

Highland Happenings

Week 1: Welcome Back to School! September 5th-8th, 2023



Welcome Back to School

Hello everyone!

I am so thrilled to be back at Highland for another year! We have amazing staff, students and families!

Staff at Highland Heights have created a 'Welcome Back' video for the students to show on our front hall TV, but you can check it out below.

Each Saturday I will send out a weekly newsletter with what is happening the following week at school. I hope you find these helpful and informative. The first newsletter of the year is always a full one, after that, they become much shorter, I promise.

Please send your child to school with a water bottle with their name on it.

I am really looking forward to seeing all of our students on Tuesday morning!

Have a great weekend, remember that supervision on the yard does not happen until 8:50.

Kerry

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Finding your child's teacher

On Tuesday morning, the yard will be filled with many children and parents trying to find where to line up to enter the school. Starting at 8:50, staff will be out on the yard helping everyone find the proper place to go.

Here is our list of staff to date:

Highland Heights STAFF LIST 2023/24

Grade	Teaching Staff Members	Support Staff	
JK/ SK	LAWSON, Shelley	ECE	JAMES, Ananabel
SK/ 1	SWALES, Leah	CYW	HAMILTON, Kristine
2/3	PERRIN, Scott	CWY	BEAUDOIN, Meagan
1/2	SNOWBALL, Heather	CYW	VERMEIREN, Mathew
3/4	RITCHIE, Dave		
4/5	DeCARLO, Jenn	EA	RIDLEY, JENNIFER
5/6	HIPGRAVE, Amanda	EA	LECKIE, Trinity
6/7	VUKUSIC, Matthew	EA	THORNLEY, Gail
7/8	BROWN, Michael	EA	SARGENT, Madison
LLSA	GREEN, Natalie	EA	MCKAY, Joshua
LLSA	MCCALL, Jacqueline	EA	BANNISTER, Crystal
FRENCH	BROWN, Adam	EA	JANZEN, Haley
SERT/EIT/DeS streaming Coach	WOODS, Kathryn	EA	ABRAHAM, Susan
SERT/LLS Planning	CHAPMAN, Deb	EA	CABAN, Avrey
LLS/JK/SK Prep	LEEDER, Blake	Administrative Assistant	PELTENBURG, Dawna
OVERLAY	HILL, Catherine	Head Custodian	KILLEN, Rob
OVERLAY	BROWN, Amanda	Night Custodian	HOBBINS, Kevin

Drop-Off and Pick Up



When your child arrives at school, they are allowed to play in any area on the school yard. When the bell rings, they will line up in their classroom designated spot on the pavement close to the school and be escorted into the building.

For the safety of all students, please notify the school if anyone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up your child or children. Without notification, students must follow the regular arrangements made for travelling home.

Many of you walk to pick up your child from school. If you do drive, **please remember you need to park in the lower parking lot.** Our upper parking lot is for our buses with students with mobility issues. It is very challenging for our bus drivers to turn around in that area. Cars are not allowed in the upper parking lot between 8:45-9:15 and 3:15-3:45.

We also ask parents or guardians to make arrangements to meet your child or children at a designated spot outside the school at the end of the day.

If you need to take your child out during school hours for an appointment, etc., please come at least 10 minutes early to the front doors and buzz the office. We will then call in to the classroom to have your child or children meet you at the office.

Student Absence Reporting

At KPR, student safety is our highest priority, and we thank families for adopting the automated Safe Arrival system to help ensure students arrive safely at school each day. If your child is going to be **absent or late**, please call the **Student Absence 1-844-434-8119** or go to studentabsence.kprdsb.ca and set up your account.



Safe Welcome Program



As we work to ensure the safety of all our students through the implementation of the Safe Schools Program, we are continuing to lock all our doors at 9:10 a.m. If your child is late arriving in the morning (after 9:05 a.m.), please have them come to the front doors so that your child can sign in at the office and we can mark

our attendance appropriately.

Just a reminder that our school has a front door security system which includes a camera and intercom connected to the school office. Please be patient if we don't answer right away.

As we begin a new school year, it is important to remember that we do have students in our school with life-threatening nut allergies. For students with food allergies, it is crucial that a safe environment be created for them which requires concerted cooperation from students, parents and staff. Together, a nut-free environment is possible. Remember that the best way to avoid bringing unsafe products into school is to read labels. **We kindly ask that you do not send any products containing nuts to school in lunches or snacks.** Thank you for your understanding.

Allergy Aware School



Plans of Care

Every year, we re-establish Individual Plans of Care for everyone in our building who has a medical condition that could potentially be life-threatening. It is our belief that collaboratively creating a Plan of Care is vital to promoting the safety of each individual who suffers from a life-threatening condition.

Essentially, these plans are a set of directions and cautionary advice to help our staff through a potential emergency medical situation that an individual might face. The plan includes all the information that a first responder would require, as well as step-by-step instructions on how to respond to the medical crisis.

All plans are shared with each of our staff members, and they are posted in central locations for administration to refer to in the event of an emergency.

If you are a parent / guardian of a child with a potentially life-threatening illness or a medical condition, please ensure that you:

1. Inform the school of your child's medical needs;
2. Schedule a meeting with your child's teacher to review the medical needs of your child;
3. Working with our Administrative Assistant, Ms. Peltenburg, complete a Plan of Care for your child. If this has already been established, please make necessary changes to the form and send back to the school as soon as possible;
4. Complete the Administration of Medication form which details the request and authorizes the administration of prescription medication;
5. Provide the school with up-to-date epinephrine auto injectors (preferably a minimum of two), and any other prescribed medication, and keep them current;
6. Teach your child to take as much responsibility as possible for his/her safety;
7. Provide your child with a medic alert bracelet if required.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the office - and thank you for your full cooperation in keeping all our students and staff safe!

School Council

If you are looking for a way to get involved with the school and help set directions, you might want to consider joining the Highland Heights School Council. We meet several times a year and are a fun group of parents and guardians. If you are looking for more information about what School Council is, please click on [this link](#).



Our first meeting is on Sept. 11th at 6:30 pm. We will be using the WebEx platform, which you can easily use from your phone. More information will follow about this meeting. You can join the meeting by following this link: https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/kerry_zinkiewich

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday Sept. 4th	Tuesday Sept.5th Day 1	Wednesday Sept. 6th Day 2	Thursday Sept. 7th Day 3	Friday Sept. 8th Day 4
Labour Day	Back to School!			
Upcoming Dates: Sept. 11th- School Council Meeting Sept. 21st- Open House 6-7:30 Sept. 25th-Picture Day Oct. 16th- Bus Safety Oct. 16th- School Council Meeting Oct. 23rd- Virtual Author Visit				



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