



Hespeler Public School
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 Developing Potential Together in a Caring Community



Save the Date!!

Wed., Sept. 11
 Mon., Sept. 16
 Fri., Sept. 20
 Tues., Sept. 24
 Thurs., Sept. 26
 Mon., Oct. 28

Meet the Staff and Bookfair (6-7:30pm)
 School Council Meeting 7pm (all welcome)
 P.D. Day (no school for students)
 Grade 7 Camp Day
 Terry Fox Run (1:25pm)
 Individual Photo Day

Principal's Message

An exciting new school year has begun! Our staff welcomes all returning and new families to Hespeler with excitement and much anticipation for the 2019-2020 school year. We hope all of you enjoyed your summer with family and friends and had the opportunity to re-energize! We hope to see many of you next week at our "Meet the Staff" evening and Bookfair.

We would like to welcome back many returning staff members and introduce many new ones. Below is our staff list for 2019/20:

Teachers

Kindergarten
 K1 Nicky Cardwell
 Simona Gulyas (AM)
 Lee-Anne Wilson (PM)
 K2 Robin Brenner
 Claire Chambers (AM)
 Loran Kennedy-Flietstra (PM)
 K3 Melanie Rosehart
 Seema Bhandari (AM)
 Tammy Appleton (PM)
 K4 Kerrie Gray
 Meagan Beveridge (AM)
 Jessica Buttars (PM)
 Gr. 1 Laurie Eles
 Gr. 1FI -1 Raechel Boon
 Gr. 1FI -2 Scotti Baxter
 Gr 2 Laura Woods
 Gr. 2 FI -1 Michelle Hearn
 Gr. 2 FI -2 Sheridan Weber
 Grade 2/3 Kathleen Campagna
 Grade 2/3 FI Laura Walter/Cheryl Tawse
 Grade 3 Amanda Censner
 Gr. 3 FI -1 Lynn Glass
 Gr. 3 FI -2 Hilda Gnitzinger
 Gr. 3/4 Nancy Wright/Kerry Petker
 Gr. 4 FI Derya Remzi
 Gr. 4/5 FI Monica Laliberte
 Gr. 4/5 Adam Grimm
 Gr. 5 FI Nickole LeVear
 Gr. 5/6 Andrew Firth
 Gr.6 Susan Fryer-Davis
 Gr. 6 FI -1 Cheryl Henhoeffter
 Gr. 6 FI -2 Landry Smith
 71 Heather Martin
 72 Laura Strauss

7FI Melissa Brandsma
 81 Ashley Lock
 82 Pauline Class-Atkins
 8FI Leah Raymer
 ACE -1 Shanon Nancekivell
 ACE -2 Tyler Ford
Specialty Teachers
 Music Ross Gibault
 Art Julie Halter
 Phys. Ed. Marian Brown/James Bastin
 Science Heather Turnbull
 Planning Sarah Furtado
 Spec. Ed. Jacky Shoebridge
 Spec. Ed. Cheryl Clark

Educational Assistants

Nancy Hebert
 Dina Benevides-Pereira
 Ashley Weiss
 Noelle Whibley
 Michelle Cook
 Heather Phillips
 Christine Morrison
Library Suzanne Lowden

Child and Youth Worker Sarah Cusinato

Custodian

Jamie Piper
 Paul Berube (evening)
 Leslie Ryes (evening)

Administration

Principal Rebecca Jutzi
 Vice-Principal Kevin Pomfret
 Head Secretary Shelley Upton
 Secretary Janice Galvao
 Tanya Hill

Each child has been provided a planner, which is an excellent tool for communication between home and school. We would greatly appreciate it if you would take some time to review with your child the expectations that are outlined in the planner. Every member of our staff is committed to putting students and student learning first. We will provide a caring, learning community where we motivate and challenge students and treat all who walk through our doors with kindness and respect.

