

From the Principal's Desk,



We would like to thank the staff, students and the community for a great start up in September ! It's hard to believe that the first month of school is behind us. Our students have transitioned into back-to-school routines and have adjusted well to daily school life at Mount Hope!

Extracurriculars got off to a great start in the month of September with our Junior & Senior boys 3-Pitch teams representing Mount Hope at the system meet. Our Senior boys won the championship bringing home a banner! Cross country is currently in training and the volleyball season will be next! Thank you to our coaches for dedicating their time to our teams.

With our Character Education program guiding our students to build upon their traits we look forward to welcoming the Character trait of "Self Regulation" for the month of October. Students will be engaged in learning how to regulate and support their development this month.

Our Terry Fox Day & fundraiser was a success with students actively participating ! Thanks to our families we reached our fundraising goal of raising just over \$1000 to support the foundation! Our Laura Secord chocolate fundraiser launched on Friday September 29th with our sales extending to October 19th. Students are sharing their sales experiences & it has generated excitement within the school environment. Thank you for supporting your child with sales to help fundraise and support Mount Hope's school improvement planning for this year!

With our growing community we will be going through a school re-organization requiring changes to our class sizes along staffing updates. With systemic changes to the organization of schools we will be staffed with a new Grade ½ teacher to open our primary class. Changes to the construction of our Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes will result in changes to our class construction that will take place on Friday October 6th. Students and families impacted by this change will receive a letter notification sent home from the school and via school messenger on Wed. Oct. 4th. We thank you for your understanding as we are required to meet Ministry class size requirements for this calendar year.

We also have a retirement to share with the community. Mr. Horne has retired as our Physical Education teacher. Mr. Horne supported HWDSB and the Mount Hope team in his role for over 30 years! On behalf of the staff & school community, we thank Mr. Horne for his dedication and years of service to our community and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and wish him all the best!

Wishing you and your families a lovely long Thanksgiving weekend honouring the importance of being thankful & appreciative for all that life has to offer. Monday Oct. 9th is a holiday and our school will be closed to honour Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely,

Ms. Radojevic & the Mount Hope School Team