



# HESS STREET SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In November we take time to remember. To remember that our freedom came at a price. To remember the brave men and women who sacrificed all for our freedom as a nation. This year, due to the pandemic, we will remember in a different way, but we will remember.

On Friday, November 27 teachers are available to meet with parents to discuss your child's progress. It is important that all parents meet with their child's teacher. If your child is doing well ... meet with their teacher. If your child is struggling ... meet with their teacher.

### IMPORTANT DATES

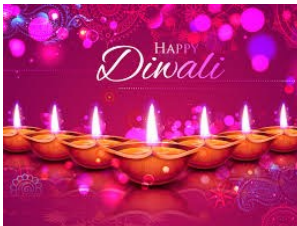
- Nov. 3 Welcome back to our on-line learners!
- Nov. 3 Welcome Ms. Van & Ms. Hammond
- Nov. 27 P.A. Day (parent-teacher interviews)
- Dec. 18 Last Day before Winter Break
- Jan. 4 Classes resume
- Feb. 16 Gr. 8 Immunizations - Westdale (3:30-4:30 pm)

### MEET OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Meet our school Social Worker. Krista Kleinwort is at Hess every Tuesday to work with students and their families. She provides a variety of services including helping with:

- Attendance issues
- Access to social service agencies
- Student counseling
- Providing assistance to parents with issues pertaining to their children

If you believe you or your child could benefit from Krista's assistance, please call the school and one of our office staff will pass along the message to have Krista give you a call.



**HAPPY DIWALI**  
on November 14  
to members of our  
community who  
celebrate this  
special day

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

### 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. You may also 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.

### TAKING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS AT SCHOOL

As parents and grandparents we love to take pictures and videos of our children and grandchildren. The memories these images create are priceless.

All are reminded that we must be careful not to take pictures or videos of other children at school. Just as we don't want others taking pictures of our children, we must respect other parents and not take pictures of their children.



Posting images of our children or grandchildren on social media is a personal choice for every parent. If you intend to post pictures of your child taken at school, please be certain no other children are in the picture.

### SNOW CLEARING AT HESS STREET

Snow clearing at Hess is a group effort:

- City of Hamilton clears sidewalks around the property
- A contractor plows and salts/sands the parking lots
- Hess staff clears pathways from doors to the sidewalks

Please note that HWDSB playgrounds are not plowed, but our caretakers will salt/sand slippery areas as needed.

### 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.

### SAFE SCHOOLS STUDENT SURVEY

The HWDSB is undergoing a comprehensive review of its safe schools & anti-bullying protocols. The expert panel engaged in this review has published its interim report. The report can be found at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/safe-schools-review-panel/>

Another part of this process is a student survey. Parents will be given the opportunity to have their children opt out of the survey. A consent form will be sent to parents by the school board.

