

KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION 2022-23

Hess Street
School
welcomes
your family.

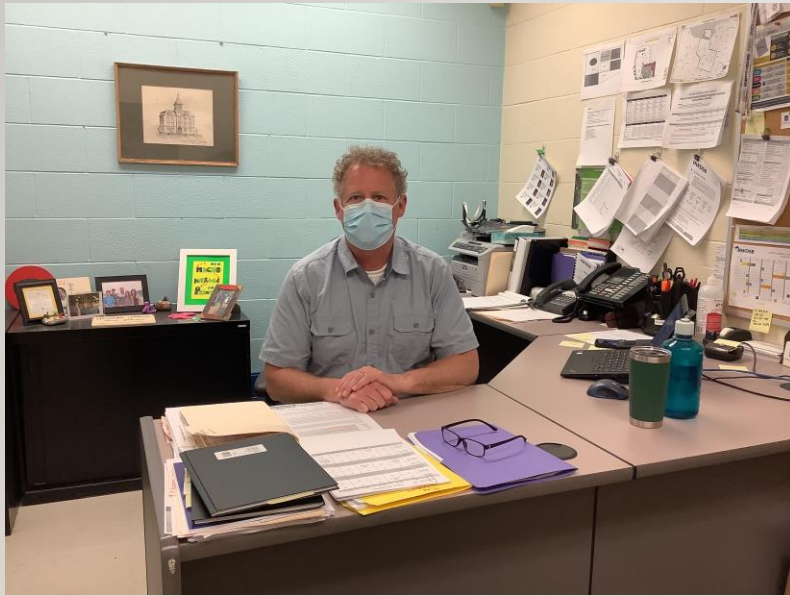


The HWDSB Kindergarten Handbook

Use this booklet as your guide. It helps to explain program structures, developmental milestones, school pandemic precautions, etc.



