

Humber Valley Village JMS

Principal: Mrs. R. Barone-Pace Superintendent: Ms. L. Linton

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School Office: 416.394.7860 Trustee: Dan MacLean

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Mrs. R. Barone-Pace

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope that you all

enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing summer! It is my pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you as we begin a new school year. September marks a new beginning and it is a wonderful time to reconnect with old friends and welcome new friends. To those students and parents who are new to Humber Valley Village JMS, we extend an especially warm welcome and best wishes for an exciting and productive year in your new school. We hope that you quickly feel at home and become involved in the activities of our school through school council and your child's classroom program.

It is a pleasure to be the Principal of Humber Valley Village JMS. In partnership, we will continue to move forward this new school year to create a nurturing, disciplined, and safe environment in which all students can learn at optimum levels. At HVVJMS we continuously strive to meet the needs of all students. Together we strive to build a positive school environment and healthy relationships based on mutual respect and trust. 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.

New to the Humber Valley teaching staff is Ms. Allen. Ms. Allen is teaching grade 6.

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

10:05-10:15 a.m. Morning recess

11:35-12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:55-2:05 p.m. Afternoon recess 3:05 p.m. Kindergarten Dismissal 3:15p.m. Gr 1-8 Dismissal

SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2018/2019

Principal FDK JK/SK Mrs. R. Malik FDK JK/SK Mrs. H. Jayanetti FDK JK/SK Mrs. C. Brown Mrs. J. Santin 1 1/2 Ms. A. Abreu 1/2 Mrs. C. Ferguson 2/3 Mrs. J. Costas 2/3 Mrs. A. Resendes 3/4 Ms. E. Venczel 4 Mr. L. Krupa 5 Ms. J. Hallett 6 Ms. A. Allen 6/7Ms. N. Hansa 7 Ms. J. Legault

7/8 Mr. S. Thompson/ Mrs. A. Singh

Mr. C. Gorry

French (4-8) Ms. E. Grewar/Ms. E. Venczel Physical Education Mrs. S. Thompson/Mr. A. Singh

Visual Arts Ms. J. Schaub **Special Education** Mrs.N.Marzocco **ESL** Mrs. J. O'Leary (a.m.)

Library Mrs. J. Schaub

Guidance

Instrumental Music Ms. J. Reynolds (Band) Instrumental Music Ms. E. Kim (Strings) Educational Asst. Mrs. T. Mohamed Sp. Needs Asst. Mrs.B.Gilchrist **ECE** Mrs. Pasqualoni **ECE** Mrs. L. Siddiqui Office Administrator Mrs. R. Tarzia Secretary (am) Mrs. S. Ruscigno Caretaker Mr. B. Karas

Character Education



The virtue for the month of September is Respect.

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 south 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

In order to facilitate a smooth and safe entry into the school, we kindly ask that parents not enter the school with their children at the beginning of the day or after lunch. If parents are coming to the school to volunteer or meet with a teacher, please enter through the front doors and sign in at the office. These measures are not meant to be unwelcoming; rather they are necessary to ensure the safety of all of the students at HVV and are the expected practice across the TDSB.

To ease the congestion in our hallways, we remind our middle school students to exit the school using their assigned doors and to wait for younger siblings outside the appropriate exit doors in the junior yard.

We thank parents for waiting for their child/children outside the appropriate exit doors also. The beginning of the school year is always a very good time to begin this routine with your son or daughter. We additionally thank you for ensuring that pets are not brought into the hallways when visiting a classroom. These are both safety issues. Your support, co-operation and understanding of the above requests are very much appreciated.

Lunchtime

There are a large number of students who remain at school for



lunch. We have a limited number of lunchroom supervisors and it is vital that students follow and respect the lunchtime rules. As always, we expect students to act

politely with all students and adults and to display polite and respectful table manners. Students are expected to clean up after themselves. Food, wrappers etc. should not be left behind on the lunch tables.

All lunch time forms are to be returned. Please indicate whether your child will be going home for lunch or remaining at school. We ask that you DO NOT return the form indicating "sometimes." If your child(ren) would

normally remain at school, please select that option and sign your child out at the office on those occasions that he/she will not stay at school for lunch. Students in grades JK to 5 need to be signed out by a parent/caregiver; students in grades 6 - 8 can sign themselves out – again a note, dated and signed, from the parent is needed. This will help us ensure that students are safe during lunch hour and can be accounted for in case of an emergency evacuation or lockdown.

The best practice is for students to arrive at school with their lunch. We have a number that are dropped off during the morning and classes cannot be interrupted for students to pick up lunches. We understand a busy morning might mean a lunch needs to be dropped off. To that end, please let your child know to expect a lunch that you can leave on a table at the school office.

Visitors and Volunteers

A reminder that all visitors and volunteers are required to start their visit at the main office and sign in at the office. Please enter through the front door only. We ask that you do not go unannounced to your child's classroom. You are most welcome to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an important role in the life of our school community. At HVV we are very fortunate to have enthusiastic and committed parents who willingly contribute their time and effort to our school. Your time is always appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering please contact your child's teacher or the main office. Any person working with children must submit to the school a completed Criminal Reference Check obtained through Toronto Police (applications may be obtained at the school's main office.) If you have already submitted one to the school, a Criminal Offence Declaration must be completed yearly prior to commencing any volunteer work at HVV.

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.

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.

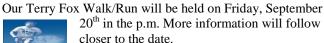
Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices



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.

Terry Fox Run/Walk



Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be held on Sept. 26th at 6:30 p.m. Details will follow. The evening is designed for parents. You will have an opportunity to visit all of your children's classes.

UPCOMING OCTOBER DATES

P.D. Day- Friday, October 11th, 2019

PA Day- Monday, October 14^{th} , 2019-Thanksgiving Da

Photo Day



Our photo day will be on Wednesday, October 16th, 2019.