



September 2025 Update

Welcome back new and returning Rosedale families. We hope your summer was filled with sunshine, laughter, love and joy. We look forward to seeing you again.

September class placements: Are available in the Parent Portal the week before school begins (August 25th). Families may also call the school during the week of August 25 for this information, however we encourage you to check the parent portal before calling. In addition, each September, enrollment is revisited by HWDSB, and there is always the potential for **school reorganization**. This typically occurs by Thanksgiving. Please note that as a result of reorganization, **classes may change**. If your child's placement changes this fall, you will be notified via letter.

Bussing – Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) will be contacting all eligible families with transportation information by the end of August. If you have yet to hear from transportation regarding your child's bus stop location and pick up/drop off time please call 905 523 2318. For even more information, visit HWDSB's [Transportation webpage](#).

School Entry and Exit Routines - Our yard is supervised beginning at 8:05 am each morning. Please arrive no earlier than 8:05 am. Our warning bell rings at 8:18 am each day. At this time students are asked to independently join their classroom line and prepare for 8:20 am entry. It is important that all students enter the school on time with their classmates. Please ensure your child is ready and on time each day.

Morning announcements provide valuable information to students about daily school events and opportunities, and are important for everyone to hear. Once announcements begin, our front doors are locked, and students will need to wait outside until announcements are over. At this time students will be checked in and marked as late.

Our end of day warning bell sounds at 2:38 pm daily with students being dismissed at 2:40 pm. Please promptly pick up your child at the gate as they are released from their supervising teacher. Please remain behind the gates until students are released at 2:40 pm.

Kindergarten Students – Kindergarten staff will inform families about entry and exit procedures each day from our Kindergarten learning area.

Parents and Guardians – For the safety of everyone, **we ask that you remain behind the gates and not on the playground area before the am and pm bell time each day**. Please allow your child to enter the gates independently. There are a number of supervising staff onsite wearing orange vests who are there

to support all students. Our Kindergarten staff will support their former SK students to their Grade 1 line on the first day of school.

Canine Friends – Dogs are not permitted on school grounds between the hours of 8:05 am and 2:55 pm daily for safety reasons.

Codes of Conduct

[Policy/Program Memorandum 128](#) took effect on September 1, 2024 in all schools in Ontario. This will help to further enforce a positive school climate that supports the achievement and well-being of all HWDSB students and respects all human rights.

This strategy involves the implementation of provincewide measures to address **cellphones/communication devices, and vaping** in schools. Ministry of Education information can be found on the [Provincial Code of Conduct webpage](#).

HWDSB specific information can be found on the [HWDSB Code of Conduct webpage](#).

Cell Phones in Elementary Schools PPM 128 – Cell phone usage expectations for all elementary schools in Ontario communicates the following– cell phones and other communication devices are out of view and powered off at all times between 8:05 am and 2:55 pm.

Student Dress Guidelines

In September 2024, HWDSB is sharing updated Student Dress Guidelines to help foster positive and inclusive learning environments. Developed with extensive student input and community consultation, these guidelines focus on equity, dignity, and well-being for every student. Visit hwdsb.info/student-dress to learn more.

Volunteer Opportunities

We appreciate our dedicated volunteers who share their time and skills in support of Rosedale School. If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities please contact your child's teacher or the main office and the HWDSB's [Volunteers in Schools](#) page for more information.

Early end of day pick up – If you are planning to pick up your child early from school, please message your child's teacher. **We ask that you pick up your child by 2:15 pm.** End of day is a very busy time in schools as students are transitioning. As well, early pick up is often disruptive for everyone in the classroom as teachers are reviewing the day, writing in the agenda, and preparing students for the next day of learning. We thank you for supporting our end of day routines to ensure smooth communication and transitions for everyone.

Student information – Please ensure that our office is notified of changes in address, contact information, emergency contact information and medical information/updates. This information supports the office in the event that we need to contact you about your child during the school day.

Medical Plans of Care & student oral medications – In June, students with medical plans of care were sent home renewal forms for September 2025 start up. Please send completed/updated forms back to school with your child as soon as possible.

Healthy Lunches and Snacks – Please ensure your child’s lunch offers items that nourish the mind and body. Too many packaged and processed foods do not offer the nutrition growing minds and bodies require. We encourage fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and water to drink. Please be reminded that Rosedale and all HWDSB buildings are nut safe environments. Products such as nut butters, Nutella, and chocolates with peanuts/nuts are just a few items that present fatal health hazards for some of our students.

Birthday Celebrations – We appreciate your desire to celebrate your child’s special day with classmates in celebration of their birthday. Due to food allergens, medical diagnoses, and cultural beliefs/preferences, food items such as cakes, cupcakes, cookies, ice cream, popsicles, candies, and other confections will not be permitted for distribution to classmates. Please speak to your child’s teacher about alternatives to food items such as classroom craft materials, books, games, learning supplies and other specific needs of the classroom in honour of your child’s special day.

Pizza, Snack Program, and Special Lunch days – Information will be shared in the very near future regarding these school-based initiatives.

