

David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

September 2018

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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.

Thank you Mr. Tran and Mr. Vicente for their 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.

Our staff started working in August to set up classrooms and prepare lessons and activities for students to ensure that they feel welcome and part of the David Hornell community.

We want our students to work hard and challenge themselves to reach new heights and grow both personally and academically.

Together, with our families, we look forward to making this school year one of the best ever!

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School Hours:

8:50 Entry Bell

10:15 – 10:30 Recess

11:40 – 12:35 Lunch (1-5)

**11:30 – 12:45 JK/SK
Lunch**

2:00- 2:10 Recess

3:10 JK/SK Dismissal

3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal

Student Data Verification Forms – Due Now!

Last 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.**

Litter less Lunch Program

This year David Hornell will begin having litter less lunches. Our lunchroom will have a green bin and a recycling bin but NO Garbage. Students are asked to bring their lunch in re-usable containers. Any garbage will be taken back home with students. As an eco-school we are aiming to create less garbage at David Hornell.



Safety and Security at David Hornell – Road Safety Campaign

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. As you may be aware, Toronto has adopted the “Vision Zero” philosophy aiming to eliminate traffic deaths and make our streets safer for everyone. You will notice the City of Toronto “Whoa! Slow down” lawn signs displayed on school property. These signs are intended to remind drivers to slow down in school zones!

Please remember:

- 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 8:40 a.m. Please ensure that students do not arrive prior to 8:40 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.
- 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 Thursday, 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 2018/2019 school year will be on Wednesday, September 12th 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 28 in the afternoon. As in past years, we will be collecting "Toonies for Terry" and all funds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.



Student Birthdays

At school, we honour student birthdays by wishing them a happy birthday over the announcements and inviting them down to the office to get a birthday card and lollipop. As we have many children with various food allergies and dietary restrictions, we please ask that you do **not** send food (cakes, cupcakes etc.) to school to be shared with classmates. If students wish to share pencils or stickers or another small item with classmates that is fine but in order to ensure safety and honour the dietary needs of all, students will not be permitted to share food-related birthday treats at school. Thank you!



Orange Shirt Day

Orange shirt day began in 2013 and was designed to educate people and promote awareness about the residential school system and the impact this system had on indigenous communities for more than a century in Canada. It is held annually on September 30 in Canadian communities. Our students and staff are being encouraged to wear an orange shirt or something orange to school on Friday, September 28th.



Upcoming Events:

September 12 – School Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

September 18 – Practice Fire Drill (weather permitting)

September 15 – Indigo “Adopt-a-School” program begins

September 21 – Spirit Day - “Dress like your favourite hero or character”

September 24 – Practice Lockdown Drill

September 26 – Victory & Virtue Assembly @ 9 a.m., Bus Safety Presentations for students

September 27 – Curriculum Night (time TBD)

September 28 – Terry Fox Run & Orange Shirt Day

October 1 – 4 – Grade 3 CCAT Screening

October 2 – QSP Fundraiser Kick-off Assembly

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help sort and deliver our morning snack to classrooms each day. This task involves counting and placing the snacks into labelled bins each morning and takes approximately 20 – 30 minutes. The food is delivered to us pre-packaged and it is our job to count it out and place it in the bins. If you are interested, this job can be shared amongst many people and divided up throughout the week so that the same person doesn't need to do it every day. **If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Tratnik in the office or at 416-394-7690.**

