



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

# Janet Lee School

## Kindergarten Orientation



May 30, 2022  
5pm

Before We Begin...

We would like to introduce  
the current  
Janet Lee Kindergarten  
team!



# Our school day

Full day, every day

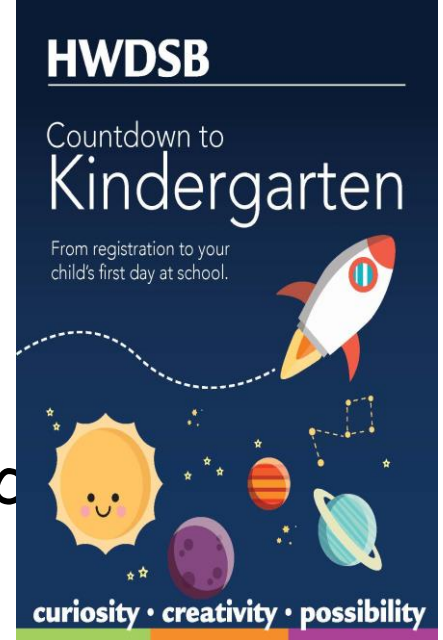
Janet Lee bell times: 8:10 school begins/2:30 school ends

## Drop Off

- Bell time is 8:10am - if possible, please do not drop off your child prior to 8:05am
- Classes will line up in a designated spot until entry bell rings
- Parents are unable to enter the kindergarten pod or the school building
- Parking is limited

## Pick Up

- Bell time is 2:30pm
- We do 1:1 dismissal, each student will be released directly to their adult by a kindergarten educator





Janet Lee operates on a balanced day schedule. Students have 2 opportunities to eat each day. First Nutrition Break is from 9:50-10:30. Second Nutrition break is from 12:10-12:50. Kindergarten students stay in their own classrooms to eat for the 40 minute breaks and are supervised by their classroom DECE.



## Food Information



- Our school is officially a nut-safe school. We ask that you only send foods that are **100% nut-free**.
- Please only send healthy lunch items and snacks choosing appropriately from the four food groups.

# Eating At School

Due to COVID regulations classroom teachers cannot touch student's food packaging. Here are some things you can do to help your child eat their lunch safely and efficiently:

**Tip 1:** Place items in containers that your child can open and close with ease.



**Tip 2:** Open the corner of pre-packaged foods so your child can finish opening it independently.



**Tip 3:** Remember that students cannot use a microwave.



**Tip 4:** Cut up fruit and place it into a container or start the peeling process for them on fruits such as oranges and bananas.



**Tip 5:** Avoid fruit cups and yogurt tubes as these are the most common hard to open items. Consider pouring these foods into easy to open containers.



**Tip 6:** Pack a napkin for your child to place on their desk at meal times.



## What Your Child Needs For School:

**\*please remember to label all items with your child's name\***

- Large Backpack that students can open and close independently.
- Lunchbag that can fit inside the backpack
- Outdoor boots
- Shoes that can be independently taken on and off - PLEASE NO LACES if possible
- 1 Refillable Spill Proof Water Bottle to be brought home and washed daily
- full change of clothes (including underwear and socks) to be kept at school in case of spills, toileting accidents or messes
- Please let us know if you need any help purchasing these items. Reach out via email and we can offer assistance

**\*\*PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS COMING  
TO SCHOOL\*\***

*This includes: shoes, socks, pants, shirts,  
hats, mitts, snowpants, water bottles,  
tupperware, lunch pails etc.  
Labelling items helps our days  
run smoothly! 😊*



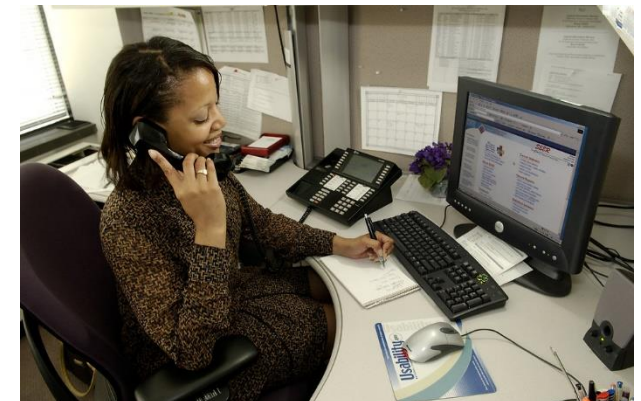


# A Successful Transition September 2022

We know that September may be a challenging start up for some of our new to Kindergarten students. We want children to be comfortable and supported in their transition to school.

For September 2022 , HWDSB will be using a gradual entry to the start of the new school year for new to Kindergarten students. Information about what this will look like will be shared soon.

Class placements will be communicated toward the end of June.



# 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



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

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

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# Roles in a school community

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



# YMCA After School Care

Here is some information about our after school care run by the YMCA:

- Hours of operation: Monday-Friday Bell time/2:30pm - 6:00 pm
- Age Groups: 3.8 to 12 years old
- Registration is online only.
- <https://www.ymcahbb.ca/Programs/Categories/Child-Care/Before-and-After-School-Programs/Hamilton-SACC-Registration>
- **For more information please contact:**
- YMCA Office
- 905.317.4916
- [hamilton.sacc@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:hamilton.sacc@ymcahbb.ca)
- **Child Care Subsidy: please see below for information on how to apply for a subsidy**
- <https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/early-years-and-child-care-services/apply-financial-support-child-care>
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# HWDSB Parent Portal

An important part of being a parent at Janet Lee is registering for the Parent Portal. Please see the information below on how to register.

