



*Welcome*  
*to*  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
**ORIENTATION**

## Meeting Norms

- Microphone off
- Hand up for a question
- Use the chat for questions

Address Questions to:

[ppetrucc@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:ppetrucc@hwdsb.on.ca)



# Land Acknowledgement

Welcome to Turtle Island.  
We share and take care  
of the land and water, with the  
Haudenosaunee (Ho-Den-Oh-Show-Nee)  
and  
Anishnaabe (Ah-Nish-Nah-Bay) people.  
Forever with a good mind and a good heart.





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Welcome to Huntington Park

**Welcome to  
our school!**





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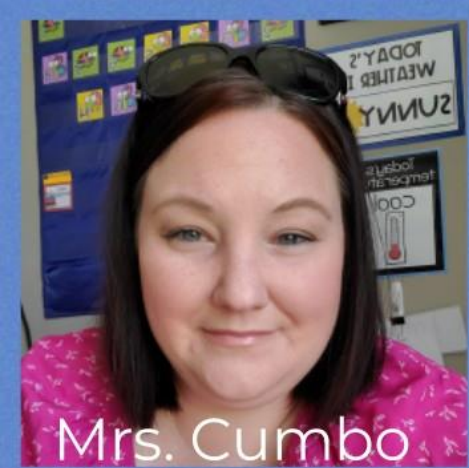
Mr. Petruccelli  
Principal

Ms. Russell  
Office Administrator

**The friendly  
faces in our  
office!**



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**Meet our  
Kindergarten  
Team!**

# 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





# Your child's day

- Full day, every day
- Nutritious snack program
- Outdoor exploration
- Variety of activity levels
- Arrival and departure
- Transportation
- Before and after-school programs (childcare)





# Huntington Park Bell Times

## ENTRY

Our school day begins at **8:40 am**. Staff are on the playground for supervision 15 minutes prior, at 8:25. Kindergarten students enter from two different doorways at the back and side of our school.

## NUTRITION BREAKS

We have 2 nutrition breaks daily. Our first nutrition break is at **10:20-11:00 am**. Our second nutrition break is at **12:40-1:20 pm**.

## DISMISSAL

Our school day ends at **3:00 pm**. We dismiss about 10 minutes prior to that at **2:50 pm** as we must dismiss each student to a parent/guardian.



Entry door off of the side of the school  
(faces Sandalwood Ave)

## Entry/Dismissal Doors



Entry door off of the back playground



# Transportation

## Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS)

- At HWDSB, student transportation is provided by Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS). HWSTS provides safe, effective and efficient transportation services to eligible students at HWDSB.
- **IF** your child is eligible for transportation (**you live 1km or more away from the school**) you will be notified by HWSTS during the summer. You do not have to put your child on the bus for September if you do not wish to; you may call the school at a later date to set up bussing.

# Before & After School Care

## Today's Family

- Before and After School Programs are offered from the earliest days of being a student right up to age 12. The programs run Monday to Friday from 7:00am until the start of school and from the end of school until 6:00pm, as well as from 7:00am until 6:00pm on Professional Activity Days.
- If you are interested in registering your child for the Before and After School Program, please call Today's Family at (905) 574-9344 or contact them via email at [info@todaysfamily.ca](mailto:info@todaysfamily.ca)

