



Mary Hopkins News

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Message from the Principal

As we head into the final month of school it is time to reflect on the wonderful school year we had. I would like to begin by thanking our School Council and Parent Advisory Committee for their commitment and continued advocacy for our school and students. School Council and PAC have not only been a big part of raising funds for our school, but also been advisors as to how this money is spent. As a result of their efforts and guidance, we have purchased new tech, music equipment and home reading resources. Funds have also supported experiential learning through arts and science presentations as well as subsidized excursions throughout the school.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many parents and members of our school community who have generously given their time, energy and talents to benefit the students of Mary Hopkins. Volunteer contributions have made a positive difference in the lives of our students. As a way of thanking our Volunteers, the staff at Mary Hopkins would like to invite past volunteers to our annual tea on June 10 at 10:50 am. All volunteers are welcome to attend.

In the last newsletter, I wrote about how we build our classrooms. We are currently in the midst of staffing our school and creating our classes for September. This year, class placements for September will be distributed on the last day of school (June 27). Our staff have spent a long time building our classrooms and have worked to assure that each room is a balanced and positive learning environment. It is for this reason that request for changes cannot be accommodated. We understand change is always a difficult experience, but it is important that we present change in a positive way. The success of a new classroom can be supported by the attitudes that we as teachers and parents demonstrate to the children.

We look forward to June and all the events planned. Be sure to check the calendar found on our website so that you don't miss out on anything.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE	5	RAPTOR'S SPIRIT DAY
	6	Gr. 2-5 Track and Field
	7	PA Day—No Classes
	10	Volunteer Tea (10:50 am)
	20	Gr. 3-5 City Track Meet
	21	Gr. 1-5 Play Day
	25	Grade 5 Farewell Assembly
	26	Reports Go Home
	27	Canada Day Spirit Day
	27	Last Day of School
	28	School Office Closes for the Summer

Check our website for other important dates. Subscribe to our newsfeed for direct email reminders.

Buzzer Entry Changes for September 2019

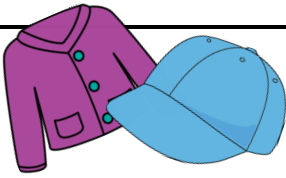
In 2013, HWDSB issued the Safe Welcome Protocol. This protocol supports a welcoming learning environment ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors have access to elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe.

Beginning in September 2019, we are planning for the buzzer entry to be moved to the Mill Street entrance.

Why move the buzzer? The main rationale is staff and student safety. Currently, all guests and visitors to the school are required to walk through our schoolyard and classroom area to enter the school. The buzzer entry location is away from the office and provides access to many students prior to reporting to the office. Visitors are often able to enter the school without using the buzzer by entering alongside students.

What will not change in September? Morning and end of day routines will not change. Students will continue to be dropped off and picked up in the schoolyard both in the morning and at the end of the day. Bus drop off and pick up will continue on Mill Street.

What will change in September? Guests and visitors to the school during instructional day (9:10 am - 3:30 pm) will enter on the Mill Street entrance (e.g. mid-day pick ups and drop offs, deliveries, maintenance support)



Lost & Found

Each year there is an abundance of unclaimed clothing in our lost and found. If your child comes home stating that an item is missing, be sure to ask them to check the lost and found. Depending on where lost items have been left, it can take a day or two to arrive in the lost and found, so be sure to check more than once. All items remaining after the last day of school will be donated to charity.

When purchasing new items for the new school year, remember to carefully label backpacks, lunch bags, shoes, jackets, and other expensive items. When volunteers check the Lost and Found, labeled items are more likely to be returned to their owners, while unlabeled and unclaimed items are donated to charity.

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you for your contributions to our Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Not only did our staff do a great job organizing the Jump Rope event, but it was fantastic to see our students getting their heart rate up as they participated in the activities. Overall we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$10000 to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Our final total collected was...

\$ 15,905.00

Way to go Hopkins Hawks!



Grade 5 End of Year

Transition Visit to
Flamborough

June 13, 2019



Farewell Assembly Rehearsal

June 24, 2019

Grade 5 Farewell Celebration

June 25, 2019

2:00 PM

Mary Hopkins School Gym

The families of our Grade 5 students are invited to a celebration and farewell to the 2019 Mary Hopkins graduates.

ATTENTION ALL COURTESY RIDERS AND SK RIDERS

Students are eligible for transportation if their in catchment school **exceeds** the following criteria.

Kindergarten exceeds 1.0 km

Gr. 1-8 exceeds 1.6 km

If you are currently a courtesy rider you will need to re submit a courtesy transportation form for September.

It is important that you make alternate transportation arrangements for the first few weeks of school.

We understand that this may be an inconvenience, but our school needs time to assure that all eligible riders have a seat on the bus before we approve courtesy transportation. Each year routes are adjusted and new families arrive, all which make it difficult to predict how many empty bus seats are available until the school year begins. Please be aware that approval in a previous year, does not guarantee approval in the current year.

Please contact the office if you have any further questions regarding transportation.



JUNE ABSENCES

We understand June is a busy month, but we would like to remind you to please report your child will be absent from school – whether it is due to illness, an appointment, early vacation plans, etc. If you are having difficulty using the safe arrival system, you can call the school and our office staff can manually enter the absence.