



Westwood September 2019 Newsletter



We hope that everyone enjoyed the wonderful weather and sunshine this summer! We are excited to welcome you back to the 2019-2020 school year. We would like to welcome new staff, students and families to Westwood and hope you have a great transition to our school community. As part of our continuous School Improvement Plan, we will be setting new targets aligned with HWDSB's targets of all students reading, improving in mathematics, and feeling safe, supported and accepted.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a school staffing update for the upcoming school year. During the summer, Mrs. Butler was offered and accepted a full time teaching position at another school. We would also like to congratulate Ms. Genel who was successful in her application to a Child and Youth Care Practitioner Position within the board. We wish them both all the best.

We would also like to welcome the following new additions to our staff:

- Ms. Whittaker, our 0.7 grade 1 teacher and Mr. Mlekuz our 0.3 Long Term Occasional grade 1 teacher
- Mrs. Kiers, our grade 4/5 teacher
- Ms. Duval, our French teacher
- Mrs. Batista, our prep coverage teacher
- Mrs. Rodrigues, our evening caretaker

With the start of the school year, we will be focusing on setting good work habits and routines both at home and at school. We ask that you please go over the following forms that are sent home by your child's classroom:

- **STUDENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL/CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**
- **MEDIA CONSENT FORM**
- **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE FORM**
- **ARRIVAL CHECK PROGRAM/EMERGENCY DATA INFORMATION FORM**

We are excited to meet as an entire school at our first Welcome Back Assembly held during the first week of school. The assembly will be a great opportunity to bring everyone together to introduce our entire staff and share our school expectations to ensure a safe environment that focuses on respect and safety. On behalf of the staff at Westwood, we wish everyone a great start to the school year!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3rd
First Day of School
**(SK STUDENTS START
SEPTEMBER 4TH)**

September 6th
Whole School Assembly

September 10th
First Pizza Day

September 19th
Terry Fox Walk

September 20th
PA Day - NO SCHOOL

September 24th
First School Council
Meeting and Elections
7:00 p.m. in the library

October 10th
Meet the Teacher Night
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Before/After School Outdoor Supervision

Just a reminder that morning supervision on the playground does not begin until 15 minutes before the start of classes which is 8:30 a.m. If your child is on the playground before that time, please understand that they are **not** being supervised by an adult. Similarly, at the end of the day, there is supervision until 3:20 p.m. If you are picking up your child after school, please ensure you arrive on time.

School Pizza Days



We will be offering pizza days for our students again this year. Cheese pizza will be ordered every Tuesday on a weekly basis. Our first pizza day of the school year will be **Tuesday September 10th** and will be sold for \$1.50 per slice. Pizza can be ordered through School Cash Online and on the day of the pizza day.

NEW* Westwood Bell Times *NEW



8:45 a.m.	Entry
8:45-9:25	Period 1
9:25-10:05	Period 2
10:05 - 10:45	Period 3
10:45-11:25	NUTRITION BREAK #1
11:25-11:55	Period 4
11:55-12:25	Period 5
12:25-1:05	Period 6
1:05-1:45	NUTRITION BREAK #2
1:45-2:25	Period 7
2:25-3:05	Period 8
3:05	Dismissal

School Council

We welcome any parents that are interested in being a part of Westwood's School Council. The role of School Council is to advise School Staff of recommendations for our School Improvement Plan.

Our first School Council Meeting with nominations and elections will be held on Tuesday September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. If you would like to be on the school council executive, **school council nomination forms** can be picked up at the office.

Students With Medical Needs

If your child has a medical condition for which he/she requires medication or special accommodation(s) at school, please see the office to pick up a form for you and your physician to complete. In order to administer medication to students, the school requires proper signed documentation. Thank you for your support.

Message from Trustee Buck



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers! My name is Becky Buck and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 8 and 14. As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff. I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our wards. I can be reached by email at bbuck@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-515-2367. For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

Parents/Guardians/Visitors to the Office

We appreciate the partnerships we have with our families, parents, and caregivers. To ensure the safety of everyone in the building we must be aware of all parents/visitors that are in the school. All visitors must first report to the office when entering the building. Please refrain from dropping off and picking up their children at their classrooms as mornings and after school are very busy times of the day. We have a sticker system for visitors to our school. We will have a different coloured sticker for each school day. After signing in at the office, you will receive a coloured visitor sticker to wear on your shirt. This will allow students and staff to easily identify school visitors.

If you would like to get in touch with your child's teacher, we advise that a note be recorded in your child's agenda. This will ensure a quick & timely response from your child's teacher. You are also welcome to contact the school. A message left at the office will be shared with your child's teacher who will contact you to make arrangements.

School Parking Lot

Vehicles are **NOT** permitted to park in the parking lot by the main entrance of the school between 8:30 and 9:15 AM or between 2:30 and 3:15 PM. This is the drop-off time for our special-needs busses only. Even if you are running late, find an empty legal parking spot in the visitor lot or park your car at the Westmount Rec. Centre parking lot, then walk your children in. The priority is our special needs busses.

Courtesy Bus Transportation

Courtesy bus transportation applications are available at the office. If you have submitted a courtesy transportation form, we thank you for your continued patience with this process. We would like to remind parents that students are **not** covered for liability by the board and are not permitted to ride on the bus until they are approved. All Courtesy transportation applications will be approved at the beginning of October.

Westwood Nutrition Program

The Nutrition Program at Westwood will start this month and we are looking forward to the organization and efficiency of our parent volunteers that work very hard to prepare nutritional snacks to our students every morning. The Nutrition Program is always looking for extra volunteers to help prepare and deliver nutrition bins for each classroom. If you are interested in being a part of the Nutrition Program please stop by the office for volunteer forms.