

David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

September 2017

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to all of the families of David Hornell! I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful, restful summer and that everyone is excited about our year ahead.

Personally, I am thrilled to be joining the community as Principal. Our dedicated staff has been busy the past few weeks setting up classrooms and planning for an exciting year of learning. Thank you Mr. Tran for his work over the summer getting the school cleaned and ready for another year and thank you to Mrs. Flemming for welcoming our new families this past week and supporting everyone to ensure that our start is a smooth one.

I have had the chance to meet some of you and your children and I look forward to meeting many more as we build a strong relationship with all of you in the upcoming year.

Our staff will be engaging in conversations around growth mindset, both for themselves and all students. We believe that every person in this building should always be growing and learning.

Please stop by to say hello. Together, I know that we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

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Office Administrator

M. Flemming

Superintendent

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Ward 3 Trustee

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School Hours:

8:55 Entry Bell

10:30 – 10:45 Recess

11:45 – 12:35 Lunch (1-5)

**11:40 – 12:50 JK/SK
Lunch**

2:00- 2:10 Recess

3:10 JK/SK Dismissal

3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal

Student Data Verification Forms

This week your child will be given a package of several important papers that require your attention. Please read over everything very carefully, complete and return them to school as soon as possible. Your attention to this important part of starting a new school year is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions regarding any of the information, please speak to your child's teacher or drop by the office.



Student Absence/Lates

Parents and/or Guardians are asked to please call the office and leave a message on the answering machine if your child is going to be absent or late. Please leave the child's name, teacher and reason for absence. This is part of the TDSB safe arrival policy and helps us to ensure that every child is safe. It also avoids getting a phone call from the automated system.



Anaphylaxis – Taking the Necessary Precautions

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life threatening. This medical condition can cause a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although foods such as peanuts, milk, eggs, and sesame seeds are the most common cause of anaphylaxis, insect stings, medicine, or latex can also cause a reaction. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. The TDSB is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and works with Toronto Public Health and other partners to ensure the successful implementation of Sabrina's Law, which came into effect on January 1, 2006.

Sabrina's Law requires every school board to establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. The TDSB has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to raise awareness about this life-threatening condition. Students who have severe allergies to such food substances are exposed to a severe health risk when such products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. **As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts.**

Green Bin Program

This year David Hornell will begin using green compost bins in the school. Students will be learning about how to recycle, reuse and what materials are compostable. Please help by providing re-usable containers when possible. We will be introducing this to students this week. Watch for more information coming home soon!



Safety and Security at David Hornell

The safety of our students is the number one priority at all times. As we begin a new school year it is important to review a few of the routines that are in place to ensure the safety of everyone.

- Our parking lot is very small and just fits all of our staff members. Please refrain from parking in the lot when dropping off or picking up students. Please walk when possible or park on adjacent streets close to the school.
- Please do not walk with children through the parking lot. Please use the fenced walkway along the side or enter the school yard from the east side where there are no cars.
- Staff begin supervision in the school yard at 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that students do not arrive prior to 8:45 when staff are outside on duty. The same applies to dismissal at the end of the day. Staff are on duty until 3:35. Children who are not picked up by 3:35 will be taken inside to wait for their parent/guardian at the office. The playscape is closed between 8:45 – 8:55 and between 3:20 – 3:35.
- TDSB Security are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. They often drive by schools to ensure that the grounds are safe during the evenings and weekends as well. If you witness any inappropriate behaviour or vandalism occurring on school property when school is not open please contact TDSB Security at 416-395-4620 or Police at 22 Division at 416-808-2222.

Thank you for helping us to keep our students and staff safe!

Curriculum Night

Please mark Wednesday, September 27th on your calendar for our Welcome Back Curriculum Night. We look forward to seeing you all on that evening and more specific details will be shared with you very soon!



School Council Meeting

The David Hornell School Council consists of a very dedicated, active group of parents and staff who have done a wonderful job over the years. The first School Council Meeting of the 2017/2018 school year will be on Wednesday, September 13th at 7 p.m. All parents are welcome! Please let us know if you require child care. Hope to see you there!

Terry Fox Run/Spirit Day

The annual Terry Fox fundraiser for Cancer will be held on Friday, September 29 in the afternoon. It seems fitting that this will also be our first spirit day since the theme is "Hero Day". Terry Fox is certainly known as a Canadian hero. Students are invited to dress as one of their heroes on that day. This can be anyone from a superhero, a mom or a dad, a relative, a coach or anyone who is a hero in their eyes. We can't wait to see all of the wonderful hero's on that day!



Upcoming Events:

September 11 – Student Verification Package due back at school

September 13 – School Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

September 27 – Curriculum Night (time TBD)

September 29 – Terry Fox Run/Hero Spirit Day

October 5 – QSP Fundraiser kick-off Assembly

October 6 – P.A. Day (no school for students)

October 9 – Thanksgiving (no school)

October 12 – Photo Day