A reminder to please check the website (hes.wrdsb.ca) for regular updates, or you may choose to subscribe to the website and receive regular emails whenever the website is updated. We will also be using School Day as a communication tool. This will be an effective way to communicate with families and to collect payment for school activities online. If you have not already registered for school day, please be sure to do so as soon as possible. You can also follow us on Twitter (@HespelerPS) and Instagram (@heswrdsb).

Looking forward to a great school year!

Rebecca Jutzi
Principal

Kevin Pomfret
Vice-Principal



Information and Reminders

Student Drop off Times

Please note that our supervision in the morning does not begin until 8:20 A.M. We would ask that students do not arrive at school prior to this time as there is no yard supervision in place. As well, it is not permissible for students to be dropped at the main office or their classroom prior to this time to be supervised. This is especially important during inclement weather as we do not want students to be standing outside in the rain/cold for extended periods of time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to our drop-off times.

Please help your child to be at school when the bell rings at 8:35. This minimizes



disruption for classrooms during learning time, and it places the value of time management on students

– a life-long skill. Please also remember to have your child check in at the office, if he/she is late. If the announcements are on, he/she will need to wait quietly in the front foyer until announcements are finished to check in and receive a late pass.

School Council

Please consider joining School Council this year! School Council provides a great opportunity to meet parents in the community, learn more about what is happening at the school, and is a great way to contribute to your school and community. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Monday, September 16 at **7:00 pm** in the school library. We generally meet on the third Monday of each month.

Daily Schedule

Our Daily Timetable will be the same this year as it was last year. There are 10 periods per day and each period is 30 minutes long. We will continue to have two 40 minute nutrition breaks during which the students will eat their lunch for 20 minutes and then have outdoor play for the remaining 20 minutes.

Period 1.....	8:35– 9:05
Period 2.....	9:05-9:35
Period 3	9:35-10:05
Period 4	10:05-10:35
1st Nutrition Break	10:35-11:15
Period 5.....	11:15-11:45
Period 6	11:45-12:15
Period 7	12:15-12:45
2nd Nutrition Break	12:45-1:25
Period 8	1:25-1:55
Period 9	1:55-2:25
Period 10	2:25-2:55

Milk Program

Once again this year, students are able to purchase milk through our school milk program. Stay tuned for more information about how to sign up on School Day.



Pizza Days

Pizza day will be on **WEDNESDAYS** and will begin Wednesday, September 25th. **All pizza purchases need to be made on School Day and will happen once/term.** You will be able to select one or two pizza slices/week with cheese or pepperoni.



Student Picture Day

Student picture day will be on **Monday, October 28**. Students will have their



individual photos taken on this day, and a proof of that photo will be sent to you. At this time you can decide on the pose and package, if you wish to purchase the photos. We will have class pictures in the spring.

Reminder about Bussing

If your child is eligible to ride the school bus but you have decided that they **will not** be riding the bus this year, then please contact the office. A “Do Not Ride” form will need to be signed stating that you have made alternate arrangements for drop-off and pick up.



Safety at Hespeler

Just a reminder to all parents and visitors that when you enter through the front doors, **you must sign in at the office**. There are times when parents need to deliver a lunch or backpack to their child. This is not a problem but please visit the office and we will have the student pick it up here in the office. Please remember to **sign out** in the office before you leave. It is important that the staff are aware of any visitors in the school. This helps to keep all of our students safe.

Mabels Labels

Hespeler P.S. has a fundraiser in place with Mabels Labels. We strongly suggest that you label everything that your child brings to school. This helps cut down on our lost and found. If you are interested in purchasing labels for your students clothing please visit www.mabelslabels.com and be sure to find Hespeler P.S. under the “Support a Fundraiser” tab.

Medication at School

If your child requires medication (ie. Epi-pen, puffer, etc.) at school, you must provide the school with a properly completed medication form available through the school office. Board policy also requires that all medication be kept in a locked cupboard in the office. Parents with children who have life-threatening allergies, requiring an epi-pen, are asked to make sure this information has been communicated to the office.

