



# HESS STREET SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

## FROM MR BRADLEY'S DESK

It is hard to believe that it is December, the school year is flying by. Students have settled into their new classes (after November 3) and are engaged in learning. As a result of reorganization we welcomed Ms. Van to Gr. 23 and Ms. Hammond to our primary classes two afternoons a week. We said a sad good-bye to Mr. Primeau (Gr. 8), Mr. Bullard (French) and Ms. Knight (Kgt).

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for making my six months at Hess Street special. My last day as temporary Principal will be Friday, December 4. While I return to retirement, I wish the community all the best!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 7	Mr. Johnston's first day at Hess
Dec. 18	Last Day before Winter Break
Jan. 4	Classes resume
Jan. 29	P.A. Day (school closed)
Feb. 15	Family Day Holiday
Feb. 16	Gr 7/8 Immunizations - Westdale (3:30-4:30 pm)



Wishing our families who celebrate Hanukkah (Dec. 10-18) or Christmas (Dec. 25) a joyous season!



## SAFETY WHEN WALKING TO SCHOOL

Students and parents are reminded to use the sidewalk on Queen Street when walking to school. While cutting through the parking lot may save a few steps, it represents a real danger. Drivers in cars turning into the parking lot may not see pedestrians. Students running behind cars might not be seen by drivers backing up their vehicles. Let's work together to avoid any accidents.



### REMEMBER!

No nuts or food with nuts, and no heavy colognes, perfumes or body sprays because of allergies

## REPORTING A CHILD LATE OR ABSENT

During COVID protocols, parents/caregivers are asked to call the school (after 8:15 am) if their child is late or absent or to go to the "Parent Login" on the Hess Street website. Please do NOT come to the school to report this information in person as we are limiting the number of visitors in the school to keep all safe.

## GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION

Parents of students in Senior Kindergarten, who are interested in having their child enrol in a HWDSB French Immersion programs starting in Grade 1 must complete application forms by January 23, 2021. For more information about how to apply visit:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/french-as-a-second-language/>



## NEW PRINCIPAL - MR. JOHNSTON

Please welcome Mr. Steve Johnston, the new PERMANENT Principal at Hess Street School. Mr. Johnston's first day will be Monday, December 7.

Mr. Johnston is an experienced Principal, coming to us from Cathy Wever School. Before becoming a school administrator, Mr. Johnston worked as a Special Education Consultant and classroom teacher. He brings a wealth of experiences that will be an asset to the Hess Street School Community.



**FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS, STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO REMAIN AT SCHOOL DURING BOTH NUTRITION BREAKS.**

## REMINDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS



Parents/guardians are reminded to:

- Complete the self screening checklist every morning (go to: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/covid19/student-screening-translated-documents/>) with their child.
- Inform the school if their child has "failed" the screening and contact public health to book a COVID test (call 905-974-9848 or book online at [www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca](http://www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca))
- Pick up their child immediately from school if they develop potential COVID symptoms during the day.
- Talk to your child about the importance of following the public health protocols at school.

**Working together is the best way to stay healthy!**

## SWIS WORKERS

Settlement Workers In Schools are available to assist families in their own language with school communication and understanding school forms and letters. Helping at Hess are:

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Kim	Viet./Chinese	(905)515-0821	kim.cheung@ymcahbb.ca