

September 4, 2020

Welcome Back Rosedale Families!

We are excited about welcoming back students to the 2020-21 school year. The pandemic has brought many changes to our school and its families, but I know that we can rise to the occasion if we work together.

Thank you for keeping up with the communications coming from HWDSB via the website and synervoice messaging, and for completing important forms and surveys as required through the Parent Portal.

We are taking many actions to prevent COVID-19 at our school. You will notice that safety is guiding our programming choices. Here are some of the important points to remember:

Attestation

Before a student can enter a school, we require that their family completes an attestation that they have read, understood, and will abide by expectations. Find this on the [Parent Portal](#). ([Backup location](#) for forms and translations.)

Daily COVID-19 Screening

HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist is to be completed daily before arriving at school. The checklist is found on the Parent Portal as well as on the [HWDSB website](#). **If you answered YES to any of the screening questions, or if you refuse to answer the questions, the student has failed the screening and must not attend school.** The family should contact Public Health (905) 974-9848 or their family doctor for testing. Please contact the school using [SafeArrival](#) to report the absence. If the student is tested for COVID-19, your school would appreciate knowing the outcome of that test.

Staggered start details

As you know, we will be opening our school with a staggered start timeline. This means that not all students will begin on the same day. Please see the chart below and note into which group your child falls and reach out if you have more questions. **Please note: Special Education students requiring a Transition meeting and JK students will be contacted with specific times for visiting the school. These are NOT full days, but introduction visits only.**

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	Staff Transition to New Assignments Remote Learning Day School Training	Staff Transition to New Assignments Remote Learning Day School Training	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health JK Orientation Remote Learning Day School Welcome	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health JK Orientation Remote Learning Day School Welcome
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18
GROUP A Last Name Alpha A to K (approximately ½ class)	GROUP B Last Name Alpha L to Z (approximately ½ class)	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)

New routines and protocols

School operations are changing significantly to ensure that we can provide a safe learning environment for students. **Please find below the site specific plans for Rosedale P.S.** These plans cover everything from classroom set up, nutrition breaks, entry/exit, mandatory masks for students and more.

Water Bottles

Drinking fountains in all schools will be bagged and not used. Please be sure to send your child with a labelled, reusable water bottle so they stay hydrated, in addition to their non-medical mask.

Visiting Schools

This year, our school must significantly limit or even prohibit visitors to school, including parents, to support a safe and healthy learning environment. We ask families to call or email our school if they need to supply information or contact a staff member.

Junior Kindergarten Orientation

Parents of Junior Kindergarten students will be contacted by their child's teacher and invited to a virtual orientation meeting via MS TEAMS on Thursday, September 17th or Friday, September 18th. You will also be invited to come in with your child for a short, touchless tour of the classroom and to meet your teacher and DECE.

Elementary reorganization

Due to the number of students opting to start the year with online learning we have lost a Primary class and a Junior class from the organization that I announced to the community at the end of June. We were required to re-organize our school and the present organization is as follows:

FDK Murdock/Bodor
FDK Shewell/Williamson
FDK Winter/Dubeau
FDK Stewart/ Furlano
1 Lipnicky
1 Murdock
2 Nguyen
2/3 Davies
³ / ₄ Bellenie
4/5 Hadala
4/5 Harvey

Classroom teachers will be contacting parents to welcome students to their classrooms. Due to the nature of this school year, and the 3 re-entry points for students throughout the year, the above could change at any time. **There will be NO movement of students into different classes.**

I will continue to send updates as we receive added information. Please check the website for updates as well as my twitter page. Thank you for understanding the challenges of planning the new school year, and for sharing our commitment to a safe and successful school year.

Learn more about COVID-19 precautions at HWDSB at www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19.

If you have any questions, or think your child might struggle with school in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ms. S. Neville

Principal – Rosedale P.S.

