



# THE EYRIE

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HAPPY SPRING! I'M SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WARMER TEMPERATURES AND SUNNY WEATHER. WHILE I ENJOY A GOOD SNOWFALL AND BEING OUTSIDE ALL YEAR ROUND, I MUST ADMIT I'M CRAVING WARM NIGHTS ON THE PATIO. MY DRIVE INTO WORK EACH MORNING REMINDS ME OF THE BEAUTIFUL TRAILS AND WATER FEATURES THIS AREA HAS TO OFFER. I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUT AND DO A BIT MORE EXPLORING.

I HOPE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ENJOYED THE MARCH BREAK. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE ANOTHER MONTH HAS PAST ALREADY. AS WE USHER IN APRIL AND A BUSY SPRING SEASON, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING MORE OF OUR FAMILIES!

IN SERVICE,

JENNIFER MISCAS  
PRINCIPAL

**LIFTING OF PH MANDATES:** THINGS LOOKED AND FELT A BIT DIFFERENT WHEN WE RETURNED TO SCHOOL AFTER MARCH BREAK. THE MOST WELCOME CHANGE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF WAS BEING ON THE PLAYGROUND, MINUS COHORTS. IT WAS SO NICE TO SEE STUDENTS INTERACTING AND PLAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND MAKING FULL USE OF THE GROUNDS. A JOYFUL SIGHT! A FRIENDLY REMINDER, ALL HWDSB STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN MASKED UNTIL APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>. MASK EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARENT PORTAL. AS WELL, WE HAVE HARD COPIES IN THE OFFICE SHOULD YOU WANT ONE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD(REN). THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COOPERATION.

**PLAYGROUND:** DURING THE MARCH BREAK, WE HAD TO ERECT FENCING AROUND THE SWAIL (DITCH) BY THE WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM. THE AREA WAS NOT DRAINING PROPERLY AND POSED A RISK TO THOSE WALKING NEAR BY. AS WELL, THE OLDER PLAY STRUCTURE SHOULD BE READY FOR USE AFTER THE EASTER LONG WEEKEND. I HAVE MET WITH THE CONTRACTORS AND DISCUSSED PLANS TO REFURBISH IT AND BRING IT UP TO SAFETY CODE. PLEASE WATCH FOR CONSTRUCTION TAKING PLACE IN THE AREA. ANOTHER QUICK REMINDER TO FAMILIES WITH FUR-BABIES, PLEASE KEEP DOGS OFF THE BACK PLAYGROUND DURING SCHOOL HOURS. WE WANT TO RESPECT COMFORT LEVELS AND ENSURE ALL STUDENTS FEEL SAFE.

**UPCOMING HEALTH STRAND – HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SEXUAL HEALTH:** HWDSB SHARED INFORMATION WITH PARENTS THROUGH SCHOOL MESSENGER AND SCHOOL WEBSITES LAST WEEK. STAFF TEACHING HEALTH WILL SEND HOME A PARENT LETTER IN THE COMING WEEKS. FAMILIES WISHING TO EXEMPT THEIR CHILD(REN) WILL NEED TO COMPLETE AN EXEMPTION FORM IN THE PARENT PORTAL AND EMAIL IT TO THE SCHOOL. INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://HWDSB.INFO/HUMANDEVELOPMENT](http://hwdsb.info/humandevelopment). AS WELL, PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THE CURRICULUM AT [HTTP://WWW.EDU.GOV.ON.CA/ENG/CURRICULUM/ELEMENTAR Y/2019-HEALTH-PHYSICAL-EDUCATION-GRADES-1TO8.PDF](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/2019-health-physical-education-grades-1to8.pdf).



**OPEN HOUSE:** IT'S BEEN A LONG 2 YEARS! I KNOW FAMILIES HAVE YET TO SEE THE INSIDE OF OUR NEWLY BUILT SCHOOL AND THEY ARE EAGER TO SEE WHERE THEIR CHILDREN SPEND MOST OF THEIR DAY. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS VISIT THE SCHOOL FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION. WE ARE IN THE VERY EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING BUT WE KNOW THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN **MAY, 2022**. ONCE A DATE IS CONFIRMED, I WILL BE SURE TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. I WILL HAVE MORE DETAILS TO SHARE WITH SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOME & SCHOOL MEMBERS AT OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS.

**SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** GIVEN THE 2-YEAR PAUSE ON VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS, HWDSB IS REVIEWING ITS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. FORMS, ORIENTATION SESSIONS AND SCREENING PROCEDURES NEED TO BE UPDATED. I KNOW MANY ARE EAGER TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, BUT HWDSB IS TAKING A CAUTIOUS APPROACH. I ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE WORK THROUGH THE LOGISTICS OF SCHOOL SPECIFIC PRACTICES. AGAIN, ONCE I HAVE MORE INFORMATION TO SHARE, I WILL DO SO. THIS COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO THRIVE DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES, WHICH IS TESTAMENT TO THE AMAZING SUPPORT WITHIN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.



**MARCH MUSIC MADNESS:** MRS. SANDERS HAS TWEETED ABOUT THIS, BUT IN CASE YOU'VE MISSED IT, STUDENTS (AND STAFF) ARE LOVING MARCH MUSIC MADNESS! STAFF HAVE CHOSEN SONGS FROM THE YEAR THEY GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (MYSELF INCLUDED) AND TWO RIVAL SONGS ARE PLAYED DURING MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS. STUDENTS THEN VOTE ON THEIR FAVOURITE. MINE WAS PLAYED LAST WEEK... AND IT WON... JUST SAY'N 😊

**EXTRA-CURRICULARS:** ART CLUB, BASKETBALL AND BAND ARE JUST A FEW OF THE CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES STUDENTS HAVE TO GET INVOLVED AT GREENSVILLE. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO STAFF WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME... NOTABLE MENTIONS THIS MONTH: MRS. PHILLIPS, MRS. SANDERS, MR. MCALLISTER, AND MR. ADAMCZYK.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO  
CATCH UP WITH US AND STAY CONNECTED!  
WISHING FAMILIES WELL AS WE BEGIN  
ANOTHER MONTH TOGETHER.

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