



Tiffany Hills Elementary School

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Dear families,

Welcome new and returning students and families to Tiffany Hills School ! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to our school community and look forward to seeing many of you next week. We are grateful to have many of our staff returning and would like to also welcome new staff that are joining us this year. A staff list can be found on the school website.

At this time, you will be able to access the Parent Portal where you will be able to view the name of your child's teacher for the 2022/2023 school year. The process of class placement is a collaborative effort that takes place over several weeks. A considerable amount of time and thought goes into placement decisions. Consideration is given to current and potential friendships, student success and student achievement. Please note, changes to class placements are not being considered at this time. Our dedicated and caring staff will work with you to support students in transitioning to their new classrooms. If you have any specific concerns about your child, please reach out to your child's teacher.

A friendly reminder that the first day of school will be **Tuesday, September 6, 2022 for grades 1-8 only**. All children NEW to kindergarten and/or the school have been invited for a short visit with a caregiver by their Kindergarten teachers.

The first day of classes for kindergarten students is Wednesday, September 7.

We know that many families remain concerned about safety, and we are too. We continue to take COVID-19 precautions, such as doing daily [COVID-19 school and child care screening](#) and staying home when sick or instructed within the screening tool.

We also invite families to keep up with communications from HWDSB by [subscribing to email updates](#) or following HWDSB on social media or [@TiffanyH_HWDSB](#).

Addressing a Concern

Students and families with classroom concerns are encouraged to contact their student's classroom teacher. School-wide concerns can be addressed by the principal. [Addressing a Concern \(PDF\)](#).

Please reach out to our school if you have any questions. 905 304 6223

Here are some important points to remember as students prepare for the start of the school year:

Parking

Car traffic and congestion at Tiffany Hills can be extremely busy especially before and after school. We have no parking spaces on the school parking lots for parents, only staff, buses and Today's Family drop-off/pickup. For the safety of our students, families and staff, we encourage all walkers to walk to school, and students who have bus privileges to ride the bus, this will reduce the congestion of cars and increase safety for all at school. If you must drop your children or pick them up at school, please find a safe parking space on the side streets.

Bus Transportation

We have been supporting HWSTS, our local transportation consortium, as they adopt a new platform for their Parent Portal. If your child qualifies for transportation, **please follow the steps listed to access your child(ren)'s information via the online portal**. Please keep in mind that last minute changes sometimes do occur and that it is important to re-check the information prior to sending your child(ren) to their assigned pickup location on September 6, 2022. Go to www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca and click on the "Parent's Portal" on the Home page, OR "Bus Stop Finder" on the landing page. [Learn more](#). Bus contactors will continue with regular cleaning routines, to ensure that students and drivers have a sanitary environment. Masks are optional but encouraged while riding the bus.

School Council

We welcome all new and returning council members. Please consider running for one of our committee roles: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. Application forms will be online shortly, please complete and have your child drop it off to their homeroom teacher the first week of school. Elections will be held at our first meeting on Wed. Sept. 21, 6:30 pm in the Library. If you're not interested in holding one of the positions, we invite you to be a member. Your voice and support are important for the success of Tiffany Hills School.

Supporting a Positive Return to School

HWDSB will continue to offer a wide variety of mental health supports for students, knowing that the pandemic has impacted student well-being. This is especially important during the return to school, which can be stressful for some students. See some supportive tips on our [recent web post](#). Explore our [We Help web page](#) for more evidence-based and timely school-based mental health services and supports.

We know the return to school, especially for those who had been learning remotely, can be stressful for some students. We are here to support every student. If you think your child might struggle with school, please let us know.

Across HWDSB, we are also reintroducing a welcoming, inclusive initiative to help students as they return to school. Reimagining Wellness 2.0 is a series of activities and lessons which address needs arising during the pandemic. Watch for details in the days ahead from your child's teacher.

Elementary Remote Learning and Transitions

Elementary families interested in switching between in-person learning/remote learning, may complete The Remote Learning Registration (2022/2023) form on the Parent Portal. This process will close at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7. Families can complete this form if they wish to:

- transition from in-person to remote learning, or
- transition from remote learning back to in-person

Families selecting a new learning option will be choosing this for their student for the full 2022-2023 school year. Students will begin attending their new classes when the re-organization process in early October takes place. Only families looking to switch their learning options are required to complete this form.

Please contact our school if you have difficulty accessing the Remote Learning Registration (2022/2023) on the Parent Portal under the "Remote Learning" section.

Right to Disconnect

Healthy work-life boundaries, including the ability for all employees to disconnect from work after hours, is an important part of maintaining one's health and well-being. HWDSB has implemented a [Right to Disconnect Procedure](#) to support educators, administrators and other HWDSB staff. While all urgent communication will continue to be shared after hours, please note that families communicating with educators and administrators may receive a delay in response to all non-emergency inquiries received after hours.

Sincerely,

Jenny Seto-Vanderlip
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Vice Principal