



## Hawthorne Herald September 14, 2015

### Greetings!

Welcome back to school. We have had a wonderful first week of school and are looking forward to a year full of learning and growth for everyone. As Hawthorne PS' new principal I am looking forward to meeting and working with the Hawthorne School community. We had fewer than expected numbers of students in some of our classes, while others were very full. Because of the Ministry of Education caps on the number of students in primary classes we made some changes to balance class sizes. Parents were informed of any change that affected their child.

I would like to encourage parents to feel free to make contact with me and the rest of the school staff when questions arise. – Ms. Mary Conroy, Principal

### Our Wonderful Staff

We are so fortunate to have so many talented adults working on our school staff.

Mrs. Myers JK / SK

Mrs. Plumb Homeroom 8.1

Mrs. Tiwana JK / SK - ECE

Mrs. Simser Homeroom 6 / 7 Gifted

Mrs. Labonte gr 1 / 2

Mrs. Turpin Homeroom 7.2 Gifted

Mrs. Briglio gr 2 / 3

Mr. Harder Homeroom 8.2

Mr. Kilby gr 3 / 4

Ms Stanutz-Sedler ELD teacher

Mr. Wallace gr 5 / 6

Mrs. Kelland ESL teacher

Mrs. Laughland English Second Language

Mrs. Ritchie Phys. ED, Health & Math

Mrs. Jolley Learning Resource Support

Mrs. Schaeffer Learning Support Teacher

Madame Roche P / J Core French teacher

Mrs. Pilon Vice Principal and Int. Science

Madame Ben Int. Core French and 7.1 Homeroom

Mrs. Craig Educational Assistant

Mr. Conley Homeroom 7 / 8

Ms. Belleau educational Assistant

**Reminders** With the flurry of activity that surrounds the first few weeks of school, there are many things to remember as we return to old routines. The following is meant as a list of reminders to help families.

1. We have several children who have life-threatening allergies at school. We ask that **no peanuts or nuts come to school as lunches, snacks or treats.**
2. We encourage students to bring "litterless" lunches to school, meaning that all containers and packaging will be returned home in their lunch boxes or bags.

3. Several forms have gone home to families for signing (Media release, medical information update and Use of Technology). The information that is collected is used to ensure the safety of children at school. Please ensure you have read them carefully and signed appropriately. We also ask that contact information is kept up-to-date by making changes to the student information forms. Everything should be returned to school by Friday, September 18.
4. We ask parents to help with our safe arrival process by calling the school when their child is going to be away from school for a day. If your child is going to be away for more than one day, please send a note to the principal.
5. When visiting the school, please take the time to sign in at the office.
6. **New this year:** Parents are asked to meet their primary and junior aged children at the back of the school instead of coming through the building. All children, who do not take the bus home in Primary and Junior classes, will be dismissed from the back of the school. If you have children meeting each other after school, we suggest that you talk to them about having a meeting place close to the door of the youngest child.
7. Supervision at school begins at 7:45 AM and students are supervised after school until 2:40 PM.

### **School Council**

Our first school council meeting will be on: Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 PM. We meet in the Teachers' Lounge. At this first meeting, an executive will be selected for the coming year. If you wish to have an active role on the Council, I invite you to go to our school website and read the School Council Resource Guide. There you will find a self-nomination form and a School Council Parent Candidate form. Please drop the forms off in the main office before September 29th. I encourage parents to consider coming to School Council to hear about school news, changes in education and to ask questions.

### **Student Accident Insurance**

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Forms can either be picked up from the school office or downloaded at [www.binks.ca](http://www.binks.ca), or you may apply online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com).

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13.50/year to \$32.00/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have any questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at [613-226-1350](tel:613-226-1350). Forms are available through the main office at school.

If you have any questions, I encourage you to contact me at (613) 733-6221.

Ms M. Conroy, Principal