

Dear Mount Hope Families,



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Mount Hope!

With a growing community, we look forward to welcoming our returning and new families. Please rely on our school website and the Parent Portal to access information and inform you of your child's school teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Class placement is a collaborative team process that our educators invest in to create the most optimal classroom dynamic for our students. Thank you for respecting their professionalism to ensure your child will learn in the most optimal environment based on their learning skills and achievement. A considerable amount of time and thought goes into placement decisions. Please note, changes to class placements are not being considered at this time. This year your child's class placement has been communicated to you via the parent portal (<https://ps.hwdsb.on.ca/public/home.html>) beginning the last week of August. Our dedicated and caring staff will work with you to support students in transitioning to their new classrooms. If you have any specific concerns about your child, please reach out to your child's teacher.

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 6th. On Wednesday, students in Grades 1-8, will meet their teachers at the back of the school on the black top. Students will look for a sign with their teacher's name on it. This is where they will connect with classmates and will find their teacher. At 9:15am, teachers will bring students into their perspective classrooms for the start of the day. Staff will be on the school yard to supervise and assist students 15 minutes before and after school each day.

For the safety of students, **only school busses & staff vehicles** will enter school grounds and our parking lot. Parents driving students from Grades 1-4 will continue to drop off & pick up students in Longview court where they will be supervised upon entry & dismissal. Parents driving students from Grades 5-8 will continue to drop off & pick up students on Marion Rd.

If you require any assistance, please look for a staff member in an orange vest who will be happy to help.

On Wednesday, September 6, 2023 all kindergarten children new to kindergarten and/or the school will have the opportunity for a short visit with a caregiver in order to ensure that they feel comfortable and supported as they transition to school. On Thursday, September 7, 2023 all Kindergarten students begin full day attendance and will meet their educators in the fenced Kindergarten area in front of the school.

If your child is taking the bus this year, they will be met by staff upon arrival and supported by staff at the end of the day. It is very important that your child knows how they will be getting

home at the end of each day. Please take some time to review bussing with your child so they are aware of their bus number and the expectations of travelling safe on the bus. During start-up, bus transportation may experience some delays; your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated. Families that are eligible for transportation, should have received an email with the following link -New student transportation portal. Please review this link as it contains important information for the 2023/2024 school year. Stay connected for more information by subscribing to our school website (<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/mounthope/>) and following us on Twitter (@MountHope_HWDSB). On our website you will find more detailed information about bell times, school expectations, staff and procedures. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school at 905-679-4145. We are looking forward to a great new school year ahead and hope you enjoy the final days of summer break!

Sincerely, Ms. N. Radojevic

Principal – Mount Hope School