

# The Husky Howler

## Principal's Message : Welcome Back Huskies!



By Mr. M. Leduc,

Welcome back to all those students and families returning to Wellington Heights, and a special welcome to all of those students and families who are new! The anticipation is over and we are all very excited to have finally moved into our beautiful new school! A special thank-you to all school staff and who have worked so hard over the last few weeks preparing classrooms and the school for our students! Some work is ongoing, but as we have discussed with our students it will be "worth the wait"! Sod has been put down on our new field and will be given time for the roots to take hold at which time it will open for student use. Work is ongoing in our gymnasium as the hardwood floor is being put down, and then will be stained, finished, and ready for use. We are looking at some contingency plans so that participation in extra-curricular activities can still take place. These arrangements will be communicated to you by coaches once practices begin. The E.W. Farr Memorial Learning Commons has been completed and will be a fantastic hub for learning. Our books are arriving next week and our new Maker-Space area is being prepared. It will be a special place for all of our students to participate in a variety of learning activities.

I am very much looking forward to my second year here at Wellington Heights, working with your children, the teachers, and the community to ensure students have enriched learning opportunities and fun, memorable experiences. I will reiterate what I had shared with students last year...history is important! Remember the great times and learning experiences that you have had while a part of EW Farr and Pelham Centre with pride. But similarly, let's all work together to celebrate our new building and to make sure it is a great learning environment for all students.



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### September Dates to Know

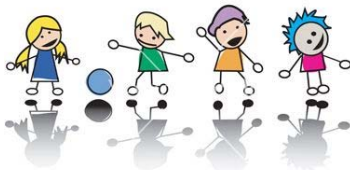
- **Sept. 5 : First Day of School**
- **Week of Sept 5 X-country tryouts begin**
- **Week of Sept. 11 Int/Jr. Soccer tryouts begin.**
- **Sept. 15: Early Release Day (Students dismissed at 12:15).**
- **Sept. 22 Picture Day at WHPS**
- **Sept. 26/27 Dental Screening**
- **October 5-Terry Fox Day-PM**
- **October 6: PA Day-No classes-enjoy a long Thanksgiving weekend!**

## School Start Up Reminders

- **Anaphylaxis Emergency Action Plan Information & epipens need to be returned ASAP.** Student verification forms have been sent home last week. Please indicate if your child has any medical conditions that we need to be aware of so that forms can be sent home and safety plans put into place..
- **Address, Daycare and Phone Number changes need to be reported to the school.**
- **Pizza , Hot Lunches, and Milk delivery will all begin in October.** Thank you to Mrs. Van Vliet who will be coordinating our hot lunch program this year. Please watch for information to come home shortly. We encourage all families to use Cash-on-line to place and pay for orders.
- **Outdoor Supervision does not begin until 8:35 AM—Please do not drop your child off at school earlier than this.**

## Childcare at Wellington Heights!

*We are pleased that "A Child's World" will continue to provide before and after-*



*school care for many students. Hours are from 7:00 am to 8:45 am, then again after school from 3:15-5:30. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please call 905-735-1162 or visit them on their website at [www.acw.on.ca](http://www.acw.on.ca)*

*If you are dropping off at the daycare in the morning, please park in the parking lot and enter through the doors at the East side of the school (closest to the entrance off of Alsop Ave) . Similarly, students can be picked up at the same entrance after school hours.*

## Newsletter Quiz

1. Who has graciously taken on the role of hot lunch coordinator this year?
2. What sports are beginning this month at Wellington Heights?
3. List 3 new staff members at WHPS this year.

**\*\*\*Bring in your answers to the office on a piece of paper with your name and class on it for a chance to win a "valuable" prize :)**

## SAFELY PICKING UP/DROPPING OFF STUDENTS....

We are very happy to have a "much improved" parking lot situation this year that easily allows for student drop off in a "bus only" lane, and a "kiss and ride" drop off zone for parents dropping off students by



car. Those students arriving off of Canboro Road are to use the new path to walk around to the rear of the school. Those coming from the Cherry Ridge Community are to use the side walk off of Alsop Ave, then turn directly into the playground area once they are at the school. Students should not be walking across the parking lot at any time unless accompanied by an adult and should use the crosswalk areas as marked. Please help us keep our students (your children) safe!

## UPDATE ON WATER ON PROPERTY.

We share the concern some have expressed over the water being retained on the west side of the school. We have fenced off the area, and DSBN engineers are looking at how to rectify this issue. We will keep you informed.