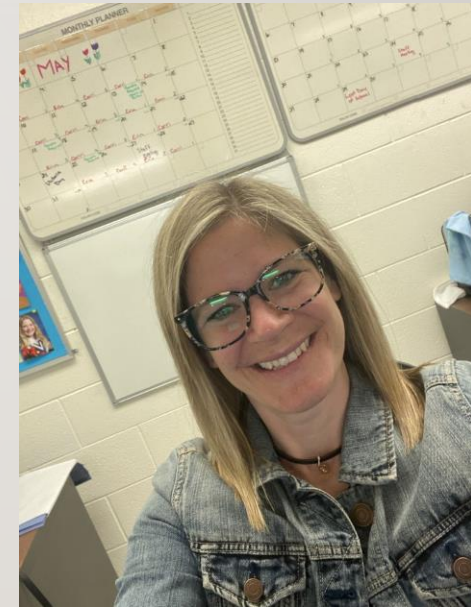
OUR PRINCIPAL AND OFFICE STAFF KEEP US SAFE



Mr. Johnston
Principal



Mrs. Lane
Office Administrator



Ms. Smith
Office Administrator

MEET THE EDUCATOR TEAM: CLASS KA



Mrs. Bernacki



Ms. Ahmed

MEET THE EDUCATOR TEAM: CLASS KB



Ms. Alfano



Ms. Eterno

MEET THE EDUCATOR TEAM: CLASS KC



Ms. Maclachlan



Ms. de Boer

OUR CUSTODIANS MAKE OUR SCHOOL A MORE PLEASANT AND SAFE PLACE TO BE



Mr. Watts
Head Custodian

OUR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS MAKE SPECIAL EDUCATION A RICHER EXPERIENCE

Ms. Smyth
Ms. Dymment
Ms. Davidson
Ms. Wray
Ms. Bezemer



OTHER TEACHERS SUPPORT OUR LEARNING TOO



Mr. Morganti

Learning Resource Teachers



Ms. Luker



Ms. Leyzer

Reading Specialist

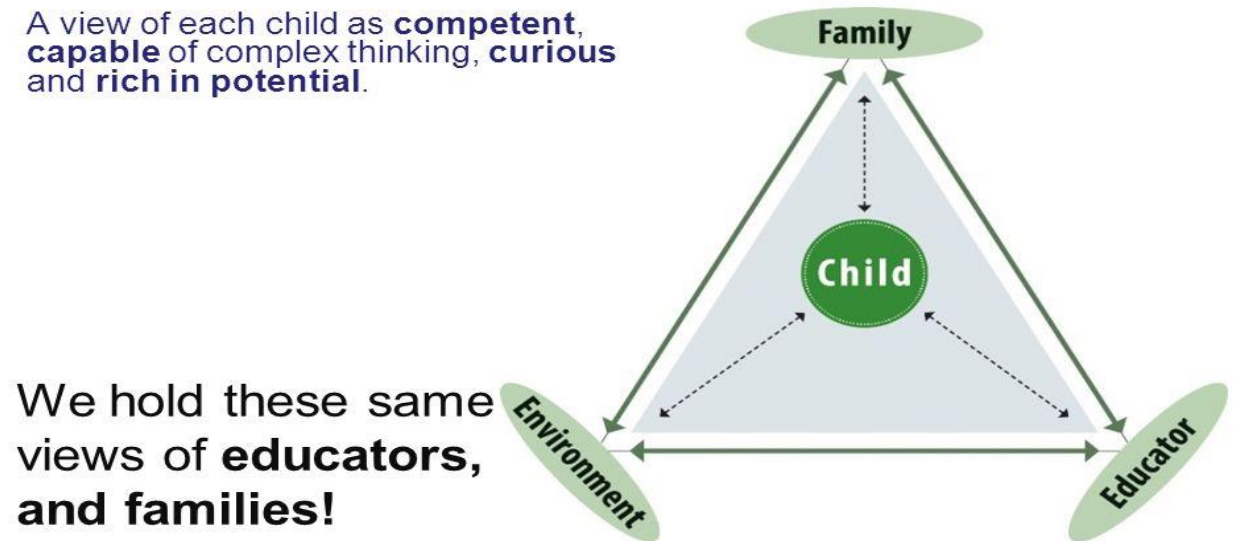
KINDERGARTEN LEARNING



THE KEY TO LEARNING

Relationships

A view of each child as **competent**, **capable** of complex thinking, **curious** and **rich in potential**.



We hold these same views of **educators**, and **families!**

How Does Learning Happen?



THIS IS HESS STREET SCHOOL

Kindergarten classes
are all day, everyday.
Monday – Friday
8:50 – 3:10



COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING

- ❖ Fall - Initial Observations report
- ❖ Winter - Communication of Learning reports
- ❖ Spring - Communication of Learning reports

Understanding Your
Child's Reports <http://bit.ly/2V7xqxC>

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Ontario Kindergarten Communication of Learning 1983R Observations' form. The form is titled 'Ontario Ministry of Education Kindergarten Communication of Learning 1983R Observations'. It includes a header with the Ontario logo and a 'Print Page' button. The form is divided into several sections: 'Student' (with fields for Student ID, Day Ahead, and Total Days Ahead), 'Teacher' (with fields for Teacher ID, Times Late, and Total Times Late), 'Early Childhood Educator' (with fields for Early Childhood Educator ID and Total Times Late), 'School' (with fields for Board, School, Address, Province, and Telephone), and 'Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning' (with checkboxes for ESL and IEP). A note below the key learning section states: '[Comments about student learning should be entered in a font size that is clear and legible.]'. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'ESL - English as a Second Language' and 'IEP - Individual Education Plan', and a footer with the text 'K04E (20-06/05) © Queen's Printer for Ontario, 2014 Page 1 of 1'.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO BRING?

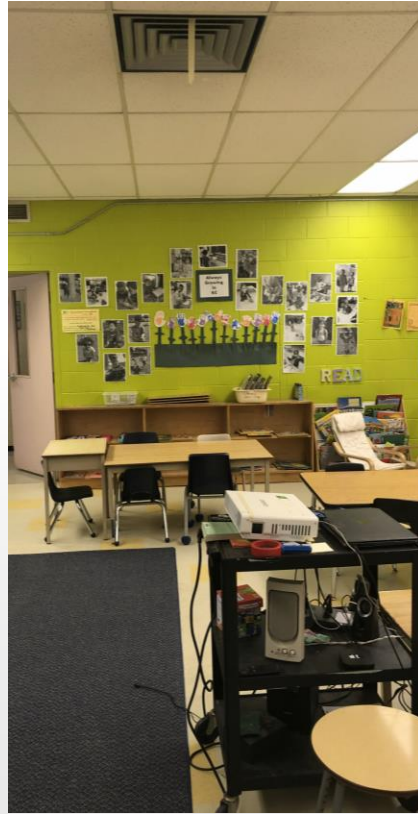


Each class is slightly different in character but it is a good idea to **LABEL** everything and have:

- ❖ Backpack big enough for a lunch, spare clothes and an important bag
- ❖ Spare clothes bagged and labeled in case of an accident
- ❖ Enough food for **2** nutrition breaks
- ❖ Indoor shoes when the weather changes
- ❖ Refillable water bottle



OUR
CLASSROOMS
ARE INVITING
SPACES
DESIGNED TO
INSPIRE YOUR
CHILD.



Other important places at Hess Street School



The Library




A dedicated Kindergarten
yard on Hess Street for pick
up and drop off.



The Gymnasium



PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

Be positive – listen to your child 

Talk, read and sing to your child daily in any language!



Encourage clear speech



Encourage safe exploration and play



Promote sharing, co-operation and responsibility



Introduce your child to letters and numbers



Visit the Central library to borrow books



Complete the LOOK / SEE checklist



Practice skills for independence



Expose your child to painting, colouring and scissors



3, 2, 1... COUNTDOWN TO OUR FIRST DAY

- ❖ Visit your family doctor for immunizations and call school the office if there are medical issues we need to know about (e.g. allergies)
- ❖ Get a vision test – free eyeglasses in JK year: [Eye See...Eye Learn](#)
- ❖ Address speech concerns – Early Words: hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo

(Referrals only possible up to June 15 of a child's first year in kindergarten).

Before and After School Child Care Services



*Applications available email child.care@wesley.ca Call 905-546-2424 ext 4535



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Before and After School Programs



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Wesley Before and After School Programs provide children with educational, social, and recreational activities. Through play and guidance from Registered Early Childhood Educators, your child will be exposed to situations that will promote:

- self confidence
- independence
- physical health development
- respect for others
- decision making
- problem solving skills
- and more!

CONTACT:

For information about registration and fees
email child.care@wesley.ca or call 905 546 2424 x4535

**Start and end your child's school
day in a Wesley Child Care
program in their own school.**

**For children from 3 years 8
months to 12 years**

THANK YOU
PARENTS
AND TO OUR
SWIS
WORKERS!



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

