



Rosedale Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

25 Erindale Avenue
Hamilton, Ontario L8K 4R2
Phone: 905.549.4233
Fax: 905.549.9390

EMAIL: rosedale@hwdsb.on.ca
PRINCIPAL: Susan Neville
www.hwdsb.on.ca/rosedale

October 20th, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you all for your support and understanding throughout the first two months of school. I know that the Covid protocols and procedures put into place have been difficult for all but so far Rosedale has remained free from active cases and we want to keep everyone in our community safe and our school open. Please see below for updates and reminders as we head into the end of October and the beginning of November:

DAILY SELF SCREENING PROCESS Please ensure that you are reviewing the self-screening checklist daily with your child - COVID-19 school screening (ontario.ca). This screening tool **must be** completed daily and **you must** initial the HWDSB calendar provided in your child's agenda to confirm that you have completed this screening before entering an HWDSB school. If children come down with COVID related symptoms during school, we must follow all Public Health protocols. The first step to this process is that parents pick up immediately. *If you child is ill please do not send them to school.*

RETURN TO SCHOOL ATTESTATION FORM - If a student fails the screening for any reason and is absent from school, the student requires a completed "Attestation for return to school following illness or self-isolation." If a student is sent home from school, we will provide a hard copy of this form to families (upon request) to complete upon return of the student or it can be completed in the parent portal. If a student fails the screening while at home, please enter the absence as Covid related in Safe Arrival and please contact the school.

MANDATORY MASKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY - HWDSB has implemented a mandatory masking on property protocol. I want to remind families to follow all public health measures, including wearing a mask while on school property for entry and dismissal times. Please remain outside of the fences on pick up and drop off unless you have made a prior arrangement. We must all continue to follow the masking while on property protocols to keep our staff and students safe.

INCLEMENT WEATHER - If there is inclement weather in the morning, staff will invite students to come directly into the building. Students will report to their classrooms. Given how important outdoor time is for students, especially right now to provide mask breaks, please continue to have students dress appropriately for the weather as we will prioritize outdoor learning. If we are unable to get out for our normal nutritional breaks due to inclement weather or field condition, staff will continue to use time during the day for outdoor mask breaks by taking students for walks and physical activity.

PICTURE DAY - Due to COVID restrictions, our original picture day was delayed from October 22nd to November 3rd. Classes will have time slots to have individual pictures taken – including the Remote Grade 3 class. A poster should have been sent home yesterday. All enhanced public health measures will still need to be maintained.



Rosedale Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

25 Erindale Avenue
Hamilton, Ontario L8K 4R2
Phone: 905.549.4233
Fax: 905.549.9390

EMAIL: rosedale@hwdsb.on.ca
PRINCIPAL: Susan Neville
www.hwdsb.on.ca/rosedale

HALLOWEEN - We know that Halloween is a time that many students look forward to, and we want to be able to provide our students with some fun activities this year as well. Here are the guidelines that have been provided to schools for Halloween Celebrations on Friday, October 29th in classrooms:

- Students can choose to dress in orange and black or a costume for the day
- No weapons with costumes are permitted at school
- No costume masks that might impede vision are permitted
- All students must continue to wear their masks at school
- If wearing a costume, students must come to school already dressed
- Costumes must be comfortable and promote independence, staff will not be able to support changing throughout the day
- No costume parades are permitted
- No in-person assemblies are permitted
- No sharing/distributing food or drink is permitted- see letters from your classroom teacher for specifics for your child's classroom
- Maintain safe practices including physical distancing, mask wearing, and hand hygiene.

****Cultural Appropriation and Costumes:** Cultural appropriation means taking or borrowing a look or trait from a culture that is not your own. Costumes that are based on people's culture are offensive, harmful and insensitive. Please be mindful of the above when choosing costumes for children. Thank you.

OCTOBER - Virtual Assembly - This year we are celebrating our students' successes within the framework of the Seven Grandfather Teachings of Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility, and Wisdom. Ms. Doiron's grade 3 Remote class along with Mrs. Kirkos's 2/3 class will be hosting this month's assembly.

REPORTS SENT HOME - Rosedale students have been working hard during their first weeks of school, and we are proud of the learning that they have done. Students will be bringing home their progress reports on November 19th. Please read your child's report and sign and return the envelope and last section of the progress report to your child's homeroom teacher. Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be providing opportunities for face to face parent teacher conferences, rather would ask that you connect with your child's teacher for a phone call or virtual meeting if you so wish. More information will be coming regarding this opportunity on November 26th. As always, please connect with teachers via email or phone call if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE - I know that there is a lot of information coming to families, both at the board and school level. **Please subscribe to the Rosedale P.S. website** to stay up to date on the most recent news and events. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call us at the school or email us at rosedale@hwdsb.on.ca. Thank you all for your continued support as we work together to support our school community during this very different time in public education.

Thank you!

S. Neville – Principal

curiosity.

creativity.

possibility.

HWDSB



Rosedale Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

25 Erindale Avenue
Hamilton, Ontario L8K 4R2
Phone: 905.549.4233
Fax: 905.549.9390

EMAIL: rosedale@hwdsb.on.ca
PRINCIPAL: Susan Neville
www.hwdsb.on.ca/rosedale