Peanuts or Nut Products

At Hespeler P. S. we have several students who have severe life-threatening food

allergies. The allergy includes any food that contains peanuts, tree nuts or peanut/nut oil. This medical condition can produce severe **reactions which can result in death within minutes**.

In a school setting, cross-contamination is the greatest risk for this type of allergy. Trace amounts of peanuts/nuts can be left on gym equipment, computer keyboards, and water fountains etc. and put the peanut/nut sensitive student at risk.

Although this may or may not affect your child’s class directly, please send food to school with your child(ren) that are free from peanuts or nut products. We also ask that you avoid sending soy-based peanut butter alternatives as it is very difficult to distinguish between the alternatives and real peanut products. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in avoiding the use of these products to assist in our continued efforts to create a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment for all students.

Bicycle Safety

Thanks to our School Council, we have new bike racks near our creative playground. Please remember if your child rides his/her bike to school a helmet and a lock are necessary. Students must walk their bikes on school property.



Safety Drills

We are mandated to conduct various safety drills throughout the school year, including fire drills, violent intruder drills and tornado drills. These drills allow us to practise our procedures should an emergency situation ever arise. We will complete our 3 fire drills and our lockdown drill this fall.

Parking

Student Safety is a major concern at our school! **Please do not use the parking lot to drop off or pick up students**. It becomes a very unsafe place when cars are driving in and out during peak times of the school day, such as, before and after school. **Space to park is available on side streets at the end of the catwalks behind the school**. Stopping at the front of the school in the bus loading area is also restricted and by-law officers will issue tickets for this infraction. Please help us to keep our students safe by obeying the traffic and parking laws.

Use Crosswalks: Please remind your children to cross safely at the designated crosswalks when crossing Winston Blvd. with our adult crossing guard.

Playground Safety



We want all students to be able to enjoy the playground in a safe manner. There are times when the playground is not open and students need to listen to the announcements. This includes times when it is very wet or when we have periods of freezing temperatures, when there is freezing rain, if the ground cover is frozen, or if there is a build up of snow and ice. Morning nutrition break is reserved for primary students and the afternoon nutrition break is for junior students.

Rules for students:

- No pushing
- No running on play structures
- No fighting
- No eating while on the playground equipment
- No throwing sticks, stones or other objects

The following are not allowed on the equipment: flip flops, skipping ropes, ropes, scarves or loose drawstrings on children's clothing. We make safety at play our major concern, and will be reminding our students and staff on a regular basis about the playground rules. We hope that you will reinforce them at home with your child. **We would ask that parents closely supervise their children before and after school if they choose to use the playground.**

Boomerang Lunches

We will be continuing with "boomerang lunches" this year to improve our environmental impact and nutritional choices. We will be requiring all students to bring everything from their lunch back home again. This includes items that would go in the garbage, as well as those that are recycled. This is generally well received by parents as it allows you to monitor what your child does and doesn't eat while at school. It also encourages reusable packages and allows for the proper disposal of waste.

- What to do:**
- *Use reusable containers to pack snack and lunch items
 - *Use a lunch bag with a wipe clean interior
 - *Talk with your child about bringing home any food or garbage left over from his or her lunch
 - *Include a reusable ziploc bag for organic waste (e.g. banana peels, apple core)

- Benefits:**
- *Provides you with first-hand knowledge of the eating habits and preferences of your child. By carrying home the leftovers you can see what's been eaten or not.
 - *Reduces the amount of waste we create from school lunches
 - *Encourages healthy and nutritious lunches (many pre-packaged lunch items contain significant amounts of sodium, sugar, preservatives and fat)
 - *Creates awareness around recycling and encourages and promotes the use of reusable containers and discourages the use of disposable containers
 - *Helps you, as a parent, reduce the cost of lunches (a waste-free lunch can cost as little as \$2.50 per day, whereas a regular lunch containing pre-packaged items can cost \$4.50 or more per day). Teachers see a huge amount of uneaten food go into the garbage day after day. This is not only wasteful but expensive.



