



Hagersville Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Hagersville Elementary School. As a newcomer to the school I am looking forward to acquainting myself with the students and parents, and to building positive relationships for the sake of students' social and academic development. I know that Hagersville Elementary School has a dedicated staff that is committed promoting the well-being and academic success of its student body, and I feel honoured to be a part of this staff.

The students have been placed in their classrooms after great consideration on the staff's part. It is our hope that there will be very few, if any, changes to class lists, however, placement changes may occur to balance class numbers and to accommodate any new families that may have registered over the summer.

I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible over the next few weeks and months. Feel free to come in and introduce yourself. Please communicate with staff or myself, if you have any concerns about your children in order that we may assist you. As a staff we relish the opportunity to assist and support you and your children in their educational journey.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kelly, Principal

Grand Erie District School Board: Focus on Equity in 2018-19

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. Grand Erie will achieve *Success for Every Student* through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community.

This year, to demonstrate the embodiment of the Multi-Year Plan, Grand Erie has created a video series focusing on Equity, one of the six indicators. Equity is a part of everything Grand Erie does, from the supports provided to students and staff, to the events and activities the board honours and celebrates. Equity is a guiding force. These videos tell just four of the many stories of students and staff embracing Equity.

This first video highlights Matt Peaire, a Simcoe Composite School student who came out as transgender in Grade 11, and found support in his Guidance Teacher Jason Dale.

Watch Matt's Story here <https://bit.ly/2C1RZa5>

For more info on the Multi-Year Plan visit <https://bit.ly/2or827z>



School Practices for Safety

If your child will be absent from school or late, please call at 905-768-3012 by 9:00 a.m. This courtesy lets us know that your child is safe and home with your knowledge and consent. It is our responsibility as a school to account for all students. Students must report to the office whenever they are late for school. A reminder to parents that the staff playground supervision does not begin until 8:30 in the morning. Students should not be on the school property before that time. Students should not be in the school building before the 8:45 bell unless they have made arrangements with a teacher to supervise them

All persons entering the school must report to the office. Parents who are escorting their children to and from school are asked to drop them off and pick them up outside the school building. If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment, please send a note and plan to sign out your child at the office. Please let the office know promptly if there are changes in family information such as emergency contact numbers, babysitting arrangements, health information or custody/visitation circumstances. Please return all completed student information forms by **Friday, September 7, 2018**.

Students and Accidents

The Board takes every precaution to provide a safe learning environment for students, but accidents can and do happen. Some families have private or workplace accident insurance which is able to respond to costs arising from injuries. However, many families do not.

Under the Education Act, Ontario school boards are empowered to:

“provide, by contract with an insurer under the Insurance Act, accident and life insurance for pupils, the cost of which is to be paid on a voluntary basis by the parents or guardians.” R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, s. 176, par. 4.

Please take the time to review this package and complete form indicating intentions, even if you choose to decline insurance.



Reminder....

We are PEANUT & TREE NUT AWARE. We do our best to provide an environment that is safe. No substitutes are permitted. We have students at Hagersville Elementary School with serious allergies and we need to keep everyone safe.

Meet the Staff Barbecue

The staff of Hagersville Elementary School would like to invite families to a meet and greet on:

Thursday, September 13, 2018

5:30—7:00 p.m.

Mr. Campbell will be barbecuing complimentary hot dogs and cake.

Come One, Come All!



School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council is comprised of parents from Hagersville Elementary School. They welcome new parents to the group and encourage interested parents to attend School Advisory Meetings. The first meeting will be held on:

September 25 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Hagersville Elementary School Staff 2018-2019

Position	Staff Name
Junior/Senior Kindergarten	Mrs. Newhouse
Junior/Senior Kindergarten	Ms. Krista King
Senior Kindergarten/Grade 1	Mrs. Marshall
Grade 1	Mrs. Mulholland
Grade 2	Mrs. Eng
Grade 3	Ms. Skipper
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Hardy
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Mattice
Grade 5	Mrs. Kostecki
Grade 6/7	Mr. Comeau
Grade 7	Mrs. Wilhelmus
Grade 8	Mr. McGregor
Learning Resource Teacher	Ms. Mete
Special Education-Life Skills	Ms. Erin
Special Education-M.E.C.	Mrs. Coate
Special Education - Hearing Language	Mrs. Enes
French/Prep	Mrs. Gibson
Prep	Mr. Butcher
Prep/Library	Ms. Jones
Educational Assistant	Ms. Clarke
Educational Assistant	Ms. Elliott
Educational Assistant	Ms. Gajdo
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Gorodnick
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Heeg
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Payne
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Slade
Educational Assistant	Ms. Smelser
Custodian	Mr. Campbell
Caretaker	Mr. Paine
Secretary	Ms. Lampkin
Secretary	Mrs. Valstar
Principal	Ms. Kelly

Monthly Assemblies

In order to recognize student achievement in a variety of areas we will continue to have monthly assemblies. Parents will be notified by their child's teacher in order to provide the option to be present when the recipients are announced. The first assembly will be in October.

Important Information

During the first week the following information will be sent home, some of which needs to be signed and returned:

- School Year Calendar (for the fridge)
- Computer and Internet Agreement (signature needed)
- Current Student Information Forms (to be updated by parents and sent back by Friday, September 7)
- Student Insurance Package (This form must be returned even if you do not have insurance and do not intend to purchase it.)



School Picture Day

Friday, September 28

Retakes Tuesday, October 23

Terry Fox Run

On September 27 we will be paying tribute to Terry Fox by running in his memory. More details will follow as we approach the date. Brad Bell, a local DJ will be donating his time to play music for added enjoyment.

