



# Humber Valley Village JMS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our start to the 2021-2022 school year has been very exciting. We are very happy to have our students back at school. Although we continue to live with COVID 19, we will continue to navigate these challenging times by supporting each other. As a community we will work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and parents.

COVID 19 has significantly impacted the way in which we operate as a school. We continue to be guided by the Ministry of Education, Toronto Public Health and the Toronto District School Board guidelines. As the Principal of HVV, I have also implemented enhanced routines and expectations that continue to support our efforts to keep everyone healthy and safe.

We recognize the difficulty and anxiety that these uncertain times may bring. Staff is working very hard at preparing classrooms and programs however, we appreciate your flexibility and understanding should circumstances change with the evolution of COVID 19.

We are excited to have our students back in the classrooms. I have enjoyed visiting students and share in their learning.

The staff and parents at Humber Valley Village continue to be committed to the development and growth of each student. Together we teach, mentor and coach our students to grow as learners and to challenge themselves to achieve success. In alignment with TDSB's goals, the HVVJMS staff will continue to develop student achievement and transform student learning; build positive school and workplace cultures that support mental health and well-being; and promote equity and inclusion to enhance learning opportunities for all students.

Please read the Parent Handbook for important information.

I look forward to working with you and wish you a happy, healthy and successful year!

Best Regards,  
R. Barone-Pace

## School Hours

8:55 a.m.	Entry/Start of Day
9:05 a.m.	Anthem/announcements
10:15-10:25 a.m.	Morning recess #1
10:55-11:15 a.m.	Morning recess #2
11:35-12:15 p.m.	Lunch recess #1
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch recess #2
1:35-1:45 p.m.	Afternoon recess #1
2:15-2:25 p.m.	Afternoon recess #2
2:55 p.m.	Kindergarten Dismissal
3:05p.m.	Gr 1-8 Dismissal

## SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2021-2022

Principal	Mrs. R. Barone-Pace
FDK JK/SK	Mrs. R. Malik
FDK JK/SK	Mrs. H. Jayanetti
FDK JK/SK	Mrs. J. O'Leary
1	Mrs. J. Santin
1/2	Mrs. C. Ferguson
2	Mrs. A. Resendes
2/3	Ms. A. Abreu
3	Mrs. J. Costas
3/4	Ms. E. Venczel
4 (Virtual)	Ms. A. Higgins
4/5	Mr. L. Krupa
5	Ms. T. Vojvodic
6	Ms. J. Hallett
6/7	Ms. A. Allen
7	Ms. J. Legault
8	Mr. C. Gorry
French (4-8)	Ms. E. Grewar/Ms. E. Venczel
Physical Education	Mrs. S. Thompson/Mr. A. Singh
Special Education	Mrs. N. Marzocco
ESL (Itinerant)	Ms. C. Dell'Aquila
Educational Asst.	Ms. J. Broomer
Sp. Needs Asst.	Mrs. B. Gilchrist
ECE	Mrs. Campbell
ECE	Mrs. L. Siddiqui
Office Administrator	Mrs. R. Tarzia
Secretary (am)	Mrs. S. Ruscigno
Caretaker	Ms. M. Orozco

## CHARACTER EDUCATION



The virtue for the month of September is Respect.

We will be acknowledging our September recipients over the P.A. Congratulations to our recipients

### Safe Arrival Program



If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please call the Safe Arrival line at 416-394-7866. Please leave details of the absence on the voicemail. Messages can be left 24 hours/day, 7/days a week. The TDSB's automated call-out system will call parents for students that are absent without a known reason.

### Safe Schools

Student supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. In order to ensure your child's safety, we ask that you do not drop off your children before supervision begins.

### Staff Parking Lot

This is a reminder that the school parking lot is for staff only. There is absolutely NO PARKING in the handicap space. You can drop off your child in front of the school on Hartfield Rd., on the north side of Anglesey Blvd., or on the Kingsway. For safety reasons, please do not use the parking lot for student drop-off. There are often early morning deliveries/maintenance teams with large trucks accessing the parking lot making it dangerous for students to be walking through the parking lot. We only have space for school staff and TDSB staff that are at the school meeting with students, teachers, caretaking, etc. Please help us keep your children safe.

### HVV's Entry and Exit Procedures

#### LUNCHTIME

Parents will be required to commit to either having your child stay at school EVERY DAY or go home for lunch EVERY DAY. Students will eat during instructional time at their desks, in their classrooms, supervised by their teacher. Students can bring a placemat for their desk if they wish and must have all necessary eating utensils with them. Students will not be sharing food or utensils. There will be **two 40-minute lunch recess breaks. The first from 11:35 to 12:15; the second from 12:20 to 1:00.** Students will be outside for the lunch recess and should be dressed accordingly for the weather. In the event of rain, students will be in their classrooms for lunch recess.

Students who go home everyday for lunch will be dismissed at their designated entry/exit door. They need to return to their designated area in the schoolyard at the end of their lunch recess break; remembering to arrive in time to come into the school with their class. Again, to avoid potential COVID-19 spread/exposure, Middle school students are

strongly advised to not go to Humbertown plaza for lunch. Parents, we appreciate **your** support with this request.

## VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS



At this time, volunteer opportunities are on hold. In accordance with TPH safety protocols for COVID-19, entry to the school will be limited to TDSB staff, students, health and safety personnel and facilities services team.

### ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT: Allergen-Aware Environment



Please take special note that we have children in our school who have serious, life-threatening allergies to tree nuts, peanuts, all nut/peanut products, seafood products. Students should not bring any nuts, peanuts, peanut butter or any food containing nuts or peanut products such as peanut oil, sesame seeds etc., as well as any seafood products to school.

If your child suffers from a life-threatening allergy, please ensure that the school is aware and all paperwork and medication is updated on an annual basis. We appreciate your support in creating a safe and healthy environment for all children each day.

### UPDATED MASK GUIDELINES

All staff and students must wear a mask when on school property, both inside and outside. Staff and students should continue to practice physical distancing requirements ( 2 metres/6 feet) when socializing. Staff and all TDSB visitors are required to wear medical masks provided to the Board.

These mask and physical distancing requirements apply to **ALL parents/guardians who are outdoor on school property, for example, to drop off or pick up their child.**

Once your child is dropped off to his/her line, we respectfully ask for parents to leave the school property. Supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. and a teacher will be on duty at this time to supervise students dropped off for school. Drop off/pick up is not a time to have discussions with your child's classroom teacher. Please arrange a mutually convenient time to speak with your child's teacher.

Please note that staff are expected to implement the MASK guide and will be doing so. Any type of *"Harassment, bullying, or discrimination of any type against individuals for wearing or not wearing masks, or for implementing and enforcing this Mask Guide, will not be tolerated. Concerns with mask-wearing should be raised with the Principal or Manager. Please do not confront the individual."*

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

## STUDENTS WHO BECOME ILL AT SCHOOL OR REPORTED ILL AND AT HOME

Before coming to school, all staff, students, and visitors are expected to conduct a daily self-assessment.

If your child is unwell, please keep your child home. If your child feels unwell at school, we will have him/her wait in the wellness room, with supervision and contact parents.

Please see the attached link for the screening process and next steps if your child is ill. <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/994c-Screening-Questionnaire-Child-Care-Day-Camp-School.pdf>

Once staff and students arrive at school, they should enter through the designated doors with a screening station. All screening forms will be checked by staff prior to entering the building.

These protocols are mandated by TDSB Operational Guidelines; adhering to the directives of Toronto Public Health guidelines and recommendations. School administrative staff are expected to make these protocols known to parents to ensure the safe return of their child to the classroom; and to keep all staff and students well.

### Safety and Accidents

Please review basic safety rules with your child if she/he is walking to school. We encourage children to walk in groups with other students, while remembering to obey traffic and safety rules.

In case of any emergencies, it is vital that the school have an up-to-date telephone number and contact person for all children. If there are any changes throughout the school year to telephone numbers (work, cell, home), we thank you for informing the office in writing.

### Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices



As per HVV's Code of Conduct, please be reminded that the use of cell phones is not permitted by students during the school day. Cell phones must be powered off and kept out of view throughout the day and during school sanctioned events. If your child has an urgent need to call home, he/she needs to come to the school office and use the phone available to them. Electronic devices- Ipods, cameras, tablets, cell phones etc., are ONLY permitted when approved by the teacher for program use in the classrooms. If these items are used during school hours, they will be confiscated and returned only to a parent at the end of the day.

### ORANGE SHIRT DAY

In addition to being the 8th annual [Orange Shirt Day](#), September 30, 2021 will be the first [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Toronto District School Board acknowledges the history and legacy of residential schools across this country with the first annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and the 8th annual Orange Shirt Day.

On this day we reflect on the past, honour the survivors and remember the thousands of children who did not survive. We recognize and acknowledge the legacy of residential schools and its significance for Indigenous communities, and nation-to-nation relationship building.

It is also an opportunity for us to learn and educate ourselves about the ongoing impact of the legacy of residential schools on First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. Each of us must take the necessary steps to educate ourselves on Indigenous history and perspectives and the systemic discrimination that's still ongoing.

With guidance from the Elders Council, the Board marks this day by flying flags at half-mast, wearing orange shirts to show solidarity, and encouraging each school to have a moment of silence at the beginning of the day. We know that these are only gestures and that we must move beyond words and into action and truly commit ourselves to learning and understanding the critical importance of truth, reconciliation and reparation.

This day is one for reflection and action, and a chance to renew our commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.

### TERRY FOX RUN

Our students will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run on **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. Students will be walking in support of this very important event.



Humber Valley Village Junior Middle School is doing a great job fundraising for the Terry Fox School Walk! We've raised \$6,490.00, surpassing last year's total! Let's keep it going and go all out for Terry this year and build even greater school spirit! Donate today at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/HumberValleyVillageJMSToronto>

### PHOTO DAY



Our Photo Day will be on **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. All safety precautions will be followed.

