



Richard Beasley School September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am so happy to be joining the Richard Beasley School community! Please don't hesitate to come and meet me, give me a call or send me an email if you ever have any questions and/or concerns or great ideas to share about how we can make our school an amazing place to be!

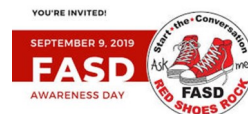
September is a time of new beginnings. It is a time for all of us to set new goals and strive towards reaching them this year. Students should be working with their teachers and parents to plan for their success by establishing routines for homework completion, test preparation and sharing their agendas with their parents and teachers.

If you are a new parent or student at Richard Beasley, welcome to our school. We are looking forward to working with you this year. To our returning parents thank you for continuing to partner with us around the education and development of your child.

New beginnings mean new staff to welcome. We are pleased to welcome: Mrs. Malcomson (1/2), Ms Pessoa (1/2), Miss Westoby (1/2), Mr. Ayre (4/5), Mr. Ellis (Library and prep coverage teacher), and Mrs. Huckson (French and prep coverage teacher). Our new teachers bring new skills, knowledge and ideas and are excited to be working with our wonderful Richard Beasley students. We are excited that we have been allocated a half time Reading Specialist this year. We would also like to welcome our new EA staff--Alexis McNeil and Jennifer Hesse.

Please remember that we value the strong relationships that we have with our community and are here to work in partnership with parents/guardians to make each child's school experience positive and successful. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. However, we do ask that you set up an appointment with the teacher ahead of time so that they may give you their undivided attention. Richard Beasley staff believe that every child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Special points of interest:



- ☺ **Red Day at Richard Beasley to support FASD Awareness Day!** Monday September 9, 2019
- ☺ **Achievement Assembly**-September 27, 2019-9:10 a.m. in the Gym. Parents are welcome to attend!
- ☺ **School Council Meeting**-September 30, 2019-Time tbd
- ☺ **Meet The Staff**-Thursday October 4, 2019- 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- ☺ **School Council Training**-October 16, 2019-Contact Shawn McKillop HWDSB

Fire Drill #1* Sept 19

Fire Drill #2* Sept 27

***please note that these dates may change**

Instructional Day:

Period 1

8:55-9:35 a.m.

Period 2

9:35-10:15 a.m.

Period 3

10:15-10:55 a.m.

Nutrition Break #1-10:55-11:35 a.m.

Period 4

11:35 a.m.-12:35 p.m.

Nutrition Break #2-1:15-1:55 p.m.

Period 5

1:55-2:35 p.m.

Period 6

2:35-3:15 p.m.



Medication



If your son/daughter requires medication at school we must have you complete and sign a form giving us permission to do so. Please remember that **students are not allowed to keep medication in their lockers, desks or lunch bags**. All medication must be stored and distributed at the office by administrative staff.

Nut Aware Policy



In attempt to make our school environment safe for all students, we have a nut-aware policy. (including peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, etc.) **Please read all labels!** Accidents happen when food labeled “**may contain**” or “**traces of**” are brought to school. This means that staff, students, and visitors will not be able to bring food into the school that contains or may contain nuts. This is in accordance with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Policy No. 7.09 Procedures Dealing With Life Threatening Allergies. The policy statement reads as follows: It is the policy of the HWDSB that every school will have School Anaphylactic Management Plan when there is an anaphylactic student in the school. **Please make sure that you inform your child’s teacher and the school office if your child has allergies or any other medical condition. Emergency forms and pictures must be updated every year.**

Safe Arrival



If your child is going to be late or absent , it is the parent’s responsibility to use school messenger before school starts. You can call in or download the app on your phone. Please do not call the school and leave a message regarding your child’s absence. Your diligence in following this procedure helps us to know that your child is safe. Information has been sent home in student information packages on Sept 10, 2019. Please ensure that all completed papers are returned in the envelope by Sept 14, 2019.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Thanks to Mrs. Robb for running a new club for our students at lunch. They have been having fun learning about Bigfoot and who knows where their learning will take them next! I love that this club is based on student voice!

