



# Highview Bulletin

## June 2019

### From the Vice-Principal's/Principal's Desk:

Another school year is coming to an end! It has been an honour and a pleasure to work with your children, yourselves, and the Highview Community this year, and we look forward to continuing to do so in the coming school year! A special congratulations to our grade 8's who are moving on to secondary school.

Thanks to all of our students for working so hard to engage in their learning and for continuing to be responsible citizens within the Highview School Community.

Thanks also go out to all of the staff at Highview for all they do to help in your child(ren's) learning, and for providing so many other experiences outside of the classroom!

A huge thanks to School Council for all of their efforts and support this school year!! Highview wouldn't be such a great place without their efforts. Thanks for providing us and the school with direction/feedback, and thanks for all of the fundraising efforts!

We thank everyone for all your support and I wish everyone a safe, happy, and restful summer! We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Mr. McLean  
Mr. Pellizzari

### Balanced Day:

We will remain on the same Balanced Day Schedule in September. The day will be as follows:

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Arrival time (Playground supervised)
8:15 -9:55 a.m.	Entry and Instructional Time
9:55 -10:35 a.m.	Nutrition Break #1
10:35 -12:15 p.m.	Instructional time
12:15 -12:55 p.m.	Nutrition Break #2
12:55 – 2:35 p.m.	Instructional Time and Dismissal

### School Council:

Highview School Council encourages all parents & guardians to join us at Council meetings throughout the year. Everyone is welcome at all meetings, it's never too late to get involved!

The scheduled School Council meeting date for September is **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

We look forward to seeing and hearing from as many parents/guardians as possible!

If you are looking to either be nominated, or self-nominate to become a member of the School Council, please watch for the nomination forms that will be posted on the school website in early September. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you don't want to be an elected member of Council.

### JK/SK Gradual Entry:

Tuesday September 3, 2019

All children new to kindergarten are clustered for short visits (eg. One hour) with their parents and will receive notification of the time....**SK (Year 2) Students do not attend.**

Wednesday September 4, 2019

All children new to kindergarten (JK) begin full day attendance.

All children entering year 2 (SK) of kindergarten begin full day

### **School Year Calendar:**

Please note that the HWDSB School Year Calendar is available at the following link:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

The calendars include: all holidays, Professional Activity Days, Days of the Cycle (1-5), and First/Last days of school.

### **PA Days for 2019/20:**

September 20<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>, November 29<sup>th</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Bussing:**

Please be reminded that those students who are eligible for bussing for the school year will receive a letter from Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) indicating so over the summer. **If a letter is not received, students are not allowed to get onto busses in September.** All others who wish to ride, but are not eligible, **will need to complete "Courtesy Rider" Applications in September.** Acceptances as courtesy riders will be completed by the beginning of October. Any questions regarding bussing, please contact HWSTS at 905.523.2318 or visit their website at: <http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/>.

### **School Excursions/Events/Purchases & School Cash Online:**

Thanks to all our families who have signed up and use School Cash Online to help us with collecting funds. Use of this site is a **safe and secure way** to make payments to the school using e-cheques, personal credit cards, and prepaid credit cards. Paying through School Cash Online avoids the need for students to carry large amounts of money to school, and also makes the collection of money at the school much more efficient, removing the need for staff to collect/count/store/deposit large sums of money. If you haven't already signed up, and you need help, please visit the support link on the School Cash Online website. Please remember that no special code is necessary, all you need is some basic information that all families have on hand to get started. We look forward to being a "cashless" school in the near future!! <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

### **Volunteering at Highview:**

Whether it is helping out in a classroom, on an excursion or in our school library, volunteers are important to us at Highview.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please request a volunteer package from our office. As per HWDSB policy, a volunteer package must be completed annually and a **Vulnerable Sector Screening** every three years. This screening can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online. The summer is a good time to request your vulnerable sector screening, if needed, so that you are ready to go for September!

<https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/how-to/obtain-criminal-records-check/vulnerable-sector-check>

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

### **Kindergarten Registration:**

If you or someone you know has a child who will be attending our Full-Day Kindergarten program in September, and hasn't yet registered, please call the school to make an appointment to register your child. If you require further information and have additional questions, please visit the Board website at:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten/> or give us a call at the school.

### **Before/After School Care: (email: [HAMILTON.SACC@YMCAHBB.CA](mailto:HAMILTON.SACC@YMCAHBB.CA) PHONE: 905.317.4916)**

The YMCA ( provides before and after school care at Highview. Visit the Y website for more information: [https://www.ymcahbb.ca/Programs/YMCA-Child-Care/School-Age-Child-Care-\(SACC\)](https://www.ymcahbb.ca/Programs/YMCA-Child-Care/School-Age-Child-Care-(SACC))

### Website Update Notifications:

Would you like to receive an email notification each time our school website is updated? If so, please take a minute to visit our school website at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/highview/> click on the "Subscribe" link found on the right side of the page near the top > enter your email address > choose if you would also like to subscribe to other HWDSB messages and click on submit. Once submitted, you will receive a notification confirming your subscription.

Please note that this feature has become more important as we continue to move away from a paper copy monthly newsletter towards a digital means of communication which is not only more environmentally friendly, saves the school \$\$ on paper/printing, but also allows communication to become more timely.

