



## Richard Beasley Elementary School

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### Beasley April 2025 Newsletter



To our Parents/Guardians,

April Showers and Spring weather comes with its own challenges at school. We recognize the benefits that daily exercise, fresh air and the opportunity to socialize with peers has on student well being, engagement and learning. At least the sun has started to shine. With the arrival of spring, we also anticipate rain. On rainy mornings, students will be admitted into the school starting at 8:40 where our supervision will take place in the classrooms until our day starts at 8:55. We ask that you do not drop off your children prior to 8:40 as there is no supervision until that time.

We are now embarking on a very exciting and very busy stretch of the school year as we head into the final three months of the school year and these three months tend to be especially busy with activities. The Spring months bring us plenty of year end activities and lots of planning for the next school year. Over the years, I have found that once the Easter weekend is over, the time just seems to fly.

We will continue to push our students academically and encourage them to do their very best to finish the year strong, be proud of the hard work they have put into their studies and to enjoy the final few months of the year. Please check the newsletters, calendars and website for regular updates.

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

Take care,

*Mrs. J. Corbin-Harper*

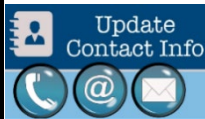
Date	Activity
April 1st	
April 2nd	World Autism Day, wear Tie Dye; International Children's Book Day; Last day for Shawarma Orders
April 4th	Beasley Autism Walk
April 6th	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
April 10th	Shawarma Special Lunch Day; Mahavir Jayanti
April 11th	Grade 4/5 Trip to Hamilton Conservation Authority
April 12th	International Day of Pink; Pesach (First day of Passover)
April 13th	Theravada New Year (Buddhism)
April 14th	Vaisakhi/Khalsa Day (Sikh)
April 17th	Ram Navami (Hinduism)
April 18th	Good Friday (No School)
April 14-25	Beasley School neighbourhood and community clean-up & Litterless Lunch
April 20th	Easter Sunday; First Day of Ridvan (Bahai); Start of National Volunteer Week; Pesach (Last day of Passover)
April 21st	Easter Monday (No School)
April 22nd	Earth Day -
April 23rd	Administrative Professionals Day
April 24th	Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day (Judaism)

#### Thought for the Month:

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

JANE D. HULL

## STUDENT INFORMATION



We have found that over the last couple of months, we have experienced difficulty reaching a few of our families.

Please remember that it is vital that we

have up-to-date records of your address, phone numbers and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child, especially in the case of an emergency. Student Verification forms were sent home back in Sept. 2025, however if any of your information has changed since then, you need to update it ASAP.

## FROM THE OFFICE:

A gentle reminder to please call ahead if you are picking up your child(ren) early. Early pick up is for emergencies only in order to avoid unnecessary movement around the school. There has been an increase in the number of students entering the school late in the morning. This causes congestion and unnecessary interruptions. Please ensure that children arrive on time between 8:40 am – 8:55 am on the back playground. Please arrive on time to school.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open! We look forward to welcoming you to [Kindergarten at HWDSB](#)!

Kindergarten is a two-year, full-day program that helps children begin their education with a strong foundation. HWDSB is committed to fostering a learning environment where your child can embark on a journey of exploration, problem-solving and friendship. Our caring team of educators helps ensure that children are challenged, encouraged and supported to achieve their very best.

Your child is eligible for the two-year Kindergarten program in the calendar year that they turn four or five. Your child must attend school if they are age six by September 1. Please note that only parents or legal guardians can register their children for school.

### Registering students who may require Specialized Services

Children enter Kindergarten with various needs and abilities. We want all children to have a positive and seamless entry to school. [Click here to learn more about Entry to School](#) for children entering Kindergarten who may require Special Education services.

If you are registering a child who may require [specialized services or supports](#), please complete the HWDSB registration form and the [Tell Us About Your Child form](#)



## VISITORS TO RICHARD BEASLEY

Throughout the instructional day, access to our building is limited to students and staff of the HWDSB. To assist us in ensuring the safety of all:

- Enter through the front door only; report to the office and sign in
- Make sure to buzz the office before entering, as doors are locked
- Have a classroom visit pre-arranged with the teacher, school educator or staff, typically outside of instructional time
- Not enter the hallways or classrooms without prior authorization
- Not allow others to catch the entry door to avoid the risk of students/adults not checking in at the office

## SCHOOL PARKING LOT

To help keep our students safe please do not use the staff parking lot. There is no extra parking available in our lot. The only available parent parking is on Currie Street (paying close attention to the parking signs), and the adjacent side streets. A reminder that parents should not be parking in front of the school as it is a school bus loading zone and carries a ticket of \$75.00 if the By-Law Officer comes around. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our students safe.

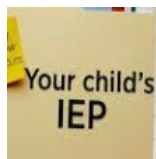
## INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEPS)

Term 2 IEPs were sent home at the beginning of the month.

They were supposed to be read over by parents, signed and returned to the school if parents were in agreement with them.

If parents wanted to add additional information or make changes they were supposed to record them on the IEP or contact their child's teacher or Mrs. Pessoa.

If you still have a term 2 IEP, please take a few minutes to sign it and return it as soon as possible.



## OPEN HOUSE

Please mark May 8, 2025 as the date for our Open house.

### YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO:

- Chat with teachers
- Visit our book fair
- Tour the school
- Visit classrooms
- Interact with other parents
- Take part in some fun activities
- Have dinner with us



## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

April weather can be very unpredictable and the “April Showers” can just as easily be “April Snowflakes”! We are outside at both nutrition breaks and very rarely stay indoors because of inclement weather. Please be sure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing at school every day to accommodate these weather changes. We strongly encourage splash pants at this time of year so students can be comfortable in their classrooms with clean, dry clothes after recesses.

