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Hello, Harvest Oak Community!

We know that everyone (caregivers and students) are eager for the start of school and so are we! While we are busy getting ready, we would like to direct your attention to our website (<https://hop.hdsb.ca/>) to answer any questions you may have. Throughout the week we will be updating our website with information pertinent to the first day and week of school. We would appreciate you checking there for information to minimize emails to our office.

CLASS PLACEMENT NOTIFICATION

On Friday, at approximately 4:00pm, we will send an email to advise of your child(ren)'s class placement. You will receive an email for EACH child, so please be sure to read your emails carefully as they may "stack" due to the same subject line.

We have spent much time with teams from our holding schools and reviewing feedback provided by caregivers in order to build our classes in each grade level. Please note that

it is not our practice to make changes to our classes after they have been built and the school year begins. Classes change each year and students learn to adapt to new and different peer groups, educators and routines. It is part of the school experience. So, we encourage you to help your child feel positively about the first day of school and their new class and educators through the long weekend. We are all here to support this important transition with smiling faces and big hearts- and we are very much looking forward to meeting our students on Wednesday, September 3rd on our hardtop playground.

COMMUNITY EVENT- THURSDAY FROM 5PM TO 6:30PM

This Thursday, we invite you to join us for our first HOPS Community Event. The purpose of the evening is to help connect our school community to partnered organizations and to become more familiar with school routines and practices at Harvest Oak PS. Our event will be held both in our gymnasium and our parking lot/hardtop playground from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. We encourage families to bring lawn chairs and perhaps a litterless dinner, to connect with neighbours and new friends, and learn more about our community partnerships.

Please note this is **NOT** an Open House that will allow for you to walk through the school. We will have some HOPS staff at the event helping to provide information and to be a friendly new face.

Our gymnasium will be set up with tables for you to visit and learn more about local services in Oakville and some processes and supports offered in school.

Please link to our [COMMUNITY EVENT FLYER](#) for more detailed information.

PARKING LOT/TRANSPORTATION

In terms of planning for transportation to school on the first day and onward, we are strongly encouraging families and students to plan for Active Transportation (walking or wheeling) each day. For families driving in, please note that we are not providing access to our parking lot to drop off or pick up students. Instead, families have access to on-street parking, along Meadowridge Drive and Wheat Boom to park and walk in, or drop students off safely to the field pathway and hardtop playground. Cars may not park in designated areas where buses will arrive (in front of school). Our parking lot is closed before/during/after school with access to staff and parent volunteers parking only.

Our Planning department is finalizing details with the Town of Oakville, and we will have a formal letter and information package coming to our families soon. In the meantime, please ensure that when you are planning your route to school, you are considering walking, wheeling or utilizing the street parking available around the school.

“WALKING AND ROLLING” TO SCHOOL: Think Well-Being & Sustainability!



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Almost all of our families live within the 1.3 KM distance to school, making HOPS a “Walk to School” school. We strongly encourage Active Transportation to school, and ask that caregivers review safety (e.g., crosswalks, bike safety) with their child(ren). Additionally, please ensure that your child knows how to secure their bike/scooter to the bike racks that are provided at school. The school takes no responsibility for ensuring the security of any mode of transportation left at the school.

ELECTRIC BIKES OR SCOOTERS ARE PROHIBITED and we ask that students do not ride these to school.

If your child will be riding the bus to or from school, please remember to check their bus stop location and times on the [Halton Bus Website](#).

REMINDER FOR FAMILY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE INTEREST SURVEY

Please [complete this form](#) to give us more information about your family. We are very interested to know more about our community. Thank you to those families who have already completed the information.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Complete instructions for our First Day of School at HOPS will be sent later this week. We appreciate your patience as we establish our “new school” routines with a brand new staff.

STUDENT MEDICAL NEEDS

Please contact the school office if your child has any medical needs (Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, etc) so that we can create a Plan of Care.

Reminder: Puffers and Epi-pens are to be worn by the student, in a fanny pack or similar carrier, throughout the school day.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students will need to bring a backpack, lunch (for 2 separate nutrition breaks) and a pencil case. All other supplies will be provided in the classroom. If teachers have

additional requests, they will advise students on the first day. No additional supplies will be required for the first week of school.

Personal Technology: If your ***student is bringing a personal device*** (e.g., smartphone) to school, a lock will be required to secure it during the school day in their locker.

Locker Locks: We recommend a [simple design](#) in the event that the student has difficulty with the lock and it needs to be cut off. If using a lock, please ensure your student practices opening and closing their lock prior to starting school. Teachers will also collect the combination of the lock.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROCESS

It is your responsibility to report your child(ren)'s absence by 9:00am. Phone calls are NOT accepted for this purpose, and you must report the absence through School Messenger.

Please [see here for more information](#) if you do not already have an account.

Enjoy your last week!

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