



Richard Beasley Elementary School

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Beasley June 2025 Newsletter



To our Parents/Guardians,

We have all made it through another amazing school year. Summer vacation is a great time to refresh our bodies for another school year. During these weeks, we take the time to reflect on the year, we should ask ourselves some questions. What went well this year? What was a struggle this year? Why did "that" go well? What has my child learned/overcome/become motivated to do? What were the obstacles that appeared and prevented more progress? Why was my child able to succeed more in certain areas?

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to take this time to express my gratitude to each of you for your commitment to our school community. This year has been a testament to our shared dedication to fostering a sense of belonging where every student, parent, and staff member feels valued and respected. We haven't always gotten it right and we appreciate your trust in working with us to improve - I am incredibly grateful for the strong partnership we have cultivated with families throughout the year.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all staff for their commitment and dedication to the wellbeing of our students. Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in various activities and who worked tirelessly as a united team for the best interests of the students. Your work and efforts are greatly appreciated! I would like to also thank my awesome Office Administrator, Mrs. Hallas, and all the caretakers. Their dedication and genuine care are evident daily.

Lastly, I congratulate our remarkable fifth graders transitioning to middle school. We are immensely proud of your accomplishments and wish you the best of success as you embark on this exciting new chapter. Remember, you carry the memories, friendships, and lessons learned here. We will always support you as you continue to flourish and achieve greatness.

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
June 1st	Beginning of: Italian Heritage Month; Pride Month; National Indigenous History Month
June 2nd	Grade 3 EQAO starts
June 5th	Beasley's Jump Rope for Heart Last day to return trip forms for end of year trip to Twin Valley Zoo
June 6th	PA Day; NO SCHOOL
June 5th – 9th	Eid ul Aldha 2025
June 13th	Gr 5 trip to Lawfield McDonald's Special Lunch Forms due Spirit Day-Tropical Theme
June 15th	Father's Day
June 17th	HWDSB Track & Field Day
June 18th	Last pizza day this year
June 19th	End of Year trip to Twin Valley Zoo
June 20th	Play Day
June 21st	National Indigenous People's Day
June 23rd	Grade 5 Celebration
June 24th	Kindergarten Picnic (middle block)
June 25th	Report cards go home McDonald's Special Lunch Day
June 26th	Last day for students Recognition Assembly – Middle Block

Thought for the Month:

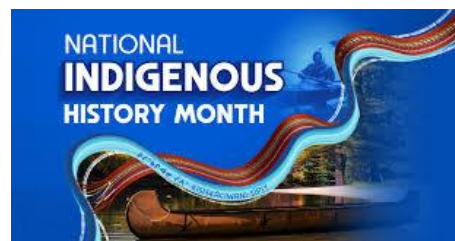
"Every day we
make deposits in
the memory banks
of our children"

Charles R Swindoll

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada. The House of Commons designated June as National Aboriginal History Month in 2009. The name was changed to National Indigenous History Month in 2017.

The best way to gain a deeper understanding of First Nations, Inuit and Métis experiences is through their own voices. Enjoy Indigenous storytelling by picking up a book, attending a show, watching a movie or listening to music from Indigenous artists. You can also check out the [GC Indigenous](#) Instagram account to learn more about inspiring Indigenous women, 2SLGBTQ+ people, environmentalists, artists, activists, scientists and researchers.



PRIDE MONTH

In 1995 Canada's supreme court finally considered sexual orientation a prohibited ground of discrimination in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. LGBTQ+ members who faced, hate, exclusion, and often lived in fear for their lives long fought for these rights and believed in a better future. Pride is the promotion of dignity, equity and increased visibility for 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples. It is a celebration of life, rights, dignity, equity and difference.



The month of June is recognized as Pride Month in Canada. In support of our commitment to providing a positive school climate for all students, staff, and community, all HWDSB Board offices and schools will fly the Progress Pride flag alongside with the Canadian flag during the month of June.

REPORT CARDS

As we prepare to communicate student achievement for term 2 through the Report card, students will be sent home with reports on Wednesday June 25th. On this day, our students will finally receive their hard-earned report cards. It's a time to celebrate their accomplishments, acknowledge their progress, and recognize their resilience. We encourage you to take a moment to reflect on their achievements and shower them with the praise they deserve. We would appreciate it if you can sign and return them on Thursday, June 26th, the last day of school for students.



