

Hello Beasley Staff,

My name is Jo-Ann Corbin-Harper and it is with great excitement that I have become a member of the Beasley Community! I am honored to embark upon my role as the Principal of Richard Beasley Elementary School, and I am looking forward to working with the educators and parent community with all the great ideas and initiatives that the school has.



Along with the current staff, I will work hard to continue to build strong relationships with you, our students, their parents, and community leaders. I feel strongly that building relationships is the key to any school improvement process. No one person has all of the answers, but working collaboratively we may. As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child." In order to achieve this success, it is important that we develop a positive working relationship with open lines of communication. Saying this I look forward to welcome introductory e-mails: jcorbinh@hwdsb.on.ca or once I arrive, simply feel free to stop me in the halls when you see me or pop in the office for a quick chat.

I have been an active member of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the past 24 years. I joined the board after emigrating from Barbados where I received my teaching certification and taught for seven and a half years. During my 31 years as an educator I have taught a variety of classes: kindergarten; grade 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8, as well as grade 7 math before becoming a HWDSB instructional coaching position and then moving into administration. I have spent the last 3 years as the principal of Elizabeth Bagshaw School.

On a more personal note, my husband and I have lived in the West Mountain area for the last 28 years. I have one daughter Diandra who recently graduated McMaster University with her Psychology Degree in Human Behaviors, and then completed a pre-Masters at Mohawk College with a focus on Addictions and Homelessness. Most of my family either reside in Barbados or in England, however we try to get together every 5 years in Barbados. My daughter refers to Hamilton as the best place ever to live and we consider ourselves blessed to live in an area so rich in diversity, culture, and within a school district that values high standards by providing rich learning experiences for all students.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet and begin my relationship with the students, staff, and families of Richard Beasley Elementary School community.

Yours sincerely,

Jo-Ann Corbin-Harper