

Rosedale P.S.

September 15th - Update and Reminders

Dear Families,

Start up this year has been busy but pretty successful for both staff and students. We appreciate that once again, we are returning to our school building amidst uncertainty. Please know that we are doing all that we can to ensure Public Health protocols are being followed for the safety of all in our community. You are encouraged to review the Rosedale Site Specific Plan (also sent home directly via classroom teachers) that was posted September 3rd, 2021 on the Rosedale Website for details of the many steps we are taking. We thank you for keeping up with the communications coming from HWDSB and the school, and for completing important forms and surveys as required. We truly appreciate your support.

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, your child has failed the screening and must not attend school.** Parents/caregivers should contact Public Health (905) 974-9848 or their family doctor for testing. Please contact the school using [SafeArrival](#) to report your child's absence. If the student is tested for COVID-19, please notify the school. **New this year, we are required to verify daily screening was completed. To do this, we ask that you initial the appropriate date on the calendar that was sent home on the first day – returning it to school each day. We do not yet know how long this measure will be required and appreciate your cooperation.**

Parent Portal

This tab is located on the HWDSB webpage and is accessible by all parents/caregivers who have children registered in the HWDSB. If you are having difficulty logging into the Portal, please message us at rosedale@hwdsb.on.ca for assistance. There are a number of services and forms located on the Portal that you will require over the course of the school year. Please use School Messenger to report any absences or late arrivals.

Forms to be completed in the Parent Portal (by September 30th please):

- Student Information Verification
- Early Closure and Emergency Evacuation Information
- Media and Internet Use Consent form

Contact Information – it is of upmost importance that we have relevant and correct contact information for you and all emergency contacts. Please update any changes on the student information verification form in the portal. **If you are allowing anyone other than custodial parent/guardians to pick up your child we require notice in writing and the person (if unknown to the school) will be asked to show ID on pick up.**

Water Bottles

Students are able to use the two hydration stations to fill water bottles. Please be sure to send your child with a **labelled reusable water bottle** so they stay hydrated, in addition to their non-medical mask.

Behavioural Expectations for Students

- Please review the attached Behavioural Expectations with your child.

Visiting our School

To support a safe and healthy learning environment, we once again, must significantly limit visitors to school. We ask families to call or email our school to supply information or contact a staff member. It is recommended that parents not drop off items during the school day. If this is absolutely necessary, please ring the door bell at the front entrance and we will collect the labelled item for your child. Face coverings are required on school property and please drop/pick up your child from the gates at the entrance to the playground.

Late Arrivals

Please **be on time** and ready to learn. It gets very disruptive to the office and to classes when we have so many children coming in and entering school/classes at different times. **PLEASE remember there is no parking or stopping in front of the school.**

Volunteers

At this time, we are not permitted volunteers in the school building.

Elementary Reorganization

Each year at the end of September the HWDSB must undergo a 'reconciling' of enrollment numbers from the spring with actual attendance numbers in the fall. This often results in classes being added or deleted across the system. In the event Rosedale is affected by re-organization, parents/caregivers can expect to be notified of a classroom change/teacher change before the end of September.

Busing

Eligibility for busing is as follows:

- JK/SK must be greater than 1.2 KM away from the school
- Grade 1-5 must live greater than 1.6 KM away from the school

We are able to offer **very limited** courtesy busing this year utilizing only existing bus stops and following all Public Health Protocols. Courtesy will be granted based upon need due to medical reasons and to accommodate siblings only. If you fall into one of the above categories you must complete a courtesy bussing form and await a decision. Courtesy is granted based upon space on the bus - if new children arrive that are entitled to busing and space is at a premium, courtesy seats could be lost. This week we have seen late buses in the morning and afternoon and recommend families subscribe to the HWTS webpage for regular updates about delays. <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/>. Thank you for your patience and understanding as our new drivers become familiar with our community. **Masks are mandatory on the bus.**

Supports

We recognize some families may be looking for resources to assist students in understanding what school will look like for 2021-2022 (social stories, visuals etc.). Please visit: <https://learning4success.commonshwdsb.on.ca/>.

You can 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, please let your child's teacher know.

Communication

We are committed to using effective communication practices. We will continue to send updates using this webpage and School Messenger as appropriate and your child's teacher will convey the preferred methods for communication. We do recommend subscribing to our school webpage for regular reminders/updates. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/roosedale/>. Thank you for understanding the challenges of planning for 2021-2022, and for sharing our commitment to a safe and successful school year for all.

Parent Council and Home and School

Please see the attached regarding the Parent Advisory Council for the 2021/2022 school year. All meetings will take place virtually via MS Teams. Brent Whetstone is currently the PAC chair and can also answer any questions you may have about PAC. Home and School will be starting meetings in October and more information will follow from the Chair, Mrs. E. Attack, shortly.

Sincerely,

S. Neville
Principal