



Welcome
to
KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION

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Welcome to Highview!



Getting to know your child is our priority

- Educators observe each child to find their interests, their strengths and their learning needs
- Observation and assessment shape the play-based learning program
- Educators plan programming to meet each child's needs based on skills and strategies demonstrated
- Educators communicate with parents in many ways



The Kindergarten Program

- Play based
- Child centred
- Developmentally appropriate
- Inclusive
- Provides a safe and caring environment



Your child's day

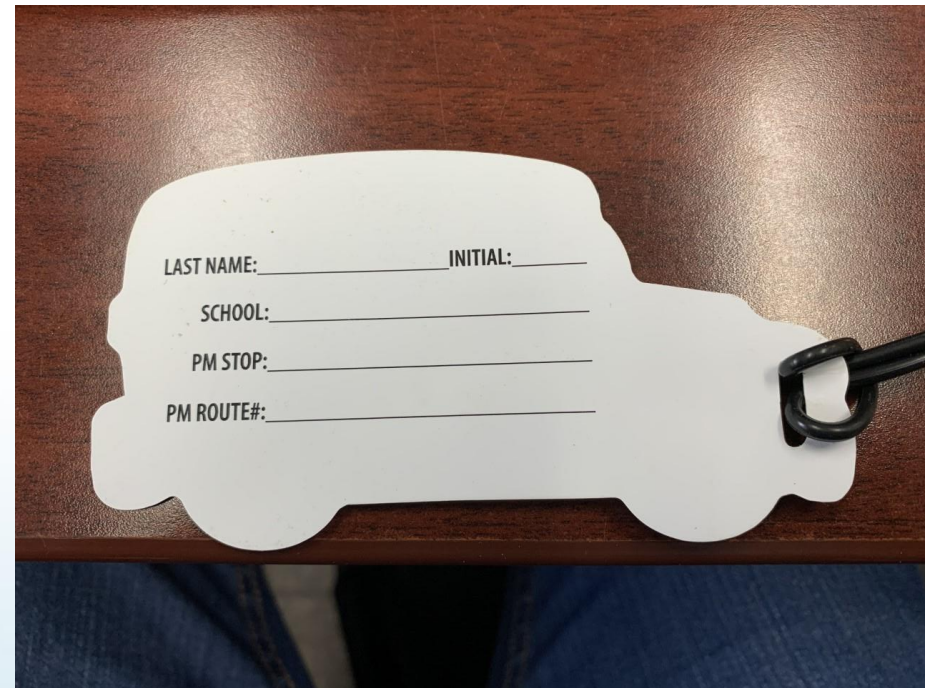
- Full day, every day
- Outdoor exploration – dress for the weather
- Variety of activity levels
- Arrival and departure (8:15 A.M. – 2:35 P.M.)
- 2 Nutrition Breaks
(9:55 – 10:35 A.M. 12:15 – 12:55 P.M.)
- Before and after-school programs (childcare)



- Transportation
 - Students residing in all urban and rural areas as defined by the City of Hamilton Official Plan will be eligible for transportation services to their in-catchment school when the walking distance exceeds the following:

Elementary School	Kindergarten	1.2 km
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 - We have 2 bus routes
 - Transportation will connect with families near the beginning of the school year.

<https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/faq.aspx>



- Before and after-school programs (**YMCA**)

<https://www.ymcahbb.ca/Programs/Categories/Child-Care/Before-and-After-School-Programs/Hamilton-SACC-Registration>

Contact Information:

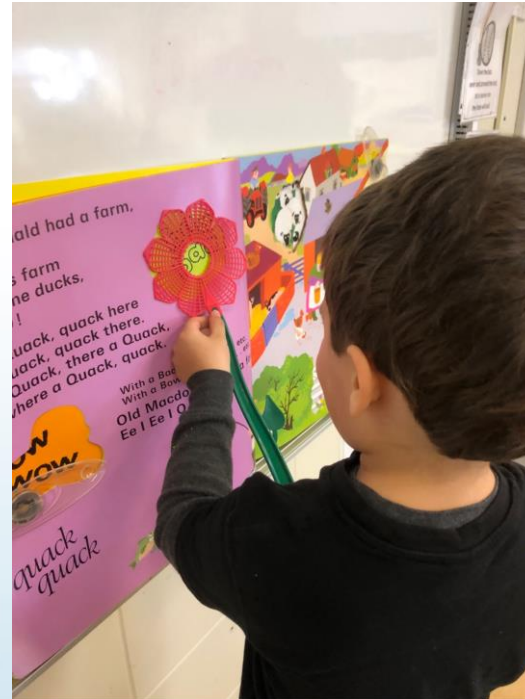
YMCA Office

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At this time registration is online only.

A look at our school day:








Communication of Learning

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

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


 Ministry of Education **Kindergarten Communication of Learning** Board Log
 Initial Observations

Date: _____

Student:	DEN:	Days Absent:	Total Days Absent:
Year 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher:		Times Late:	Total Times Late:
Early Childhood Educator:	Early Childhood Educator:		
Board:	School:		
Address:	Address:		
	Principal:	Telephone:	

Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning ESL IEP

[Comments about student learning should be entered in a font size that is clear and legible.]

ESL – English as a Second Language
IEP – Individual Education Plan

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What is Kindergarten like during a pandemic?



- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Daily Screening
- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing
- Physical Distancing
- Personal Protective Equipment (masks, visors, barriers)
- Individual Learning Materials
- Additional Outdoor Time

Roles in a school community

- Parent/caregiver
- Teachers and Early Childhood Educators
- Educational Assistants
- Learning Resource Teachers (LRT)
- Principal/Vice-Principal
- Community Partners - YMCA
- Speech-Language Pathologists



How can you get involved?



- Attend our school events
- Volunteer
- School Council
- Attend parent/caregiver/educator conferences
- Join an HWDSB advisory committee
- [Stay Connected!](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/highview/)

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The **COUNTDOWN** to the **first day** of school!

- Visit your family doctor – immunizations
- Get a vision test – free eyeglasses in JK year: hwdsb.info/2PRmreS
- Address speech concerns – Early Words: hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo
 - *(Referrals only possible up to August 31 of a child's first year in kindergarten).*



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Things you will need:

- **Water bottle**
 - **Lunch Kit (We have 2 nutrition breaks each day)**
 - **Indoor Shoes (Velcro if the students have trouble with tying)**
 - **Warm clothes for Winter (Jacket, boots, snow pants, mittens)**
 - **Multiple masks (cloth are fine)**
- *Remember to write the student's name on their items or label them.**



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Things to Practice:

- Wearing a mask
- Washing hands and hand sanitizing
- Walking to school
- Opening lunch containers (and water bottles, juice boxes, etc.)
- Putting on coats and shoes/footwear
- Doing up zippers



Resources:

- Attend a Check It Out Clinic: hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe
- Review the FREE LookSee Developmental Screen: www.lookseechecklist.com
- Summer – play groups, sleep routines, independent skills
- Find resources at hwdsb.info/kindergartenorientation

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

