



Hess Street Elementary School

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Dear families,

We are excited to welcome students back to class for the 2022-23 school year.

We know that the past two years have been challenging, and we are thrilled to see students, staff and families again. Each new year is a great new opportunity.

We know that many families remain concerned about safety, and we are too. We continue to take COVID-19 precautions, such as doing daily COVID-19 school and child care screening and staying home when sick or instructed within the screening tool.

As we move through the pandemic, we will continue to update families on important developments. We know that families may have a lot of questions.

We also invite families to keep up with communications from HWDSB by subscribing to email updates <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/hessstreet/>.

This school year all communication will be shared through our school website.

This year Hess Street will be using Cash On-line for payments such as trips. We suggest that you sign up now to ensure that you are ready.
<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/school-cash-online/>

If you are interested in joining Hess Street School Council please see our Web Site posting and form.

Please reach out to our school if you have any questions.

Here are some important points to remember as students for the start of the school year:

HWDSB will continue to offer a wide variety of mental health supports for students, knowing that the pandemic has impacted student well-being. This is especially important during the return to school, which can be stressful for some students. See some supportive tips on our recent web post. Explore our We Help web page for more evidence-based and timely school-based mental health services and supports.



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COVID-19 Most health and safety guidance from the province is unchanged from the end of the 2021-22 school year, but here are some items we want to bring to your attention:

- It is still recommended that staff, students and visitors continue to self-screen every day before attending school using the COVID-19 school and childcare screening tool. We no longer verify student screening results in schools. Please stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms or are waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms.
- HWDSB is a mask-friendly environment. We continue to support the wearing of masks in schools, administrative buildings and buses, as an effective public health measure. We will continue to offer free masks for students and visitors to our schools. Although masks are not required, our schools, offices and buses are respectful, welcoming and inclusive environments where individuals can choose to wear or not to wear a mask.
- HEPA filter units are installed in every occupied kindergarten class, in all occupied learning spaces without mechanical ventilation, and in mechanically ventilated learning spaces without MERV-13 level filters. HWDSB will continue to deploy HEPA filter units in learning spaces in a manner that maximizes their benefit. We will continue to publicly communicate ventilation measures on our website.

We know the return to school, especially for those who had been learning remotely, can be stressful for some students. We are here to support every student. If you think your child might struggle with school, please let us know.

Sincerely,

S.Johnston

Principal, Hess Street School



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Hess Street School Staff		
Class	Name	Room
JSA	J. Bernacki & S. Ahmed	123
JSB	F. Alfano & A. Valdiviesco	118
JSC	A. Maclachlan & L. de Boer	124
1A	S. Stryzko	222
12A	S. Kolkin	112A
2A	C. Giles	224
3A	K. Bezemer	213
4A	J. Herman	207
45A	B. Kore	221
56A	L. Cooper	211
46A	R. Freeman	225
67A	D. Montgomery & F. Smyth	127
78A	P. Drosi	111
78B	TBA	110
68A	D. Lightfoot	202
LRT (4-8)	F. Morganti	227
LRT (K-3)	F. Smyth	
Reading Specialist	K. Maika	218
ESL	M. Mota	214
ESL (0.6)	P. Doyle	128
French	N. Zahabi	129
Music	D. Montgomery	103
HPE/Dance	S. Cubello	Gym
Library (PM)	J. Buchanan	Library
Student Success	H. Dhaliwal	121
Educational Assistant	M. Corcoran	
Educational Assistant	T. Davidson	
Educational Assistant	S. Dixon	
Educational Assistant	A. Dymont	
Educational Assistant	S. Miles	
Educational Assistant	K. Smyth	
Educational Assistant	S. Bezemer	
Educational Assistant	J. DeWildt	
Office Admin	C. Lane	
Caretaking	R. Watts	
Caretaking	M. Robbins	
Principal	S. Johnston	

*please note there may be changes to the Hess Street Staff throughout the school year.