



Rousseau Elementary School

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Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On behalf of the staff of Rousseau and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, welcome to another great year at our school. All of us are excited about beginning this September! I am looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Please join me in welcoming some new staff members to our school. Ms. Suzy Sebeslav will be teaching in JSC (Junior/Senior Kindergarten Class C) and Ms. Stacey Bishop will be working with Ms. Carte Combs in JSB. Ms. Shauna Valla will be teaching French to our Grade 5 and 6 classes. Welcome back to Ms. Macky who will be teaching Class 1/2B for Mrs. Fernandez until she returns in the new year. Ms. Williams will continue to be in for Mrs. Moning until her maternity leave ends. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions and concerns about your child's education. One of the best ways to receive information about Rousseau is to subscribe to our website: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rousseau/>. All students in Grades 1-6 have been given an agenda to use as the main method of communication with teachers. Thank you for working together to help our students achieve their best.

Mr. Lucci and Mrs. White have done a tremendous job preparing our school over the summer. Our teachers, early childhood educators and educational assistants have prepared our classrooms to create a warm and welcoming environment for your children to be successful. Mrs. Todd has dedicated her time and effort to communicating effectively with our families by preparing the forms and procedures that accompany the beginning of school. Please expect these forms to come home on Monday September 10th. Thank you in advance for completing these forms and returning them by Monday September 17th.

Parents and Caregivers are a critical part of students' learning experience. We are grateful for any time that you can give: before, during or after school. Please note that volunteer forms can be found at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/get-involved/volunteers-in-schools/> and are also available in the office. As per HWDSB policy, all volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Screening (within the last three years) and have completed an annual Offence Declaration.

Our first School Council/Home and School Meeting is on September 19th in Room 127 at 6:30. We hope you will consider joining us. Attending one or all of the meetings is appreciated!

When visiting Rousseau, please remember to only park outside of the fenced area (not in the staff parking lot). There is a small drop-off zone for those not leaving their vehicles. Thank you for never parking in the bus zone so that we can keep our busy parking lot moving! The path/easement that goes from Tuscarora Drive to our school allows for overflow parking. Visitors are expected to always check in at the office so we know who is in the school. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

See you soon!

J. Gris
Principal