Today's Family





# The Kindergarten Program

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





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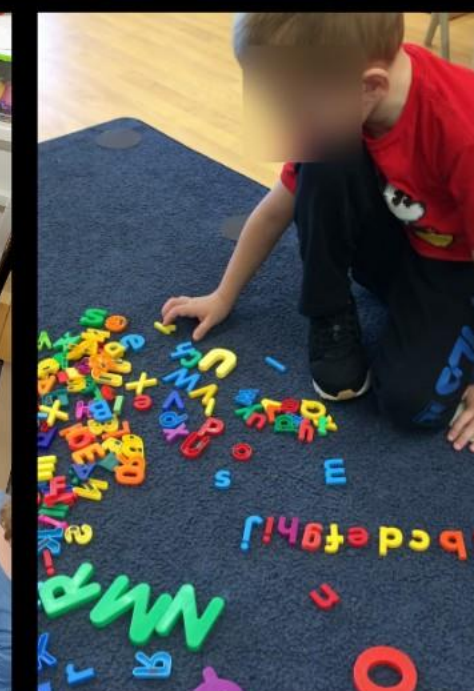
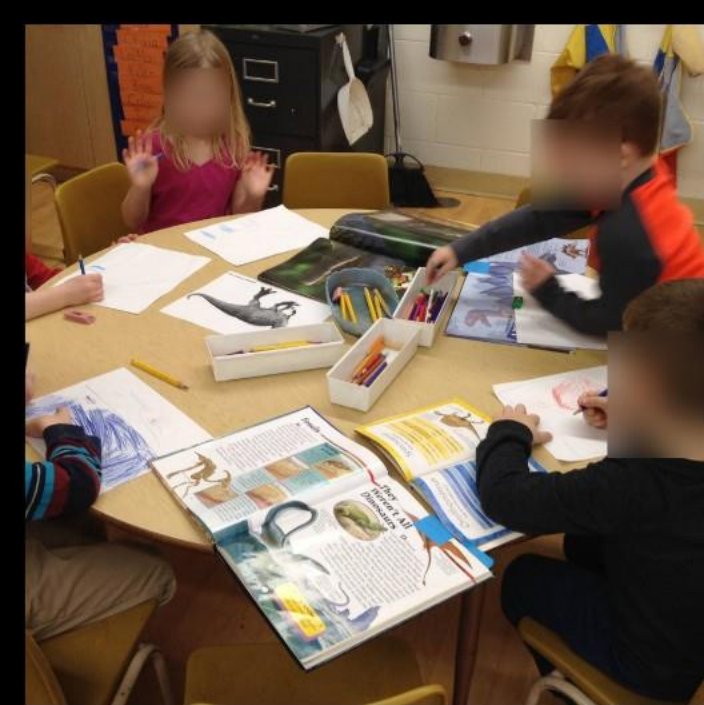
**A look at our  
school day**





# The Kindergarten Program

- Belonging and Contributing
- Self-Regulation and Well-Being
- Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours
- Problem-Solving and Innovating
- [The Kindergarten Program, 2016](#)





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# Play-Based

- Play is recognized as a right of a child
- Curiosity, exploration, play and inquiry drive learning
- [The Kindergarten Program, 2016](#)





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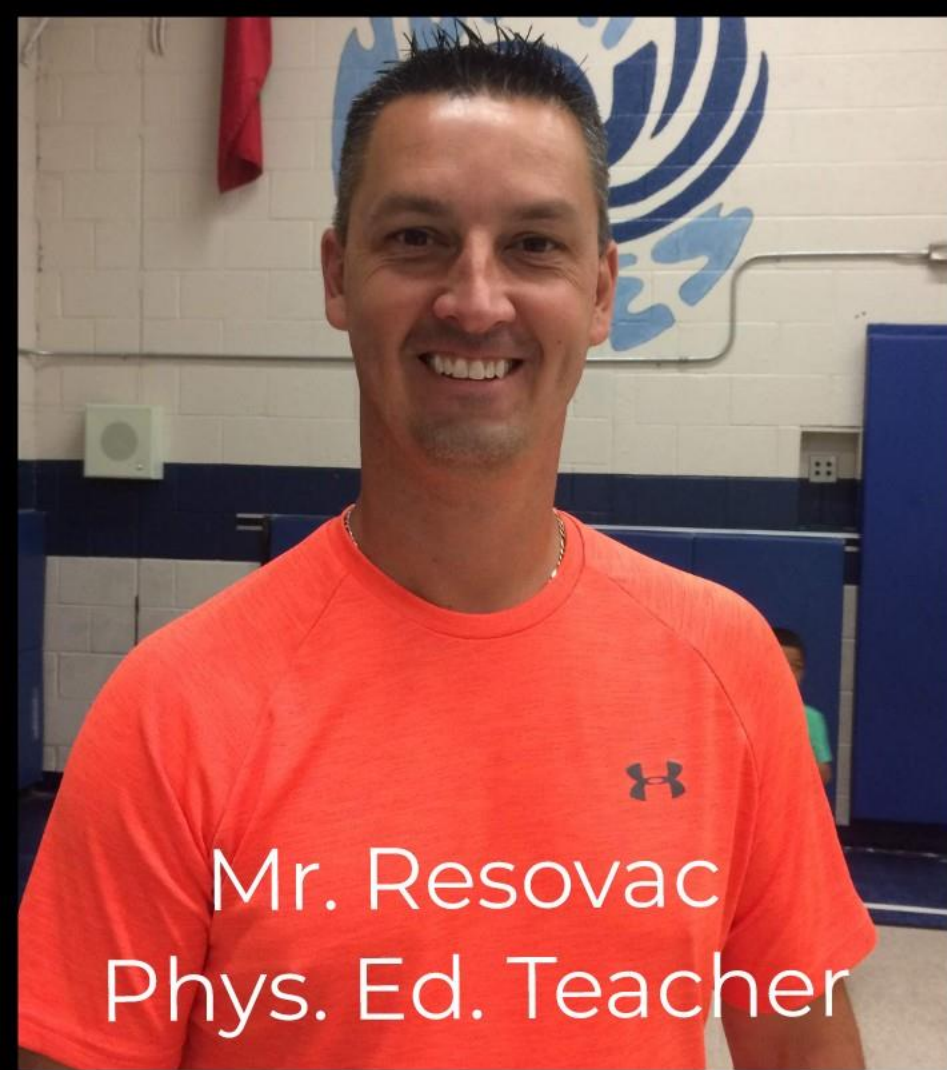
Mr. DeMan  
Music Teacher



