

Dear Tiffany Hills Families,



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Tiffany Hills School!

With a growing community, we look forward to welcoming our returning and new families. Please rely on our school website, <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/tiffanyhills/> and the Parent Portal to access information and inform you of your child's school teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Class placement is a collaborative team process that our educators invest in to create the most optimal classroom dynamic for our students. Thank you for respecting their professionalism to ensure your child will learn in the most optimal environment based on their learning skills and achievement. A considerable amount of time and thought goes into placement decisions. Please note, changes to class placements are not being considered at this time. This year your child's class placement has been communicated to you via the parent portal (<https://ps.hwdsb.on.ca/public/home.html>) beginning the last week of August. 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.

The first day of school for grades 1-8 is Wednesday, September 6th. On Wednesday, students in Grades 1-8, will meet their teachers at the back of the school on the blacktop. Students will look for a sign with their teacher's name on it. If you require any assistance, please look for a staff member in an orange vest who will be happy to help. This is where they will connect with classmates and will find their teacher. At 9:15 AM, teachers will bring students into their perspective classrooms for the start of the day. Staff will be on the school yard to supervise and assist students 15 minutes before and after school each day. Once your child has found their teacher(s), please wait for them behind the fence, this will help with the congestion on the tarmac.

For the safety of students, **only school busses & staff vehicles will enter the school parking lots.** Parents driving students to and from school, please drive carefully on the streets around the school. There are parking spots on many of the side streets, it's best to part there and walk the short distance.

Please do not stop or park in any "Fire Access Routes", for the safety of all our staff and students. They must always be clear for emergency vehicles.



Tiffany Hills Elementary School

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On Wednesday, September 6, 2023 all kindergarten children new to kindergarten and/or the school will have the opportunity for a short visit with an educator in order to ensure that they feel comfortable and supported as they transition to school.

On Thursday, September 7, 2023 all kindergarten students begin full day attendance and will meet their educators in the fenced Kindergarten area in front of the school.

When waiting for your child at the end of the day, please wait for them behind the fences or at the top of the hill behind the school. For safety reasons, we do not ask parents to wait on the school playground at any time.

If your child is taking the bus this year, they will be met by staff upon arrival and supported by staff at the end of the day. It is very important that your child knows how they will be getting home at the end of each day. Please take some time to review bussing with your child so they are aware of their bus number and the expectations of travelling safe on the bus. Additional details can be found at <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/> and log into the Parent Portal for your information. During start-up, bus transportation may experience some delays; your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated. Families that are eligible for transportation, should have received an email.

Students may be bringing personal devices (cellphones, etc.) to school. Please remind your children that devices are to be turned off and put away during school hours and only to be used upon the direction of a teacher. If you need to contact your child at any time, please call the school office at 905 304-6223.

Please follow us on our website and on Twitter, @Tiffanyhill_HWDSB, throughout the year for any information about Tiffany Hills. On our website, you will find more detailed information about bell times, school expectations, staff, school council and procedures. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school at 905-304-6223.

We are looking forward to a great new school year ahead and hope you enjoy the final days of summer break!

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. Seto-Vanderlip, Principal – Tiffany Hills School
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