Curiosity. Creativity. Possibility.



Information Forms:

In order to update our student records several forms have been sent home which need to be completed and returned to the classroom teacher promptly. Thanks to those parents/guardians who have already sent them in.



Bussing:

The HWDSB transportation system TRACS automatically puts students on the list generated for first day school use for bussing if you live outside the boundaries for walking from the school.

If you received a letter from Transportation indicating that you are eligible for bussing but do not wish to have your children ride on the bus please call

Transportation.

1-800-691-6402

Hamiltonschoolbus.ca

School Council: Feedback Please!

Mrs. McLaughlin is looking for feedback from parents who are interested in becoming members of school council this year. Please fill out a parent nomination form and share your preferred timing for meetings on Mondays by September 23, 2019 on the form or via email tamclaug@hwdsb.on.ca. Meetings will occur in the library this year and the first meeting has been set for Monday September 30, 2019.



A Message From Your School Trustee:

Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers! My name is Kathy Archer and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 6. As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff. I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our ward.

Parking Lot



Please be aware that we have a bus and cars loading at the front of the school. Please respect the safety of our students. This will ensure that there are no unnecessary accidents. We also appreciate your cooperation in observing the signs posted and obeying the by-law regulations on our side streets to show courtesy to our neighbours who may not have children at Richard Beasley. Please ensure that the walkway is left open for our students who walk to and from school.



We need volunteers! Pizza, Milk, Nutrition Program (Before School), Reading etc.

We need volunteers to run our nutrition program and our pizza and milk program as well as reading volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. McLaughlin in the office to arrange a time to meet and discuss the details. (905) 387-5255 or tamclaug@hwdsb.on.ca Please be aware that a vulnerable sector screen is required to be shared with staff in the office and appropriate paperwork needs to be filled out. Thanks in advance for your support!



Contact Information:

If your home, cell, or work number has changed, please remember to inform the school office immediately. In an emergency it is important that the office be able to contact parents/guardians quickly.



Agendas:

Student agendas are excellent communication tools. Thank you for reading and signing your child's agenda and reminding them when notices etc. are due.



Nutrition Policy



The Nutrition Policy guides schools towards offering healthy food choices and promotes healthy eating. This policy is based on recommendations from *Eating Well With Canada's Food Guide* and helps encourage students to make nutritious food and beverage choices.

Nutrition In the Classroom:

When food or drinks are used as part of a lesson or as part of an in class celebration or party, all foods and beverages served MUST meet the Nutrition Policy guidelines.

Special Event Days:

Richard Beasley has 10 special event days within a year. On these days, food and beverages can be sold or served outside the guidelines of the policy. Once those days are chosen for 2019/2020 we will send out an e-mail to inform parents of the dates.

Hallway Procedures

We ask that parents please say goodbye to their children before they enter the school and not accompany them down our already crowded hallways. This will make our hallways safer and build independence in our students.

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Caretaking Staff

We would like to thank our superb caretaking staff for the excellent job they did cleaning the school and portables during the summer. The school just sparkles!

Thank you for the amazing job that you continue to do all year as well! You take pride in the school and it shows.



We're on the web!

www.hwdsb.on.ca/richardbeasley

Teachers, DECE's and Educational As-

What an exceptional team we have to support our students! Thanks to all staff who have been working so hard to get our classrooms, hallways and programs up and running so quickly and smoothly and making all of our students feel welcome! Fantastic work! We are very lucky to have your expertise here at Richard Beasley.

Office Staff

Special thanks to our office staff who have been working extremely hard to get everything in order during the first few weeks of school.

Students to be Excused From School

To minimize interruptions to classrooms during the school day we ask that notes be sent to the teacher through your child's agenda to communicate the need to leave for an appointment. The teacher then notes it on the attendance record to inform the office. Please check in at the office at the scheduled time to pick up your child.