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Beasley May 2025 Newsletter



To our Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe, we only have eight weeks of school left and tons of work to still be completed! May 5th to 9th marks Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week. Each day during the week, we will focus on various activities to help improve student well being.

May is always a wonderful time of year in schools, where we celebrate as we watch your children's learning blossom. I would say that May is a magical time for the students and staff we serve. It is the final push of knowledge and skills for our students to ensure they are ready to move on to the next grade. The skills, concepts, and knowledge that students have been working on throughout the school year truly seem to come together during this month. Our staff is digging deep this month and truly giving their students everything, they have left. They (like us) are exhausted but we are all determined to dig a bit deeper to finish strong.

As we approach the ending of the school year, attendance is still on our radar. Every minute counts! Make sure your child shows up to school every day, and is here all day. Even as we finish the year, help your child achieve success by helping to get them here on time, and to stay in school for the entire day. Chronic absences and tardiness can lead to poor performance and lack of connection to school.

Next week is Staff Appreciation Week! It is a time to thank all of our educators who dedicate their days to education and supporting children each day. The Richard Beasley Family of staff is a dedicated team, focused on helping students achieve and build strong relationships. They work hard to make sure our students feel a sense of belonging here.

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
May 1st	National Jewish Heritage Month -National Asian Heritage Month -Speech & Hearing Month Mental Health Week
May 5th	- Cinco de Mayo; National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
May 5th – 9th	National Child and Youth Mental Health Week; Education Week
May 8th	Open House @ Richard Beasley 3:45–5:15 p.m.
May 10th	Bear Witness Day: spread awareness of Jordan's Principle
May 11th	Mother's Day
May 17th	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 19th	Victoria Day
May 21st	UNESCO World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
May 22nd	Declaration of the Báb
May 23rd	Beasley's track & field 12:00 – 1:35
May 26th	Start of National AccessAbility Week - celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities
May 29th	Ascension Day

Thought for the Month:

Always end the day
with a positive
thought. No matter
how hard things
were, tomorrow's
a fresh opportunity
to make it better.

OPEN HOUSE

RICHARD BEASLEY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S



OPEN HOUSE



MAY 8, 2025, FROM 3:45 – 5:15

80 CURRIE ST., HAMILTON, ON.



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

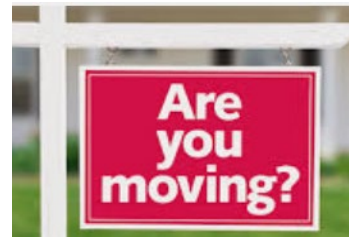
HAVE DINNER WITH US

PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Richard Beasley School for the 2025/2026 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months.

We thank you in advance for keeping us informed!

School and classroom organization begins at the beginning of May so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!



OUTDOOR PLAY & SELF REGULATION

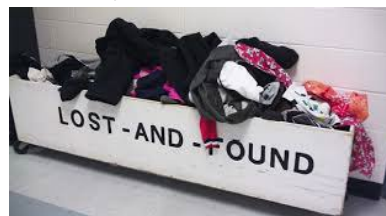


Self-regulation is a bit like having an internal gauge. Just like a central heating system, where a thermostat keeps track of temperature and turns the system on or off to maintain optimum conditions, our bodies have a "set point" where we're able to manage behaviour and

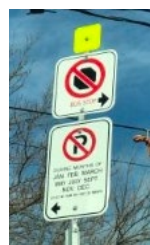
emotions appropriately. Self-regulation in children is all about finding that set point. There are countless opportunities for children to practise this during outdoor play. We have been working and encouraging our students to practice more self-regulation and self-control when playing at recess as we are seeing more hands-on behaviour as the weather gets warmer.

LOST & FOUND

Beasley's Lost and Found is overflowing. We are slowly approaching our last two last months of school, please make a point to stop in and look for any items your child has misplaced. We have quite the range of clothing in the bin; from winter coats to sweaters, etc. All items remaining will be donated at the end of the school year.



SCHOOL SAFETY



Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building has No Parking and No Stopping signs. In Ontario, a "No Stopping" sign prohibits vehicles from stopping for any reason, including dropping off passengers or goods, except when directed by a police officer or to avoid a conflict with other

traffic. We seem to be having a number of parents/guardians stopping/parking their cars making and creating an unsafe environment for our students. This is a safety concern for our students.

EDUCATION WEEK – THANK YOU

Education Week is May 5th-9th, we would like to take the time to say "Thank You" to all of our staff for their hard work and for playing such an important role in shaping your child's character and education! They are the best of the best and we appreciate them. We challenge our students and families to let them know how valued they are.



ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and recognize the many contributions that Canadians of Asian heritage have made and continue to make to Canada. In 2025, Asian Heritage Month in Canada will be celebrated in May. The theme for 2025 is "Asian Canadian Legacy: We Contribute". May is officially designated as Asian Heritage Month in Canada by the government.

Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated since the 1990s. Over the last two centuries, immigrants have journeyed to Canada from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western, Central and Southeast Asia, bringing our society a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities and religious traditions. The people of this diverse, vibrant and growing community have contributed to every aspect of life in Canada — from the arts and science to sport, business, and government. Asian Heritage Month offers all Canadians an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canadians of Asian heritage and to celebrate their contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada.



WATER BOTTLES

With the warm weather approaching, students should be bringing a reusable water bottle to school. Quite a few students are visiting the office for plastic cups which interrupts staff from doing their work. Others tend to visit the water fountains a number of times just to get a drink. This tends to disrupt them from their learning.



EARTH DAY CLEANUP

It was super nice to see our classes going out with gloves and garbage bags for Earth month cleanup. They did some walking around our immediate surroundings and picked up garbage left over from the weather pile up. Talk about practicing stewardship to help take care of our environment.



GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THE WEATHER

1000 hours outside is a global platform for those who wish to reclaim childhood, reconnect families and live a fuller life. The average child spends 4-7 hours on screen time and gets a limited amount of unstructured free play outside every day.

Since the weather is getting better (sort of), check out this initiative:

https://www.1000hoursoutside.com/#google_vignette

Families can sign up to receive a tracker that kids can colour as they increase their hours. For a list of local free outdoor ideas, check this out: <https://activeparents.ca/spring/>

Let's get our children outside and let them play, build creative games, make new friends, cement old relationships, etc.



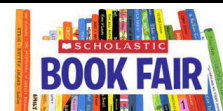
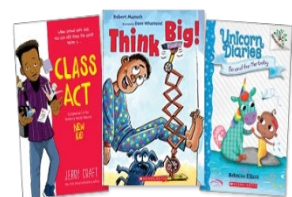
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Scholastic will be coming once again to Richard Beasley School during Education Week,

May 5 -9th, 2025. Students will have a chance to browse the display of books. Also, please come in and visit us during our

Open House on Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 3:45 – 5:15 p.m. 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.

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



MENTAL HEALTH MONTH:

Unmasking Mental Health

During the month of May HWDSB acknowledges Mental Health Month. The theme for Mental Health Week 2025 is "**Unmasking Mental Health**," encouraging people to be honest and vulnerable about their mental well-being. This May 5-11, we're encouraging people across Canada to look beyond the surface and see the whole person. By embracing honesty and vulnerability, we open the door to deeper connections and the mental health benefits that come with it. Mental Health Week is a Canadian tradition, with communities, schools and workplaces rallying to celebrate, protect and promote mental health. The core objective of Mental Health Week is to promote mental health because mental health is something we can promote and protect, not just something we can lose.



EQAO

As we prepare for year end, we do want to share that the Provincial wide EQAO assessment for our Grade 3 students will be taking place again this year. Our Grade 3 students will be writing the assessment during the week of June 3- 11, 2025. Parent letters will be sent home to all of our Grade 3 families in the next couple of weeks with information regarding the assessment. If you have any questions regarding EQAO, please reach out to Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Pessoa or myself. You can also feel free to visit the website below to read more about the test. https://cdnsms5-ss9.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_29970/File/Families/Provincial%20Testing%20-%20EQAO/Parent%20Guide%20EQAO.pdf

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MENTAL WELLNESS

Here's how to make Mental Health Awareness Month meaningful for kids:

- **Learn about mental health:** Understand common mental health conditions, their symptoms, and the importance of seeking help.
- **Use age-appropriate resources:** Find books, websites, and videos that explain mental health concepts in a way that kids can understand.
- **Talk about feelings:** Create a safe space where your child feels comfortable sharing their emotions and concerns.
- **Listen actively:** Pay attention to your child's verbal and nonverbal cues, and validate their emotions.
- **Encourage physical activity:** Regular exercise is a great way to boost mood and reduce stress.
- **Practice mindfulness:** Introduce simple mindfulness techniques like deep breathing or meditation to help children manage stress.
- **Prioritize sleep:** Adequate sleep is crucial for mental and physical well-being.
- **Recognize warning signs:** Be aware of potential mental health issues, such as persistent sadness, changes in behavior, or thoughts of self-harm.