

Wing Tips

Green Acres School 45 Randall Avenue Stoney Creek ON L8G 2K8 905-662-7021 Ms. T. Gasparik, Principal

Summer 2019

<u>Arrival Check Program</u> Please call the school to let us know that your child(ren) will not be attending school for the day or will be arriving late. For your convenience, the answering machine is available 24hrs/day, 7days/week.

Principal's Message:

<u>Goodbyes</u>

The yearend assembly will be on Thursday, June 27 at 9:15 a.m. All parents are welcome to attend as we will be saying goodbye to staff and students who will be leaving us and joining other school communities in the fall. The assembly will be followed by our yearend slide show that captures our celebrations over the year.

This will be a special assembly as I will be saying goodbye to the Green Acres staff and students as I prepare for a new chapter in life, retirement! It has been a great 30 years in education! At this time I want to thank the staff, students and parents for making the last 5 years amazing. I enjoyed seeing our students grow, learn and enjoy their time at Green Acres. I will miss you all!

In FDK we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Thersidis and Mrs. Tracey. Your compassion for making our students first two years of school exciting and always interesting as they learned new things will be missed.

In our Special Education classes we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Robillard, she will be moving with the Speech and Language class to Sir Isaac Brock School. We will be saying goodbye to Ms. Iarocci, the Intermediate Special Education class will be closing and Ms. Iarocci will be teaching Grade 4/5 at Memorial City. You were both compassionate with the needs of our students and you will be missed at Green Acres.

Goodbye to Mrs. Blunsdon, our Reading Specialist Teacher who will be at another school in HWDSB. Thank you for working with the K-1 teachers and students to ensure that our students were reading by the end of grade 1. Your enthusiasm and love of reading will be missed.

Mrs. Worley will be leaving Green Acres and will be teaching Grade 6 at W.H. Ballard. Her passion for teaching our students to try hard, be kind and just being there for them will be missed. We wish her good luck at W.H. Ballard School. Mrs. Holden will be leaving Green Acres and moving to another HWDSB school. Her passion for teaching music and leading the band and choir over the years will be missed by students and the community. We want to thank her for everything that she has done in her role as LRT and Music Teacher. Good luck at your new school next year!

Welcomes

In the Fall we will be welcoming new staff and students from Collegiate School who will be joining Green Acres until the completion of the new Eastdale School. Staff and students had an opportunity to meet on June 17, during an excellent transition day and on June 26th grades 5-7 students from Green Acres, Collegiate and R.L. Hyslop enjoyed a yearend trip to Wild Waterworks.

Welcome to Mrs. Barzetti who will be the principal of Green Acres and R.L. Hyslop for next year. Mrs. Barzetti looks forward to meeting all of the Green Acres students and parents!

Transportation

2019-2020 BUS TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY: Transportation is only available to students who receive a confirmation letter from the Transportation Department during the month of August. If your child does not meet criteria for transportation to Green Acres School, a Courtesy Transportation Application form can be submitted to the school Principal.

As our school buses are reaching capacity, minimal to no Courtesy Transportation Applications will be approved. Possible approval may begin October 1, 2019. An application form can be picked up at the office in September. Please complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. No courtesy riders will be allowed to ride the bus until October 1, and only once written permission from the Principal is granted. Courtesy transportation is not granted on a first-come, first-serve basis as many factors are taken into consideration.

Students will be eligible for transportation services to their in-catchment school when the walking distance exceeds the following:

JK/SK: 1.0 km and Grades 1-8: 1.6 km

Report Cards

Report cards will be going home with students on Wednesday, June 26. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please connect with your child's teacher before the end of the school year. Next year's class and teacher will be found on the report card envelope.

JK/SK First Day of School

The first day of school for Senior Kindergarten students will be Wednesday, September 4. Junior Kindergarten students will be visiting their classrooms with their parents for one hour visits on Tuesday, September 3. JK students will have their first full day of school on Wednesday, September 4. Our Kindergarten team will be sending information to JK families by mail through the summer.

Green Acres Staff

Ms. Cornelius Mrs. Dempsey Mrs. Rutherford (LTO) Ms, McKinlay Mrs. Gear Mrs. Carter TBD Mrs. Cave Mr. Reynolds Mr. Kirkelos Mrs. Karamath Mdme. Woods Mrs. Callari (LTO) Mrs. Sybersma

Green Acres/Eastdale Staff

Ms. Elston Ms. Major Mrs. Scali Mrs. Spencer Mrs. Hackenberg Mrs. Mac Neil Mr. McElravy Ms. Snell Mr. Tritton Mrs. Blain JSC DECE-JSC Grade 1A Grade 12B Grade 23B Grade 23B Grade 5B Grade 5B Grade 6B Grade 78B LRT/Library/ Pimary Prep French/PJI Prep

JSA

JSB

DECE-JSA

DECE-JSB

Grade 12A

Grade 23A

Grade 34A

Grade 5A

Grade 6A

Grade 8A

Pr/Jr Prep

French

LRT

Grade 78A

Green Acres Educational Assistants

Ms. Freeman Ms. Chenier Mrs. Clemments (a.m.) Mr. Culic Mrs. Czony Mrs. Lawrence TBD (p.m.)

Custodians

TBD

Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Scott <u>Main Office</u> Mrs. Barzetti Principal Mrs. Aitken Office Administrator

School Council

The Green Acres School Council would like to wish everyone a happy, fun and safe summer. We have had an exciting year with everyone at Green Acres. Some of our favourite moments include the "Dance like your mom" and "Dance like your dad" competition at the Dance-a-thon, the excitement for the pancakes on Pancake day, and most of all the enthusiasm and pride that everyone showed when demonstrating the Rube Goldberg machines at our STEAM event at Open House. We could not do what we do without the support of all of you at our events and with our fundraising efforts. This year we were able to help contribute to every classroom receiving a mindfulness bin with classroom resources, we helped to fund new reading books for the primary grades, and we were able to cover part of the cost for buses for yearend trips. We are proud to make a difference at this school and hope that more people will consider joining us next year.

Our first meeting is set for Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room. Everyone is welcome. Nomination forms will be sent home the first week of September for anyone who is interested in joining the executive. We look forward to seeing all of you including all of our new families from Collegiate in September.

2019-2020 SCHOOL BELL TIMES

School Grounds Open 8:30 a.m. Entry Bell 8:45 a.m. 1st Nutritional Break 11:05 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. 2nd Nutritional Break 1:25 p.m. - 2:05 p.m. Dismissal Bell 3:05 p.m. School Grounds Close 3:20 p.m.

We wish all students and families a Wonderful and Safe Summer! See you all on the First Day of School, Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - Grade 1– 8 Wednesday, September 4, 2019 - Kindergarten

