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Beasley March 2023 Newsletter



To our Parents/Guardians,

Spring is approaching and learning is in full swing here at the Richard Beasley. As you may know, this is a time of year that students make the most academic and social learning improvements. Make school a priority. Very soon the weather will change with spring right around the corner. It can be challenging to keep our children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your child? Keep these ideas in mind:

Make attendance your number one priority. Let your child know that unless they are sick, they must attend school (and be on time.) Try to schedule appointments after school hours.

Remain positive. Try to set a positive example for your child, even when your own day has been challenging. If you show a positive attitude about your work, your child may feel better about their own.

Report cards went home in February, please note that you do not have to wait for a parent forum or parent conferences to call if you have questions, concerns, or needs. We are here to serve your children and your families. Please contact your child's teacher, our Office Administrator, or myself if you want to set up a meeting to discuss any issues that arise. As always, THANK YOU for being our partners in this important work helping your child enjoy learning and prepare for a bright future!

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me via email at jcorbinh@hwdsb.on.ca or call me at the school.

Take care,
Mrs. J. Corbin-Harper

Date	Activity
March 2nd	Days of Fasting
March 3rd	PA Day (No School for Students)
March 8th	International Women's Day/Holi: This Hindu Festival celebrates spring, love, and new life.
March 12th	Daylight Saving Time
March 13-17	March Break
March 14th	Sikh New Year
March 17th	St Patrick's Day/Heritage Day
March 21st	World Down Syndrome Day/ International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 22nd	Ramadan Begins
March 25th	Annunciation: Christians believe the Angel Gabriel announced that Mary would give birth to Jesus
March 31st	International Transgender Day of Visibility/Indigenous Languages Day

Thought for the Month:

**The golden rule
of parenting is**
*to always show
your children the
kind of person
you want them to be.*

Elizabeth Roxas

www.wow4u.com

Register for Kindergarten

It is never too late to register for Kindergarten for September 2023 School year but please do so ASAP. Students who will turn 4 years of age by December 31, 2023 are eligible for JK, while students who will turn 5 are eligible for SK.

If you know of families in our area who have children of this age, please pass this information along to them.

Registration will be completed online. If assistance is required, please call the school at 905-387-5655 or visit

www.hwdsb.on.ca.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>



Cold Weather and Outdoor Play

Weather and Outdoor Play Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom. It is important that children come to school prepared for all weather.

During the spring the grounds are often muddy and wet. Please ensure that your child has a change of shoes for the indoors. It is also a good idea to have an umbrella for light rain days. As always, Principals use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given certain weather conditions.



National Anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day

National Anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day, the Day of Pink was acknowledged on Wednesday February 22nd, 2023. Thank you to all the parents and students who supported this day.

Our aim for talking and bringing awareness to bullying is to ensure that students learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without fear of being bullied. Bullying is anti-social behaviour and affects everyone; it is unacceptable. At Richard Beasley, we are working hard to create a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our pupils so they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. If bullying does occur, we are hoping that our students feel as though they are able to come and talk to us and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. The negative effects of bullying can have an impact on a person for their entire life. It is our job to do our best and prevent this from happening.



Contacting Parents

Every school year it is of upmost importance that we have up to date telephone numbers and email addresses in case we need to reach parents. We have noticed that we already have a few contact numbers that are not working. If you have updated your telephone number(s), please let us know as soon as possible.



On Time Arrival for School

The instructional school day begins at 8:55 a.m. We are experiencing high numbers of students arriving late to school. When students arrive late they are missing the beginning of classroom instruction and disrupting the classroom schedule. We are asking for parent/guardian support to ensure that students arrive to school prior to the 8:55 bell so that all students can be in the classroom ready to learn.

Report Cards

Ontario Ministry of Education		Elementary Provincial Report Card	
Student Name	DOB	Grade	Teacher
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Parent/Guardian Name	Address	City	Province
Parent/Guardian Phone	Parent/Guardian Email		

Learning Skills and Work Habits	Communication	Mathematics	Science	Language	Art	Physical Education	Health and Social Studies	Environmental Studies	Technology
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1st term report cards have been sent and we are into term two, the message you want to send is that your respect hard work. Praising kids for following through when things get difficult, for making a sustained effort, for trying things they're not sure they can do successfully; can all help teach them the pleasure of pushing themselves.