### Farewells:

As you know, this is a happy but also sad time of year because we have to say goodbye to staff members who will be moving on to new challenges next year. We wish them all the best and hope that their new positions will bring them much happiness and fulfillment. We thank them sincerely for all their contributions to Highview School!

- **Ms. Quinn...** Thanks to Ms. Quinn for all of her work with her JK/SK class! Ms. Quinn will be moving on to Chedoke School for the 2019/20 school year. Congratulations!
- **Ms. Depew...** Thanks to Ms. Depew for all of her work with her JK/SK class as well! Ms. Depew will be moving onto Strathcona School and will be teaching a grade 2/3 class within the SAGE Program of Choice there.
- **Ms. Ogden (JSKC), Ms. Biggs (5/6)...** We thank all of our Long Term Occasional Teachers that have been with us at Highview for various lengths of time this year and we wish them all the best in the coming years!!
- **Ms. Indelicato....** We thank Ms. Indelicato for all of her work as temporary Office Assistant at Highview and wish her all the best in her continued role at Dundas Valley Secondary School.
- **Mr. Johnston...** Thanks to Mr. Johnston for all of his work supporting our primary students in the role of prep coverage teacher 2 half days a week. We wish Mr. Johnston all the best in his future roles.
- **Mr. Reid...** Thanks to Mr. Reid who has been our temporary Caretaker at Highview over the last several months. We appreciate all he has done for Highview and wish him all the best.
- **Ms. Ivanovics...** Thanks to Ms. Ivanovics who had joined us in the role of DECE for the last part of the school year supporting all of our Kindergarten classes. We wish Ms. Ivanovics all the best in the coming years!

### Moving or Moved Addresses:

If you know that you will be moving over the summer, or if you have moved over the course of the school year, please notify the office as soon as possible. This really helps us to keep our records accurate and to know exactly the numbers of students within each grade/classroom.

Please note that Highview School is **closed to "Out of Catchment" for the 2019/20 school year**. Therefore, parents/guardians must follow the proper steps as per the HWDSB Out of Catchment Policy regarding this. According to the HWDSB Out of Catchment Policy, **anyone residing in another school's catchment area will need to register at their home school for September**. Unfortunately, Out of Catchment applications are not accepted for 2019/2020 at Highview. For more information, please visit <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/#tabs-112> .

### Safe Welcome Protocol:

As you know, the HWDSB has initiated a Safe Welcome Program. The program supports a welcoming learning environment by ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors can access elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe. At our school, all exterior school doors will be locked during the instructional day, and visitors must access the school via the main entrance. Please be reminded that the front entrance is equipped with a video/intercom access system which is to be used to gain access. Once granted entry, **all visitors must report directly to the office**. Anyone needing to travel beyond the office will be asked to sign in and to wear a visitor's sticker. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in keeping all of our students and staff safe.

### Highview Staff List 2019/2020:

Role:	Name:		Role:	Name:
Head Caretaker	Mr. L. Ivan		Teacher JK/SK	Ms. C. Seager
Assistant Caretaker	Ms. V. Buckland		Teacher JK/SK	Ms. L. Fortman
Assistant Caretaker	Mr. R. Pfau		Teacher JK/SK	Ms. D. Stewart
Office Administrator	Ms. R. Bowman		Teacher JK/SK	TBD
Office Assistant	Ms. C. Babb		Teacher Gr. 1	Ms. M. Sakins
Educational Assistant	Ms. S. DiBartolo		Teacher Gr. 1	Ms. E. Wigood
Educational Assistant	Ms. J. Compton		Teacher Gr. 2	Ms. L. Toth
Educational Assistant	Ms. S. Start		Teacher Gr. 2	Ms. B. Nantais
Educational Assistant	Mr. J. McNiece		Teacher Gr. 2	Mr. R. Eathorne
Educational Assistant	Mr. M. Preston		Teacher Gr. 2/3	Ms. K. Pecuh
Educational Assistant	Ms. I. Brunnacioni		Teacher Gr. 3	Ms. T. MacLean
Designated Early Childhood Educator	Ms. Q. Nguyen		Teacher Gr. 3/4	Ms. R. Harvie
Designated Early Childhood Educator	Ms. D. Springstead		Teacher Gr. 4	Ms. M. Martin
Designated Early Childhood Educator	Ms. T. Graydon		Teacher Gr. 4/5	Ms. R. Kellner
Designated Early Childhood Educator	TBD		Teacher Gr. 5	Ms. K. Clark
Learning Resource Teacher	Ms. T. Hallford		Teacher Gr. 5/6	Ms. E. Zablocki
Learning Resource Teacher	Ms. E. Douglas		Teacher Gr. 6	Mr. R. Kaszas
Teacher Librarian	Ms. S. Little (2.5 days/cycle)		Teacher Gr. 7 & Rotary	TBD
French/Art Teacher	Mme. Berrafati		Teacher Gr. 7 & Rotary	Ms. N. Raspopov
French/Prep Coverage Teacher	Mme. Muller		Teacher Gr. 8 & Rotary	Ms. C. Maciel
Prep Coverage Teacher	Mr. Cochrane		Teacher Gr. 8 & Rotary	Mr. B. Moore
Reading Specialist Teacher	Ms. K. Clause (2.5 days/cycle)		Vice-Principal	Mr. J. McLean
ESL Teacher	Ms. T. Doyle (2 days/cycle)		Principal	Mr. I. Pellizzari
Prep Coverage Teacher	TBD (1 day/cycle)			