

The Holland Landing Highlights

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From the Office

Thank You!

Thank you to our students and families for a successful first two days of supported entry. Our staff have enjoyed reconnecting with our students, and appreciate how receptive our students have been to learning new routines.

Our new routines and rules are very different from what we would usually do, and for some students this has felt strange, or unfair, or even disappointing. We will do our best to help students understand the "why", and try to work together to find solutions and compromises that fit within our safety parameters. You can help ease the transition for your child by talking with them about how they are feeling about their return to school, and reinforcing that these health and safety measures are in place to protect everyone - students, families, staff, and our larger community. By keeping us safe now, we'll be able to get back to "normal" sooner!

There has been a lot of information sent out to families over these last few weeks, and so this weekly newsletter will be fairly brief.

Thanks so much for your support this week as we've begun our return to school.

School Start-Up Package

The school start-up package will be sent out by email to all families next week, and include the following forms:

- Start-Up Permission Forms (mandatory)
- Student Information Consent Form (mandatory)
- Request for Faith Accommodations Form
- School Council Nomination Form

Parents/guardians will receive an email from the school email address with the forms to complete electronically.

School Assistants

We are looking for a few more School Assistants! School Assistants are paid employees, who work in classrooms and in the yard supervising students over the lunch hour. If you are interested in joining our School Assistant team, please contact the office for more information!

Supported Entry Schedule - Reminders

We're looking forward to welcoming our Junior Kindergarten students next week; and we are especially looking forward to Friday, when our whole school will be together in the building.

Kindergarten

<mark>SK students (all)</mark>: full day, every day <mark>JK students (surnames A-L)</mark>: full day on Mon., Sept. 14th; Wed., Sept. 16th; Fri., Sept. 18th <mark>JK students (surnames M-Z)</mark>: full day on Tues., Sept. 15th; Thurs., Sept. 17th; Fri., Sept. 18th

Grades 1-8

<mark>Grade 1-8 students (surnames A-L)</mark>: attend Mon., Sept. 14th; attend every day beginning Wed., Sept. 16th Grade 1-8 students (surnames M-Z): attend Tues., Sept. 15th; attend every day beginning Wed., Sept. 16th

This year, we have new health and safety measures in place to help keep students and staff safe from the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone, including families, plays a critical role in supporting health and safety in our school communities.

Please review the <u>Return to School Elementary Checklist</u>.

Every day, screen your child for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep them home if they:

- Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Have been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- Have returned from travel outside of Canada in the past 14 days

Kiss 'n Ride - Reminders

Kiss 'n Ride 8:45-9:00 am and 3:30-3:45 pm

We are implementing a "Kiss 'n Ride" lane to help ensure our children can be dropped off safely.

- Parents/Caregivers will not be permitted to park in the parking lot between 8:45-9:00; and 3:30-3:45. *If parents/caregivers enter the parking lot, they must utilize the Kiss 'n Ride and remain in their car.*
- Parents/Caregivers of students who need to utilize the accessible parking spaces for safe arrival and dismissal are welcome to park in the designated parking spaces <u>at any time</u>.
- If parents/caregivers wish to park and walk their child to their entry door, there is ample street parking please click this link to view a map of street parking locations within 400 metres of Holland Landing Public School.

Kiss 'n Ride Tips:

- Cars will enter the parking lot and pull up beside the school sidewalk, as far up as possible; drivers should remain in their car.
- Children must leave the car from the passenger side;
- Staff will approach and help students disembark and direct students to their entry door;
- Drivers will wait for staff supervisor to indicate it is safe to leave the Kiss 'n Ride loop;
- Drivers may not leave the Kiss 'n Ride loop and pass other vehicles all vehicles will leave the Kiss 'n Ride loop from the top of the parking lot.

Thank you for your patience as we begin our Kiss 'n Ride lane!