### **Wellington Heights Daily Schedule**

**8:35 AM : Outside Supervision Begins**

**8:50 AM : Entry Bell**

**8:55 AM : Instructional Block 1**

**10:35-10:50 AM : Indoor/eating portion of the first Nutrition Break**

**10:50-11:15 AM: Outdoor Recess**

**11:15 AM : Instructional Block 2**

**12:55 –1:15 PM : Indoor/Eating portion of Nutrition Break 2**

**1:15-1:35 PM: Outdoor Recess.**

**1:35 PM : Instructional Block 3**

**3:15 PM : Dismissal Bell**

### **Communicating with your school**

It is important that parents be able to contact their child's school when necessary. Given our important responsibility for your child's safety it is very important that you contact the school in a timely way (before 9:00 AM) if your child will be late or absent. The school phone # is 905-892-6451. Please leave a message in the event that we are unable to answer your call. Each teacher has a voice mail so do not hesitate to leave a message for your child's teacher. Classroom teacher's will be sending home newsletters that will outline communication procedures for their classroom.

The school newsletter is an important tool for communicating with you so please take the time to read through it when it arrives home. We will also be posting it on our school website.



### **Annual Magazine/Gifts to Love Fundraiser**

On October 5th, we will once again kick off our annual Magazine subscription campaign and WHPS is counting on the continued support of our community as we seek to raise funds to support enhanced learning opportunities and equipment for our students. Our subscription drive will run until mid-October and our school retains a significant portion of the money generated from each subscription. As in the past, you will be able to order online at [www.ccrp.ca](http://www.ccrp.ca) using a code that will be sent home with your child's magazine order form.

### **Meet the Teacher/See the New School BBQ**

We are looking forward to the opportunity to invite parents in for our Meet the Teacher BBQ Night. It will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to see our new school. We will be finalizing the date once we have a clearer picture of when the work will be completed. We are aiming for the last week of September/first week of October. More details to follow once the date and details have been finalized.

### **Ontario's HPV Immunization Program – Expanded to now include Boys**

For the past nine years, the HPV vaccine has been offered free of charge in Ontario schools to girls in grade 8 to help protect them from Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection and related cancers.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the program was expanded to offer this cancer fighting vaccine to all **boys and girls** in grade 7. If you have a son or daughter entering grade 7 this year, they will be offered the HPV vaccine through a school-based clinic. For the majority of students, this vaccine will be given in a series of two injections, one in the fall and one in the spring. Our **first vaccination date** will be: **Thursday, October 19th**. Our **second vaccination date** is **Thursday, April 19, 2018**.

The HPV vaccine is considered very safe, and is highly effective.

To learn more about HPV, the HPV vaccine, and catch-up programs for older children please call:

Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 ext. 7425 or visit:

[www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health)

[www.ontario.ca/hpv](http://www.ontario.ca/hpv)

# WELLINGTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF

## 2017/18

<b>JK/SK 1:</b>	Miss K. Mackenzie, Miss A. Church (DECE), Mrs. L. Stavinga (EA)
<b>JK/SK 2:</b>	Mrs. P. Rao, Ms. P. Koudijs (DECE), Mrs. H. Raby (EA)
<b>Grade 1:</b>	Mrs. H. Fallowfield
<b>Grade 1/2:</b>	Mrs. H. Haining
<b>Grade 2:</b>	Mrs. V. Thorne
<b>Grade 2/3:</b>	Mr. D. Purdie
<b>Grade 3/4:</b>	Miss C. Haining
<b>Grade 4:</b>	Mrs. S. Bench
<b>Grade 5:</b>	Mr. T. Blacquiere
<b>Grade 6:</b>	Mrs. A. Brennan
<b>Grade 7:</b>	Mr. B. Teal
<b>Grade 8:</b>	Mr. C. Bruzzese
<b>FSL:</b>	Mme S. Corbeil
<b>LRT:</b>	Mrs. D. Hunchak
<b>PR/JR Prep:</b>	Mr. M. Ford
<b>Primary Prep:</b>	Mrs. N. Mako
<b>Admin. Asst:</b>	Mrs. E. Curran
<b>Lunch Supervisors:</b>	Mrs. P. Young, Mrs. B. Lundquist
<b>Custodian:</b>	Mrs. J. DeRuiter



### **Additional School Support:**

<b>Youth Counsellor:</b>	Ms. J. Jones
<b>Social Worker:</b>	Ms. J. Drury
<b>Instructional Coach:</b>	Mr. R. Allington

### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

A Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. A form has been included with your child's back to school package OR you may visit the website at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

### **SMILE :)**

**On Friday, September 22nd we will be having picture day here at WHPS for all students. Pegasus School Services will once again be providing this service for our students and families. Watch for forms and more details to come home closer to the date.**



### **Soccer and Cross-Country Already Starting!!**

It doesn't take long for extra-curricular sports and activities to get started at Wellington Heights. In the first few weeks of school Soccer practices and Cross

Country practices will begin. Please encourage your son/daughter to consider participating in school sports as it promotes physical health not to mention it is lots of fun!!! Practices will occur in morning, during nutrition breaks, or after school.