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Mr. Resovac  
Phys. Ed. Teacher



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Our outdoor spaces.

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# What is Kindergarten like during a pandemic?





## **Special Learning Needs**

If your child has special learning needs, please connect with the school office so that we may set up an Intake Meeting.

## **Allergies/Anaphylaxis & Medical Conditions**


If your child has a life-threatening allergy, requires an Epi-Pen at school or other medication condition (e.g. asthma) please contact the office to speak with the Principal or a member of the Kindergarten team.



# 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>


 Ontario 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.]

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

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# How can you get involved?



- Attend our school events
- Volunteer
- School Council
- Attend parent/caregiver/educator conferences
- Join an HWDSB advisory committee



# Roles in a school community

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





## 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](http://hwdsb.info/2PRmreS)
- Address speech concerns – Early Words: [hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo](http://hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo)
  - *(Referrals only possible up to August 31 of a child's first year in kindergarten).*





## Resources:

- Attend a Check It Out Clinic: [hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe](http://hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe)
- Review the FREE LookSee Developmental Screen: [www.lookseechecklist.com](http://www.lookseechecklist.com)
- Summer – play groups, sleep routines, independent skills
- Find resources at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/)



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**SCHOOL READINESS**





## INDEPENDENCE

Have your child practice doing these activities independently:

- Putting on and zipping up sweaters and coats.
- Putting on shoes.
- Fastening zippers and buttons on pants.
- Toileting (e.g. flushing the toilet, wiping and washing hands)
- Changing into clean clothes.
- Basic hygiene skills (e.g. using Kleenex, washing and drying hands, wiping their face).
- Opening and closing plastic containers, water bottles, juice boxes, etc.



## LEARNING

Throughout the summer try the following with your child:

- Singing the ABC's, practicing identifying some letters.
- Recognizing and printing their name.
- Drawing and/or colouring pictures.
- Using scissors to cut paper or make crafts.
- Read on a regular basis.
- Answer and discuss their questions to explore learning and practice listening and taking turns speaking.





## SHARING

Important skills to practice with your child:

- Use manners (e.g. not interrupting, turn-taking, saying *please* and *thank you*).
- Practice following instructions when asked.
- Practice problem solving skills (e.g. talking about a problem).
- Sharing materials and toys with a friend or sibling by taking turns.



## SCHOOL ROUTINES

Routines are very important to help ensure success at home and school. When children know what to expect they are more likely to follow instructions and feel comfortable in their environment.

- Getting up in the morning.
- Getting dressed independently.
- Coming home after school.
- Checking backpacks and Important Bags.
- Bedtime routines.





## MATERIALS

Your child will need the following items:

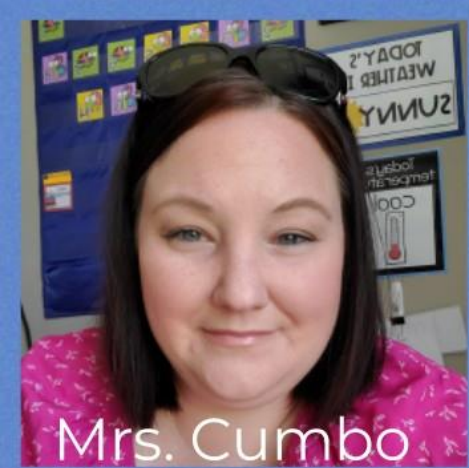
- Appropriately sized backpack (e.g. that can fit their lunch bag, change of clothes, library book and Important Bag)
- Lunch bag
- Full change of clothes (including underwear and socks)
- Velcro running shoes
- Weather appropriate clothing for outdoor play
- Please label **EVERYTHING**

# September Start and School Visits

Information regarding our September start up plans and school visits will be emailed to you at the end of August (if not, earlier).



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