



GREEN ACRES SCHOOL

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TO OUR GREEN ACRES COMMUNITY...



Thank you to all the Staff, Students, Parents and the entire Green Acres community who are helping to ensure we have a safe working and learning environment during these unprecedented times. Students are doing a fantastic job following the different school protocols and trying their best to adapt to the situation. Despite the current situation, we are trying to provide lots of great opportunities for learning and building relationships with caring adults and wonderful students.

We are looking forward to a successful school year at Green Acres Elementary School.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

School Picture day has been postponed



SCHOOL BELL TIMES

School Grounds Open 8:30 a.m.
 Entry Bell 8:45 a.m.
 1st Nutritional Break 10:33 a.m.- 11:13 a.m.
 2nd Nutritional Break 12:49 a.m. - 1:29 a.m.
 Dismissal 3:05 p.m.
 School Grounds Close 3:20 p.m.



SCHOOL SAFETY



Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building is where



our school buses need to enter the school grounds. We respectfully ask that parents/guardians not stop their cars there, making and creating an unsafe environment for our students.



Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for keeping the safety of our students a priority.

CLASSROOM KLEENEX BOXES

As we continue with allergy season and move into cold and flu season, we would appreciate if all students could bring in a box of Kleenex to add to our classroom supply! Tissues are in great demand at school and we appreciate your support. Let's reduce the spread of germs and always use a tissue when needed. Thank you!



ATTENDANCE CHECK – ABSENT OR LATE

If your child is absent or late, please use either...



Safe Arrival Program – by website or phone

- Learn more about Safe Arrival at www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival

Call the School Directly

- Call the school at 905-662-7021. State your child's name, grade, teacher, reason and length of absence.

These services are available 24 hours, seven days a week. When your child is going to be absent, it is essential for your child's safety to notify the school. If we do not receive a notification and your child is absent, our automated attendance notification program will call your home and send you an email to inform you of your child's absence. We ask you call the school or use the Save Arrival Program to explain the reason for the absence.

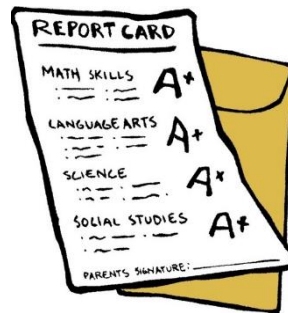
Volunteer Positions

Our Volunteer Positions within the School are temporarily on hold. Once these positions resume we will post information in the following Newsletter and our website.

All VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A VULNERABLE SECTOR SCREENING (Police Check) which can be obtained online at www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca or by visiting the Hamilton Police Station at 155 King William Street in Hamilton.

Progress Report Cards

Progress reports will be coming home on October 27th this year. This means that all of our educators have begun to assess students in many different areas of the curriculum. Please note that the progress report is not a final grade or a mark. The purpose of the progress report is to give students and parents early and specific feedback regarding general progress during the first two months of the school year. The Progress Report will tell you how well your child is developing in their learning skills and work habits, as well as how they are progressing in all subject areas. Teachers use the information they have learned about the students in the first six weeks of school – through conversations with students, observations of student thinking and doing, and some products of student work – to help plan for students and determine how best they can help them become successful



SECURE SCHOOLS

At Green Acres School, we will be practicing our "**Secure Schools Procedure**" during the Fall and Winter months. A Lockdown is used when there is a potential risk of harm to people within, or outside the school setting. Although one can never predict when a violent or potentially harmful situation may arise, schools can prepare for responding to such an incident through intentional, scheduled practices, much like what we do with Fire Drills. The goal of the practice is to minimize the risk for staff and students during a time of crisis. In the event of a "real" lockdown, the Hamilton Police Services will be responding to the situation. All staff, students and volunteers who are regularly in the school buildings are required to know the procedures. The students will have the Lockdown Procedures explained to them ahead of time and the school will practice this procedure twice per year.

The following terms and language will be used to ensure everyone is using the proper terminology.

HOLD AND SECURE – *Used when the school is secured due to an ongoing situation outside and not related to the school (e.g. bank robbery near a school)*

- The school continues to function normally, with the exterior doors locked until the situation is resolved
- Staff member posted at each entrance
- All movement in and out of the school is restricted
- Exterior facing windows should be covered or blinds drawn, lights dimmed, where possible
- School most likely to be notified by Hamilton Police Services

SHELTER IN PLACE – *Used for an environmental, or weather related situation, where it is necessary to keep all occupants within the school to protect them (May be recommended by HES-Fire). Examples may include chemical spills, blackouts, explosions or extreme weather conditions*

- People enter and remain in a building with the doors and windows closed
- Fans including heating and air conditioning units, should be turned off to prevent air from outside entering the building
- Normal operations may continue within the building

LOCKDOWN – *Used when there is a major incident or threat of school violence within, or in relation to the school*

- Threat is inside the school, or is on school property, and poses an immediate threat to the students and staff
- Follow current lockdown procedures
- All movement in and out of the school and within the school is restricted
- Doors remain open to permit police immediate entry
- The "Safe Location" for our school is RL Hyslop School on Lake Avenue

The above terminology is used to ensure consistency across the province. Common language across the province allows for easy integration when staff, students and other emergency service personnel are transferred from one jurisdiction to another. Along with this information being presented at school, we encourage parents to talk with their children about the need to always be safe and well prepared for an emergency situation.