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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: Class Reorganization

This school year has presented unique challenges to Ontario schools, as well as new options for students to learn in-person or remotely.

Each fall, HWDSB reviews elementary student enrolment in schools, and reorganizes staffing if actual enrolment differs from spring projections. It is normal for student enrolment to fluctuate a little.

This year, the fall reorganization is more widespread due to the in-person/remote option for students, as well as the ongoing need to meet provincial class size requirements.

Specifically, at our school, the reorganization will mean:

- The **removal** of the following classes: 1 Kindergarten classroom (Ms. Duke/Hucal); Grade 3 (Mrs. Walsh); Grade 6 (Mr. Ho) and Grade 7 (Mrs. Miles);
- As a result of the classrooms being closed, we will be creating the following combined classes:
 - Grade 4 and 5. Mrs. Walsh will be teaching this class.
 - Grade 6 and 7 class – Mrs. Miles will be teaching this class.
 - Grade 7 and 8 class – Mrs. Smith (Rodgers) will be teaching this class.
- Mrs. Duke will now be teaching the existing Grade 2/3 Class
- Mrs. Austin will now be teaching the existing Grade 5/6 class
- Mr. Ho will now be teaching Physical Education, Dance and Health
- To balance class numbers, moving additional students in/out of their existing classrooms may be required.
- As a result of the reorganization, and in addition to the educators that we said goodbye to in the fall, we will be saying goodbye to the following educators: Ms. Webb (DECE), Ms. Kawamoto, Ms. Leonetti, Ms. Kish, Ms. Provan (LTO), Mr. Martins (LTO), Ms. Brew (LTO), Ms. McArthur (LTO), and Ms. Slater (LTO).

We apologize for any disruption this may cause and appreciate your understanding. As always, our team of dedicated educators will work with you to ensure your child is well cared for and experiences educational success. Students will be notified of their new classes on Thursday, October 29th, 2020.

The new school organization and class placements will begin on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mr. Azzopardi Ms. van der Put
Principal Vice Principal