

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Spring Valley Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Present to September 13 –
School Council Nominations

September 24 – Terry Fox

October 7th – School Council
Meeting

*“Every new beginning
comes from some other
beginning's end.”*

Seneca

*“For last year's words
belong to last year's
language; And next year's
words await another
voice. And to make an
end is to make a
beginning. “*

T.S. Eliot

*“Every day brings a
chance for you to draw in
a breath, kick off your
shoes, and dance.”*

Oprah Winfrey

*“Start by doing what's
necessary; then do what's
possible; and suddenly
you are doing the
impossible.”*

St. Francis of Assisi

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the new Spring Valley Elementary School! The staff have worked hard to get the building into shape to receive the students. The first couple of days have been ones where we establish routines and get the students used to their new surroundings. I want to thank all staff for the great work in getting the school up and running. I want to especially thank our two custodians, Mr. Stirling and Mr. Balibalos, who worked hard over the summer to get rooms ready, furniture moved and many other things. They were of great service to us all.

I very much appreciate parents and guardians following the expectations around our parking lot. If you are dropping off before school to the YMCA program, you should be safe to do so using the parking lot up until 9:10. After 9:45 until 3:30, you may come into the parking lot if you are coming in for pick-up or drop-off of students from appointments. After 3:30, please do not come into the lot, as the busses will begin to arrive.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are one way to provide information to our community. However, with our website, School Messenger and other means of communication, we have many ways of connecting with families. We will continue to produce a monthly newsletter, but it will be posted on our website. I encourage all families to go to the Spring Valley website and subscribe. You can choose the method of notification, whether it be with each new item posted on the site, a daily summary, weekly summary or the like. This will be the most efficient way of staying up to date.

OFFICE HOURS

The office hours for Spring Valley will be 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. There is limited access from 12:00 to 1:00 PM, as the Office Administrator will be on lunch and Mr. Malcolmson may be out of the office. Please wait and someone will allow access as soon as possible.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

Spring Valley is looking for members for its new school council. Nominations for the positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are now open. If you are interested in any of these positions, or wish to nominate someone, please complete the nomination form below. Nominations need to be in to the office by end of the day on Friday September 13th. If there is need, we will hold elections for these positions the week of September 16th to the 20th. The initial school council meeting will be Monday October 7th at 7pm in the library.

DEVELOPING A SCHOOL IDENTITY

As we settle into a new school, it is time to consider new logos, mascots and school colours. Over the next few weeks, more

information will be coming about the process of developing these important school symbols. Until then, I would encourage families to start considering ideas.

SAFE ARRIVAL

All students arriving late must report to the Office to check in. If your child will be absent, excused before the end of the school day or you know your child will be late, please make use of the School Messenger service to record the information. School Messenger is available as a toll free number (844-506-4350), a website (go.schoolmessenger.com) or as a app, which is available for IOS or Android. If you do not contact Messenger and your child is not at school when attendance is taken, you will receive multiple contacts to let you know. These contacts will continue until you have entered the appropriate information. To avoid unnecessary calls, please report all lates and absences. The service is available 24 hours a day.

WELL WATER

While at the present site, we are using well water. The water is tested several times a day according to Board safety criteria. The standard set are high. So, if the tests ever go below the expected level, our water fountains are bagged and signs go up to temporarily stop using school water. A water cooler is brought out for the students and staff to use. In most cases, the situation is resolved within 24 hours. At all times, safe water is available to the students.

STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL NEEDS

If your child has a life threatening allergy or has a medical condition for which he/she requires medication or special accommodation while at school, please contact the office. Please note that medication cannot be administered without proper documentation. Documentation needs to be updated yearly. For those students who have had previous documentation, we will send home forms this week. If you are new to CH Bray or a medical situation has changed, please inform the office as soon as possible so we can set up a proper response.

NO SMOKING AND NO DOGS

Please be reminded that smoking is not permitted within the school or on school property. As well, dogs should not be brought on the property.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL OPERATIONS

School operations may be cancelled due to severe weather conditions. In rare situations, school may also be cancelled due to situations including a prolonged hydro interruption or city-wide emergency. The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board makes every effort to decide to cancel school operations by 6:00 a.m. in order to inform the media by 6:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CHILDREN'S CLOTHING WARNING

Cotton and cotton-blend fabrics catch fire and burn more quickly than most synthetic materials. Nylon and polyester are more difficult to catch fire and burn more slowly. **Loose-fitting** cotton and cotton blend sleepwear for children do not meet flammability requirements. If you prefer cotton and cotton blends make sure the sleepwear is a tight-fitting style, such as polo pyjamas or sleepers. **Tight-fitting** clothing is less likely to catch fire than clothing with flowing skirts, wide sleeves, or large ruffles. **Teach your children about the dangers of fire. If their clothes catch fire, teach them to "STOP, DROP, and ROLL".**

Other safety considerations for children's clothing:

- Dress children in actual sleepwear when putting them to bed rather than in T-shirts or other day clothes. Day clothes may not meet the more stringent flammability requirements for sleepwear.
- Remove drawstrings or cords on children's clothing. Children can strangle on drawstrings and cords that get caught around their neck or on other objects.
- Check that belts, ties, or sashes on children's robes are stitched firmly to the centre back of these products. Young children are at risk of strangulation from any type of cord that can be detached from the clothing.
- Check for loose buttons or other small parts as they could become a choking hazard.
- Check blankets and sleepers regularly for loose threads and fix them immediately, as threads can wrap around a baby's finger or neck and cause injury.

STAFF LIST 2019-2020

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Flemming | J. | Prep |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|------------|----|--------------|
| Albanese | A. | FDK | Hobbins | S. | EA |
| Anonech | A. | Prep | Lambert | E. | 4&5 |
| Arruda | N. | FDK | Lumsden | J. | 1&2 |
| Bainbridge | R. | 3&4 | MacDonald | J. | LRT |
| Balibalos | N. | Evening Custodian | Malcolmson | S. | Principal |
| Battz | A. | FDK | Mancini | S. | Prep/Library |
| Braun | A. | 2&3 | McDonald | S. | 5&6 |
| Brown-Galer | K. | Office Administrator | McGinn | R. | 5&6 |
| Cohen | D.A. | FDK | Mclean | K. | FDK |
| Dalley | M. | 3&4 | Monkman | M. | Prep |
| Davy | J. | 4&5 | Richardson | A. | FDK |
| Dichazi | K. | Prep | Slattery | M. | 2&3 |
| Doyle | K. | 1&2 | Stewart | N. | Prep |
| Dube-Rignel | J. | FDK | Stirling | B. | Custodian |
| Etzel | W. | EA | Vansickle | J. | 1&2 |

School Council Nomination Form

(Please clip and send to the school office)

Position: Chair Secretary Treasurer (Circle One)

Name: _____

Name(s) of Children in School: _____

Signature: _____