Home and School – Home and School meets the first Wednesday of every month from 6:00-7:00 pm at Rosedale School. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 124. All are welcome to attend. Please contact us at rosedale@ofhsa.ca

Rosedale Home and School Executive for 2025/2026:

- President - Emily Kirkpatrick
- Vice-President - Scott Foster
- Secretary - Tracey Thomas
- Treasurer - Jessica Toni

School Council – Information regarding School Council elections will be shared in early September.

Rosedale School Renovations- We are thrilled with the ongoing renovations at Rosedale School. Our newly grassed playground is still knitting to the earth and will be open for use as soon as possible. Our spectacular gymnasium is awaiting occupancy, and we hope to be using our new gymnasium by mid September. Newly paved playground areas, front entrance upgrade, landscaping, and an outdoor classroom are all taking form at this time. Once this phase of renovations is complete, Phase 2 will begin and will include the transformation of our existing gym to a new Library/Learning Commons and the addition of a Learning Resource Room. We will update you as progress is made.

School Agendas for 2025 2026 – Donations toward Grades 1-5 school agendas for 2025 2026 will be available for through School Cash Online in the coming weeks. Please watch your email for the notice. The School Agenda serves as an important tool to ensure important home and school communication is made between caregivers and school staff each day. Agendas are a suggested donation of \$5.00 each.

2025 2026 School Year:

- Our school office re opens on Monday, August 25th between 9 am and 1 pm.

- The first day of school **for Grades 1-5** will be on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025.
- JK students begin scheduled visits on Tuesday, September 2nd and **there will be no school for SK students on this day.**
- All JK and SK students begin full day attendance on Wednesday, September 3rd.
- Bell time for student entry is 8:20 am and for dismissal is 2:40 pm.
- 2-minute warning /line up bells sound at 8:18 am and 2:38 pm.
- The school year calendar can be found here <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/HWDSB-Elementary-School-Calendar-2024-25-5-Day-ONE-PAGE-FINAL.pdf>

Here are some important contacts to prepare for the start of the school year:

- For information about HWDSB's Code of Conduct and Reducing Distractions in classrooms, please click here: [Reducing Distractions in Classrooms and Schools | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board](#)
- To see the 2025-2026 school year calendar, please visit [School Year Calendar | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board](#)
- Please find 2025-2026 Transportation information here: [Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services](#)
- We also invite families to keep up with communications from HWDSB by [subscribing to email updates](#) or [following HWDSB on social media](#) .
- If you have school-specific questions, please reach out at rosedale@hwdsb.on.ca.

Events

September 19 – PA Day – No school for students today

September 22 – First Day of Autumn

September 25 – Terry Fox Run – (donate online – details to come)

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day / Wear Orange today– Indigenous observance * information to come

October 1 – School Council Elections and First Meeting at 5:00-6:00 pm * information to come

October 1 – Home and School Meeting at 6:00-7:00 pm

October 2 – Caretakers Day

October 5 – World Teacher Day

October 9 – Meet the Teacher Event and Scholastic Book Fair from 3:00-5:00 pm

October 13 – Thanksgiving Holiday

October 21 – DECE Day

October 24 – PD Day – No school for students today

October 31 – Halloween Events * more information to come

DRAFT Rosedale Staff List September 2025

CLASS	Room #	STAFF MEMBER
FDKA	127	G Murdock (Teacher) M Bodor on leave (DECE) LTO S Ward
FDKB	126	L Winter (Teacher) A Williamson (DECE)
FDKC	122	J Lipnicky LTO (Teacher) S Dubeau (DECE)
1A	107	N Brown (Teacher) 0.8 TBD LTO (Teacher) 0.2 Day 4
1B	106	J Davies (Teacher)
2A	105	C Shewell (Teacher)
2B	109	K Kobayashi (Teacher) on leave 0.8 S Burnett LTO (Teacher) - A Butwick (Teacher) 0.2
3 A	P2	A Jackson (Teacher) 0.6 J Barnett (Teacher) LTO 0.4
3/4A	123	P Nugyen (Teacher)
3/4B	124	A Bellenie (Teacher)
4/5A	P3	S Harvey (Teacher)
5A	P4	K Adamczyk (Teacher)
FrenchLiblPrep		A Duimstra (Teacher)
GymlMusiclDramalPrep		J Vince (Teacher)
GymlDancelPrep		A Cognigni (Teacher) 0.6
Prep		A Butwick (Teacher) 0.1
LRT		S Contant (Teacher)
EA		A Cowell (Educational Assistant)
EA		S Hanif (Educational Assistant)
EA		T MacDonald (Educational Assistant)
EA		K Stoez (Educational Assistant)
EA		L Napper (Educational Assistant pm)
EA		TBD (Educational Assistant am)
EA		A Forsyth (Educational Assistant) on maternity leave LTO TBD
Caretakers	112	R Cameron & G McNeil
Spec Ed Consultant		Board Staff
Reading Specialist		H. Dodgson (0.5)

ESL Teacher		Board Staff
Social Worker		Board Staff
Office Administrator		T Crispo
Principal		L Bartkiw