DO stay positive. Find something to praise initially, even if it's only to comment on the slight improvement in your child's grades or how well they get along with their classmates. If the marks aren't stellar, but your child has worked hard and tried their very best, they deserve recognition for what they achieved. Make sure to focus on the effort they put in and commitment they showed instead of the outcome or the final grade.

Library Books

With some of the money raised from our MacMillan's fundraiser, we were recently able to purchase about 100 new books for our library as we had to purge and get rid of quite a few outdated ones. Students were asked to provide some suggestions of some books that they would like to have in the library and we were able to purchase quite a few of them. We are hoping to have another bout of ordering and plan to order some more from the students' lists as well as some non-fiction ones.



Once again thank you to all the families who supported the MacMillan's fundraiser.

Get to Know Your Parent School Council!



the desired goals.

Are you interested in supporting the success of your child's educational path and building a better community? Then come out to our next School Council meeting!

Did you know that School Council has a legislated role within the school and plays a significant role? We work with the principal, vice-principal and staff to ensure the best possible education for students by: reviewing the school's priorities, and supporting the development and implementation of plans to achieve

Lost & Found

Everyday students are leaving their coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves and hats on the school grounds. Those items without student's names are picked up and brought to our lost and found located in front of the school.

During the school year when the pile gets high we donate these items to missions and shelters. During

March break we will be donating any items left in our lost and found.

Please be sure to check or have your child check the lost and found by Friday, March 10, 2023.



Black History Month

Richard Beasley celebrated Black History Month by reading, researching and writing about different Black prominent figures. Students were given the opportunities to learn about people in Canada and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. Black Canadians and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator, and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.



LITERACY FOCUS

HWDSB: Student Learning and Achievement: We will improve student learning and achievement through effective instructional strategies.

Grades K to 6: Goal #2: Improving the reading achievement of all students and closing the gap for those historically underserved.

In keeping with the Board's strategic direction on reading/writing, we will be including a Reading Section in our monthly newsletter. Hope it helps as you read with your child(ren) at home.

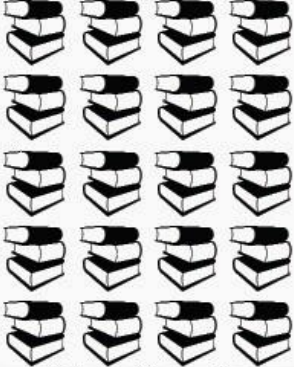


Why Read 20 Minutes a Day?

Let's face it...parents (and kids) are busy! It is difficult to "fit in" all that needs to be done in a day. We are often faced with having to make choices about what stays and what goes in our schedules. So, why is it so critical to include 20 minutes of reading in your child's daily schedule? There is a wealth of research supporting daily reading with your child especially prior to and during the period when s/he is learning to read. Here are a few of the ways reading with your child for 20 (or more) minutes a day benefits him or her.

Reading is "brain food"

Our brains develop as we "feed" them with experiences. The experience of reading (whether you're the reader or the one being read to) activates and "exercises" many of the areas of the brain. The visual cortex works as your eyes track the words on the page and look at the illustrations. Your memory makes connections between what you already know about the topic of the story and its content. You integrate new information learned through reading further strengthening and growing your network of knowledge. Reading provides one of the most enriching and complex brain activities available in life.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(May and Herman, 1987.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

<https://www.lced.net/o/hallselementary/article/52076>

MENTAL WELLNESS

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

“We need to let children struggle through things sometimes, stand on their own two feet, in order to develop students that are resilient and good problem-solvers” #growthmindset

How do parents and schools do this?

1. Build strong emotional connections with children
2. Promote healthy risk-taking
3. Resist the urge to ‘fix it’ and ask questions instead
4. Teach problem-solving skills
5. Label their feelings and emotions
6. Demonstrate Coping Skills
7. Embrace mistakes—theirs and yours
8. Promote the bright side
9. Model Resiliency
10. Go outside

**For more detail please see the website below **

<https://www.psycom.net/build-resilience-children>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/creative-development/201407/the-resilient-child>

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