GRADE 5 FAREWELL

Every June, we say farewell to our grade 5 students as they conclude their elementary schooling and head off to Lawfield School. We wish them all the best in their transitions and remind them of the foundational skills they have learned in the last 6 years with us as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey. This is a time to celebrate the successes and growth that has been made, along with the wonderful memories that have been shared as a class.



ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT JUNE 2025

Please note that Thursday, June 26, 2025, will be a full Day of education. Students will be dismissed promptly at 3:15 p.m. This provides our dedicated teachers and staff an opportunity to bid farewell to our students and wish them a summer filled with rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation. It's also a time for our students to say goodbye to friends, teachers, and cherished memories.

We are counting on YOU to have 100% attendance every day until June 26, 2025.



PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

MOVING?
Let Us Know

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 began at the end of May so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL ABOUT ABSENCES

Reminder to parents and guardians to use Safe Arrival or call the school office before 8:55 a.m., if your child is going to be late or absent from school due to an illness, appointment or a family holiday. It is the policy of the HWDSB to contact parents in the event that the student does not arrive at school and the school has not been notified about an absence or late arrival. Please understand that not all students begin their day with their homeroom teacher so messages regarding attendance that are given to the homeroom teacher do not always make it to the office. A message in School Arrival; note to the office or a call to our 24hr answering machine (905-387-5655) will ensure that student absences will be received. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with us in this important daily activity to make sure that your child arrives at school safely.

***We would also ask that if your child needs to be excused early from school, that he/she brings a note to the office in the morning so we can have them properly signed out and ready for when they are to be picked up. This will help everyone to be organized and on time as much as possible. Thank you. ***

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

Updating your contact information as a parent with your child's school is extremely important. This is because schools need to be able to reach parents in case of an emergency or to provide important information about their child's education.

Here are some reasons why updating your contact information is important:

1. **Emergency situations:** In case of an emergency such as an accident or a sudden illness, schools need to be able to contact parents immediately. If your contact information is not up-to-date, the school may not be able to reach you in a timely manner, which could result in a delay in providing necessary medical attention or support.
2. **Important updates:** Schools often communicate important updates to parents through phone calls, emails, or text messages. This could include information about school closures, changes in schedules, or important events. If your contact information is not up-to-date, you may miss out on important information that could affect your child's education.



In summary, updating your contact information with your child's school is crucial for ensuring that you are reachable in case of an emergency, and to stay informed about important updates. Make sure to provide your school with your most current phone number, email address, and physical address, and inform them immediately if any changes occur.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISING

We would like to take this time to say a great THANK YOU to all the families who supported us with all of our fundraising ventures this school year.

With all the monies raised, we were able to:

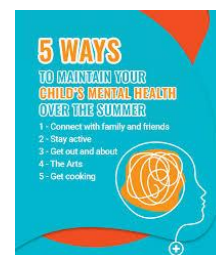
- subsidize several activities for our students
- subsidize the buses and a large portion of the entry fee for our end of year trip
- purchase technology, including iPads, cases; etc.
- purchase more diversity and non-fiction books for our library
- purchase a few pieces of gym and recess equipment
- purchase items for recess play
- subsidize our grade 5 and kindergarten celebrations



MENTAL WELLNESS

THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUMMER SAFETY PLAN

A summer safety plan can have a tremendous impact on a student's mental health during the summer. Daily routines and structure are important for development as they create a sense of stability and allow children to grow socially, emotionally and academically. The school environment provides this inherently during the school year, but the structured environment disappears once summer begins. A summer plan can address specific stressors and empower students to plan ahead with strategies to support their mental health and well-being over the summer break.



Summer Safety Plan Essentials

A well-thought-out summer safety plan is specific to the individual and includes the following:

- **Daily Schedule:** Create a schedule that includes daily routines such as mealtimes, chores, exercise, family meals, social interactions and time spent online.
- **Safe Places** – Create a list of places where the student feels safe, calm and secure such as their own room, a park close to home, or a trusted neighbor's house.
- **Support System** – Provide phone numbers of individuals willing and able to support your student.
- **Fun Activities** – Include stress-relieving activities like swimming, hiking, playing games or watching uplifting movies or shows.
- **Identifying Stressors:** Identify potential summer stressors (e.g., being home alone, bullying, friend issues or changes in the family) and outline strategies for coping.
- **Warning Signs and Coping Methods:** Document warning signs of emotional distress and list ways to cope such as deep breathing, listening to music or going for a walk.

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