

# The Eyrie

Greensville Elementary School

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Hello Greensville Families,

We have almost completed our first month of the 2022/2023 school year! It has been a busy but productive start up. Students are settling back into a routine and seem to appreciate being back with their friends and educators. There is a positive energy throughout the building and we couldn't be happier to have our Hawks back together again.

In Service,

Jennifer Miscas

Principal

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## New Play Structure

The structure is open and functioning – finally! It is best suited for younger students so grades 1-5 use the apparatus during their outside play time. It's a popular play area and gets well-used each day. We will be having more work done in that area due to some holes/cracks in the pavement surrounding the structure. I do not have any control over that timeline but I will update the community as soon as I have confirmed dates. Staff are assigned supervision of the structure during breaks so safe play is enforced. As well, students have been trained on the equipment so they are expected to uphold the rules in place to keep themselves and others safe.



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Please make note of the following **Safe School Drill dates**. Each year, schools must hold drills as mandated by the Ministry of Education in partnership with local police agencies and fire departments.

### FALL 2022

Bomb Threat – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lockdown – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

Hold & Secure – Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

\*There will also be 3 Fire Drills planned.

### SPRING 2023

Shelter In Place – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

Lockdown #2 – Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*There will be another 3 Fire Drills planned.

**Please note:** Students are always told of drills in advance. They are given ample warning beforehand as well as direct instruction of what to do and what to expect.

## Parking Lot

Families may have noticed that the Greenville Public Library now has designated parking spots within the lot. HWDSB and The City are collaborating on a plan to address the new needs of both parties, as they have changed since the site first opened. In the meantime, please be mindful of the new signage and continue to use the parking lot safely.

## Change in Nutrition Break Format

Due to changes in the allocation of teacher supervisors, all students in grades K-8 eat and play outside at the same time. The first 20 minutes of each nutrition break is spent outdoors, followed by 20 minutes to eat in classrooms. There is more than enough greenspace for students to play together safely. As well, it is an important life skill to work cooperatively within a shared space. Our older students are encouraged to be leaders and model good citizenship for the younger grades. We will continue to provide safe and enjoyable play experiences for all our students.

## Student Agendas

We ordered agendas for all primary and junior students this year. There was a delay in shipment; however, they arrived this week. Participating classes will begin using them in October.

## Volunteer Orientation Session

As we prepare to welcome volunteers back into our building this year, I will be holding another virtual orientation session for those who were unable to attend last year. It will be held on **Tues. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-7:30 pm, on MS Teams**. I will send a link out to the community closer to the date. Please remember to complete your volunteer package (available through the office) and show a copy of your current police check (vulnerable sector) to Mrs. Taugher.

## Reorganization – Fall 2022

A School Messenger email went out to families with information around how Greenville is being impacted by reorganization this year. While our staff numbers will not change, there will be a change in class assignments. As a result, some students will be changing classes and may or may not remain with the same educator. Those families affected will be informed by



### Upcoming Dates To Remember

- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – School Council Meeting
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – World Teachers' Day
- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Volunteer Orientation Session
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – School Pictures
- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – ECE Appreciation Day
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – PA Day
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Fall Fling (more info to come)



**Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>.** A community message will follow shortly thereafter. We understand this can be a stressful time for students and families but we are confident that the right supports will be in place to guide everyone through this process successfully. New class assignments will take effect on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parent Portal**

Please remember to update your information in the Parent Portal. HWDSB is moving to a more digital communication format so it is best to familiarize yourself with this platform. As a reminder, please visit the FORMS section and use the drop-down menu to complete information for students wanting to participate in Athletics this year.

### **School Council**

Our first meeting will take place on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30-7:30 pm. It will be held in the Greenville Learning Commons (Room 220) for those wanting to attend in-person. However, a virtual option will be offered for those wanting to join us from home. For more information, please visit our school website (under School Council).

### **Pizza Days**

We hope to have these dates in place shortly. We will communicate this information to families ASAP. All payment will be done through School Cash Online so please make sure you have an account if you want your child(ren) to participate.

### **'Educator Meet 'n Greet'**

We hope most families will be able to attend our first all-school event – Meet The Educator. We will be welcoming families on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00-5:30 pm to meet staff and visit classrooms. The Community Youth Foundation (The Optimist Club) will have their food truck on the premises and offer hotdogs, hamburgers (meat and vegetable option), fries and beverages for sale. Please consider supporting this local agency by purchasing dinner out with your family that evening.



*Looking forward to another amazing year ahead!*