



HESS STREET SCHOOL

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

What a year! Who would have thought when school began in September that schools would be closed for three and a half months and learning would be on-line?

While this year has been turned upside down, we continue to offer our students the opportunities to learn and grow. As parents we need your help to make sure your children engage in the opportunities we are providing.

There have been challenges with learning from a distance, but working together we can make the very best of unusual circumstances.

SUMMER SCHOOL

- Literacy and Numeracy skill building programs - on line learning (Grades 6-8)
- Reach Ahead High School Credit - on line learning (Grade 8)
- Gr. 9 Orientation for Gr. 8 students - last week of August at Westdale (could be on-line depending upon the state of public health)

Register at:
www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer/



REPORT CARDS

- **Report Cards** - will be released on June 25. If we have your email address you will receive your child's report card electronically, otherwise it will be mailed. Paper copies available upon request when school resumes.
- **Promotion** - all students will move on to the next grade in September. This includes our Grade 8 students who will graduate and move on to Secondary School. Parents do not need to register their graduate at Westdale. If it is you plan that your son/daughter will attend a different Secondary School, please email or call Hess Street school if you have not already informed us. Westdale will be in touch with all new students over the summer with timetables and instructions for the first day of school.

PICKING UP PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Many students have personal items in their desks and lockers at school. **On Tues., June 9 (9 am-3pm) and Wed., June 10 (4-7 pm) they will have the opportunity to visit the school to retrieve their belongings.**

Students/parents must sign-up on-line (starting June 2) to schedule a time to come to the school. Those without an appointment will not be permitted to enter.

To **book your appointment on-line**, go to the Hess Street website and click on "Booking Calendar". Select your child's class, select a time & enter your contact details.



Students with **school instruments** and **library books** may return them to the school when they come in to pick up personal items.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child who was born in 2016? If you do, they are old enough to start Junior Kindergarten in September.

If you have not already done so, please go on-line to hwdsb.on.ca and follow the links to Kindergarten Registration. Once you have submitted the initial registration, one of our Office Administrators (Ms. Lane or Ms. Smith) will contact you for the information needed to complete your registration.

Information regarding Kindergarten Orientation will be sent to the families of registered students once it is available.

IPAD CHALLENGES? CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER FOR ASSISTANCE.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 1 - Schools remain closed until the end of June
- June 2 - Register on-line for pick up of student belongings
- June 9/10 - Pick up of student items (see bottom left of page)
- June 24 - Report Cards released
- June 25 - Last Day of School - on line instruction ends
- Aug 31 - Office reopens - daily 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Sept 8 - First Day of School 2020/2021

FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES

Child & Adolescent with the City of Hamilton is advertising phone or video counselling with no waitlist for youth under 18.

Mental Health Services for Children and Youth (under 18) and their Families

Book an appointment for mental health support. You will be able to talk to a therapist over the phone or through online video. There is no cost to this service and everything will be confidential.



Here is the link to for online registration

<https://www.hamilton.ca/public-health/clinics-services/mental-health-services-children-and-youth-online-registration>

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

As part of our recognition of graduating Grade 8 students, the school will be creating and sharing a commemorative video/presentation with congratulatory messages from teachers and others, as well as reading aloud the names of graduating students and acknowledging those who have received awards. The video will be shared on The HUB and HWDSB credentials are required to access it. Recipients will be discouraged from sharing the video with people who would not normally attend the ceremony. Posting publicly, including social media, is prohibited although it is important to know that HWDSB cannot guarantee that recipients will respect this requirement.

Parents/guardians who do NOT want their child recognized as part of the commemorative video should contact their student's teacher by Wednesday, June 3