



R.L. Hyslop Elementary School

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Week of June 7th – June 11th, 2021

Monday June 7 th Day 1		Upcoming Events June 24th - Report Cards sent home electronically.
Tuesday June 8 th Day 2		
Wednesday June 9 th Day 3		
Thursday June 10 th Day 4		
Friday June 11 th Day 5		

Thought of the week:



A Message from Ms. Hogan, Vice-Principal:

We got the sad news last week that we will not be returning to school this school year. This is a difficult time for our staff and students, especially with the closing of our school. We are hoping that we will be able to plan some type of meet-up so that the students can say goodbye to their teachers and 'building'. R.L. Hyslop is the only school that some of our students have ever attended.

Next, this is a good place to thank my teachers. They are taking criticism for contacting students/you too much, or not enough, giving too much work, or not enough work and more. I want you to know that in over 16 years in education that I have never done anything professionally more difficult than 'this'. I am not complaining because like anything, I have learned a lot and become stronger, like I hope we all have. But please understand that we are doing our very best, to find a happy medium that suits most students and families. There is no way to perfectly online educate every student with every learning ability from kindergarten to grade 8. My staff has been positive, communicative and many of you have reached out to say that. So, thank you, for thanking them.

This is also a good time to thank you, the parents. You have had to juggle many hats throughout this entire situation. Not being able to take a necessary break when needed, learning new math in order to help your children and entertaining them during recess breaks has all taken a toll on many of you and your mental wellness. Thank you for hanging in there, being patient and doing your best to keep your children safe.

Our teachers are beginning the class placement process for the 2021-2022 school year. We make class placement decisions based on the best interest of all children in the class and ask you to continue to trust our professional judgment in determining class placements. Our teachers see the full picture of learning styles, needs, and personalities when they are developing class make-up.

Take care of yourself and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Ms. J. Hogan

Mental Wellness Check-Ins:

Improving Emotional Intelligence (EQ)

When it comes to happiness and success in life, EQ matters just as much as IQ. Learn how you can boost your emotional intelligence, build stronger relationships, and achieve your goals.

What is emotional intelligence or EQ?

Emotional intelligence (otherwise known as emotional quotient or EQ) is the ability to understand, use, and manage your own emotions in positive ways to relieve stress, communicate effectively, empathize with others, overcome challenges and defuse conflict. Emotional intelligence helps you build stronger relationships, succeed at school and work, and achieve your career and personal goals. It can also help you to connect with your feelings, turn intention into action, and make informed decisions about what matters most to you.

Emotional intelligence is commonly defined by four attributes:

Self-management – You're able to control impulsive feelings and behaviors, manage your emotions in healthy ways, take initiative, follow through on commitments, and adapt to changing circumstances.

Self-awareness – You recognize your own emotions and how they affect your thoughts and behavior. You know your strengths and weaknesses, and have self-confidence.

Social awareness – You have empathy. You can understand the emotions, needs, and concerns of other people, pick up on emotional cues, feel comfortable socially, and recognize the power dynamics in a group or organization.

Relationship management – You know how to develop and maintain good relationships, communicate clearly, inspire and influence others, work well in a team, and manage conflict.

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/mental-health/emotional-intelligence-eq.htm>

Our Journey to Becoming More Equity Literate

Benefits of Focusing on Equity in Education:

Equity in schools is the answer to supporting every student, not just those from disadvantaged backgrounds. In equitable communities, everyone has the opportunity to succeed regardless of their original circumstances.

Equity can also strengthen a student's health and social-emotional development. In a study involving over 4,300 students in Southern California, the children who felt safer, less lonely, and reported less bullying also had higher diversity levels in their classes. Being equipped to promote diversity and provide for students from all backgrounds

makes for an environment where students feel comfortable and have better emotional regulation.

Knowing the difference between equity and equality is the first step to creating a classroom where every child can succeed.

Use these tips to help promote equity in your classroom (community) and helping every child succeed:

- Remember that every child is different and has unique needs. Evaluate any challenges that students face and, if needed, offer support or resources.
- Cultivate an environment in your classroom (community) where every student feels heard. Encourage them to speak out against unfairness and let you know if they're facing any hardships at home or in class.
- Parent engagement is a particularly helpful way to resolve challenges involving equity. Keep open communication with parents and encourage them to volunteer or attend school events to involve them with their child's education.
- Add diversity and inclusion activities in your school or community so every student feels like they belong.

<https://www.waterford.org/education/equity-vs-equality-in-education/>



GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Our Grade 8 students will be celebrating the end of their elementary school days in June. More information will be made available in the upcoming weeks. Due to restrictions, we will need to follow the advice given to us from Public Health and the HWDSB. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cantwell or the school at 905-662-8425.

Things We Need to Know:

[R.L. Hyslop Closing Celebration](#)

A Virtual Slideshow of Memories!



All Families, Friends, And Community Members are invited to view The R.L. Hyslop Virtual Slideshow of Memories! We are planning a virtual celebration as we look back on the many years of learning and laughter at R.L. Hyslop School! This will be posted on HWDSB TV... more information to come.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is now OPEN! If you have a child in the area who will be 4 or 5 years of age by December 31, 2021 - please contact the office about registering the child for Junior or Senior Kindergarten at **905-662-8425**.

R.L. Hyslop SCHOOL CLOSURE – JUNE 2021

As you know, R.L. Hyslop School is closing its doors on June 29th. Through submission by the School Naming Advisory Committee, Trustees approved **Collegiate Elementary School** as the name for the new school.

The students from Green Acres and RL Hyslop will be moving over to Collegiate Elementary School in September 2021. Please continue to visit our Board and School Websites for updates.

A newsletter filled with information for the 2021-2022 school year will be posted at the end of June. It will give parents information regarding School Bell Times, Nutritional Breaks, School Calendar, etc... for the new Collegiate Elementary School!

HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING A HEAT EVENT



A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading. The

City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event.

Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students and staff:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move pupils through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can

take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton

<http://bit.ly/22hvHDL>

Health Canada

<http://bit.ly/1TmNJih>

“END OF YEAR” NEWSLETTER COMING SOON...



For more information about School Council, please reach out to our Chair, Christine Scheewe, by email: RLHyslopSC@hwdsb.on.ca