1. Parents can go to [www.hwdsb.on.ca/parent](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/parent)
2. From here you will click on **Parental Portal Log-in** **\*\*Do not click forgot username or password?\*\***
3. Enter the following information:

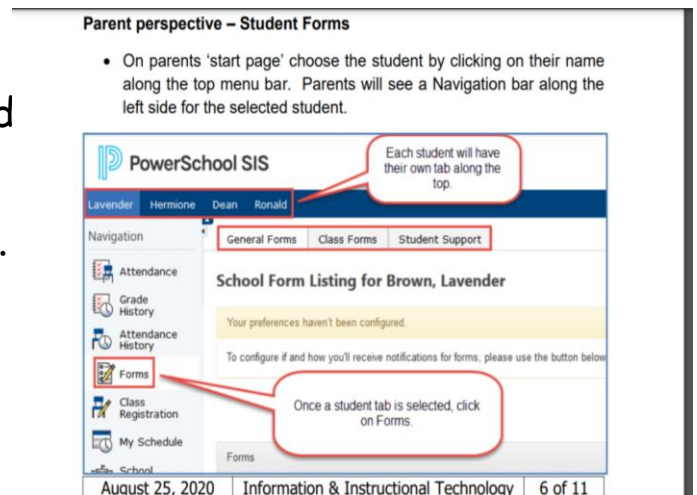
**Username:** Is the first part of your e-mail address before the @ sign

**Temporary Password:** Has been set to hwdsb2021

4. **Click:** Sign In
5. You should be prompted to change your Password to your own personal password

This photo gives you an idea of what the Parental Portal looks like upon gaining access.

If you have any questions, please email [janetlee@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:janetlee@hwdsb.on.ca)





## 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 [hwdsb.info/kindergartenorientation](http://hwdsb.info/kindergartenorientation)

**We look forward to meeting you and your child!**



# Countdown to Kindergarten Activity Book

## Countdown to Kindergarten at **HWDSB**



### **HWDSB**

**Starting school is a big step  
in your family's life.**

- To make this step easier, it is important that you talk with your child about the start of school.
- Exploring this book before school starts will help your child know what to expect at school.
- Reviewing it often will help them look forward to their first day at school.
- We look forward to welcoming your child at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board!

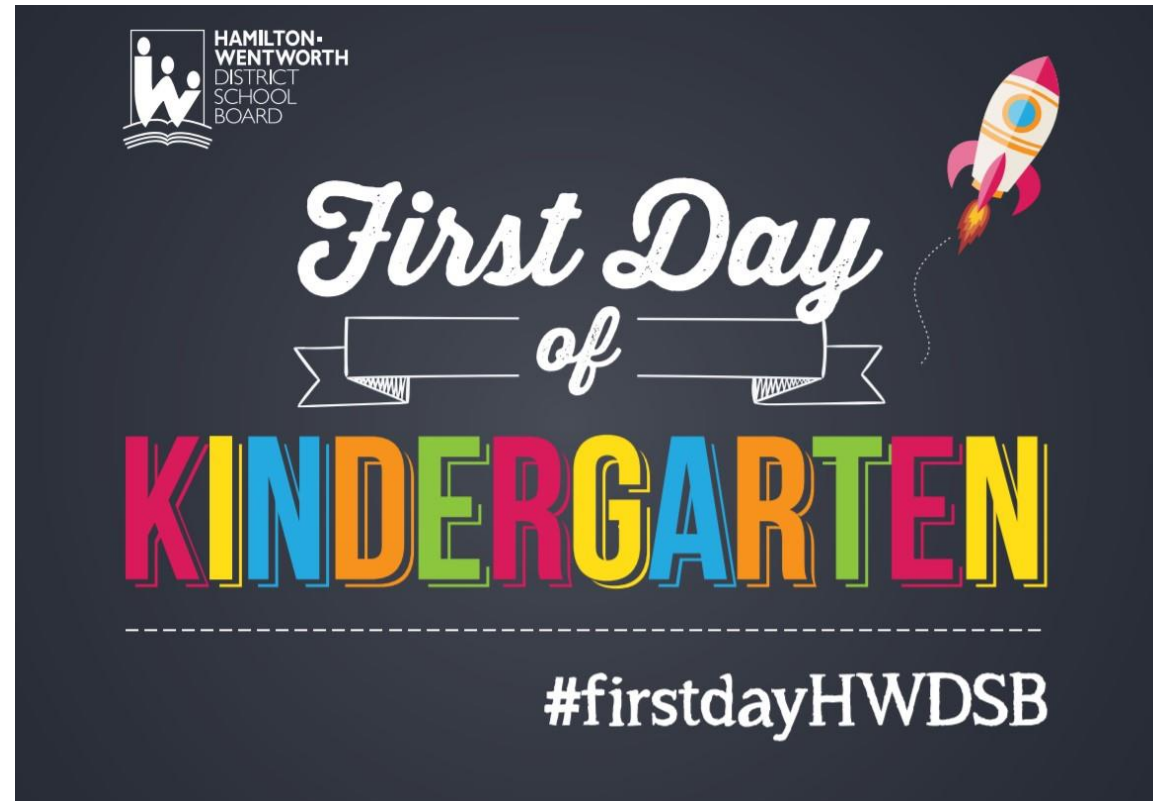
**Link to**

**Book:** • [Kindergarten Activity Book – English](#)

- Translations: [Arabic](#); [Chinese](#); [Kurdish](#); [Punjabi](#); [Serbian](#); [Somali](#); [Spanish](#); [Urdu](#); [Vietnamese](#)

# Photo Sign

- Included here is a poster you can print for your child's first day of kindergarten photo for your own personal use or for social media.



[link to 1st day of Kindergarten poster](#)



# Questions?

