings. Please stay tuned to Twitter, the HWDSB website and our school website for details.

**Goodbye's and Best Wishes!** A virtual celebration has been prepared to say goodbye to our Grade 8 graduates as they begin a new chapter in their lives at a variety of High Schools. We wish you well Graduates!

We have a number of staff to say good-bye to this year and we wish them all the best.

Mrs. Viastikopoulos and Mrs. Migliore are retiring after a wonderful career of helping students to learn and supporting families. They will be missed at G. L. Armstrong. We wish them well as they begin a new chapter.

Ms. Mousseau will be joining the staff of Viscount Montgomery School as the Learning Resource Teacher and Teacher Librarian. We wish her well as she continues her teaching journey.

We will also be saying goodbye to some of our staff that have been with us during this year in a variety of positions: Mr. Benedetti, Ms. Mastroluisi, Ms. Kelly, Mrs. Swackhammer, Ms. McTavish, Ms. Versulys and Ms. Ross. We wish all of you well as you continue in different schools within the HWDSB. Who knows? Maybe they will be back again someday!



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I would also like to say good-bye to the students, families and staff at G.L. Armstrong as I will be heading into retirement at the end of June. I have had an amazing career over 31 years with the HWDSB. My time at Armstrong has been memorable and I will miss you all. Armstrong will always hold a place in my heart.

A new administrator team will be coming in September. The new Principal is Joanne Hall and the new O.5 Vice Principal is Jennifer Miscas. They are experienced leaders who are excited about coming to Armstrong. I've told them how awesome everyone is here!

**What will our return in September look like?** More information about our return will be published in August as all Ontario School Boards are currently coming up with plans to ensure student safety. Stay tuned to your social media accounts and our school website for information.

**Report Cards** - Report cards will be emailed to parents/guardians using the emails provided through the Portal. The password for families to access the report card link when you receive it in an email is the student's date of birth formatted as MM/DD/YYYY (Includes the forward slashes /). The link will expire after 7 days.

**Classes for Next Year** - You will be receiving an email from your child's current teacher on June 29 to indicate the class that your child has been placed in for next year. A lot of time and attention goes into creating classes that staff think are a good fit for your child. Re-assignments may occur in late September during possible reorganization but not before that.

A huge thank-you to all of you for your support and understanding during another unprecedented school year. We have appreciated your patience and understanding.

We wish you all a safe, healthy summer!

Take care!

Karen Koop  
Principal