For safety and school cleanliness, please ensure that your child has clean indoor shoes. Running shoes with non-marking soles are required for gym. Flip flops or Croc-style shoes are not safe for gym classes.



## AUTISM AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE

World Autism Awareness Day was established by the United Nations in 2007 through a resolution sponsored by Qatar; and organized, by leading international autistic organizations, it is designed to encourage member nations to spread the word about ASD and fund solid-going autism research to make the lives of people with autism better. Today, the whole world recognizes the same day to recognize this disorder and empowers people with autism to feel included and supported.

### What is Autism?

Autism is a complex developmental condition that affects one's capacity to communicate socially, socialize, or replicate behaviors or interests. It is a spectrum disorder that affects each person differently and to different levels of impairment. At Richard Beasley, we will be doing a number of activities throughout the week to raise acceptance.

**From Monday to Friday, during 1<sup>st</sup> N.B., students will continue to have a chance to pay 25c to estimate how many blue candies might be in different shown jars.** All money raised will be donated to the Autism Program at McMaster Kids Hospital. Parents are free to send in a donation if they would like to help with this cause. On Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, during the last period, students will be participating in a walk around the school property to bring Autism Awareness Week to a close.



## RICHARD BEASLEY GOES PINK

On Friday, April 11, 2025, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board schools and worksites will recognize the International Day of Pink. Unlike Pink Shirt Day, which is meant to combat all forms of bullying, we celebrate International Day of Pink in HWDSB to specifically combat homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia. International Day of Pink began when a high school student in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, was bullied with homophobic language because he wore a pink shirt to school. The next day, hundreds of students at his school stood up to bullying and wore pink to school to show their support for equity and inclusion. On this day, students, staff, and families from across HWDSB are encouraged to wear pink and participate in a number of activities.



## OFFENCE DECLARATION FOR RETURNING VOLUNTEERS

Parents play an important role in the development and education of their children, and in the success of the school community. At Richard Beasley School, we welcome and encourage the participation of parents and community members, and are grateful for the countless hours our volunteers have contributed in previous school years. To volunteer at our school, you must complete a vulnerable sector criminal background check. A criminal background check is required for all school volunteers in Ontario.

Even if you want to accompany your child on a field trip, you need this background check. Once you have completed the process, you are on file with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board as being a school volunteer. All returning volunteers will receive an Offence Declaration form that must be filled out and returned to the board office each year. Completing the Offence Declaration will ensure that you can continue volunteering.

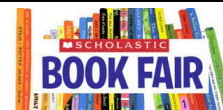
## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Scholastic will be coming once again to Richard Beasley School during Education Week, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Students will have a chance to browse the display of books. This year, Scholastic is also offering a Virtual Book Fair where parents and students can browse selections from their homes.

Get ready!

Soon you will be able to explore exciting new books to enhance your home library and inspire the young readers in your life! Hundreds of books, carefully chosen to delight kids of all reading levels, will be waiting for you when our virtual doors open!



**REMEMBER!** Every purchase earns valuable Book Fair Rewards that can be used to support our students.

Shop any time! Your Virtual Fair is open 24 hours, beginning at midnight on your start date! No shipping fees! Orders are sent directly to our school.

## **EARTH MONTH**

On April 22nd, 2025, Earth Day will turn 55, with 192 countries and over one billion people around the globe expected to participate. This demonstrates how the diverse Earth Day movement remains as dedicated today as it was back in 1970 to bringing everyone together for a better future. For 55 years, Earth Day has led the world in raising awareness and taking action on critically important environmental issues. We advocate for the health of the planet, for our air, oceans, soil, eco-systems, wildlife, and human health.

### **BE A PLANET HERO!**

- In its lifetime, one reusable bag can prevent the use of 600 plastic bags.
- Recycling one can of soda will save enough energy to power a tv for three hours.
- Shutting down a computer when it's not in use cuts the energy consumption by 85 percent.
- For every mile walked instead of driven, nearly one pound of pollution is kept out of the air.

### **April "Waste Less Wednesdays"**

For the month of April, we will be having Waste Less Wednesdays!

For the four Wednesdays in April, Richard Beasley students and staff are encouraged to use reusable containers in their lunches. We understand that packaged foods are sometimes the best option for families. This will not be about judging each other's lunches, but rather appreciating the ways that families use reusable containers and celebrating the creative ways we can work together to reduce waste from food packaging. So, when you pack your lunches on Wednesdays in April, think about how you might use your great ideas to reduce food packaging! Every little bit helps!

We will celebrate Earth Week April 14-25. Classes will be encouraged to create art, engage in a school yard clean up and wear green on April 25 to recognize Earth Day at Richard Beasley!

## **MENTAL WELLNESS – SPREADING KINDNESS**

Over the last few months we have been focusing on Kindness here at Richard Beasley. Kindness is an important character trait that helps everyone feel happy and safe, and makes our school a wonderful place to learn and grow. When we show kindness, we are being respectful and caring towards others, and this makes our community stronger.

At school, kindness can be seen when we help a friend who has dropped their books, when we listen to someone's ideas, or when we cheer on a classmate during a game. At home, kindness can be shown when we help our family members with chores, use polite words, or give hugs when someone is feeling sad. In our communities and on sports teams, kindness is shown when we cheer for others, support those who need help, and include everyone no matter their abilities.

Kindness is not only about being nice, but it also helps build our character and integrity; teaching us to be responsible, thoughtful, and respectful. When we are kind, we help our school community thrive by creating a positive and caring environment where everyone feels valued.