



The Holland Landing Highlights

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Congratulations, HLPS Community!



It's been a year like no other. The pandemic changed our daily routines, how we go to school, and the way we interact and play. But we have also learned a great deal through this time - we've been reminded of what is truly important. We've been reminded of the importance of **connection** - of asking for help when we need it, and lifting others up when they need it.

We've been reminded of the importance of self-care, of slowing down to breathe deeply. We have seen examples over and over again that individual actions can have a big impact on a community.

Thank you to our **Holland Landing community** for the unwavering support for our students, families, and staff. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, care and support as we navigated this new way of learning together. It has been an enormous task for everyone - our students, families, and educators. We've made it through together! We look forward to building on, and strengthening our relationships with families in the coming year.

Thank you to our **School Council**, who continue to support our school and represent the voices of our families. Our **School Assistants** provide much needed care, support, and supervision for our students over the lunch hour. Thank you for supporting our school, especially in these very different times! Thank you to our **School Bus Drivers** and **Community Crossing Guards** who help ensure our students arrive at school safely each day. Thank you for your role in supporting our students, families, and community!

Thank you to our **staff** - our teaching staff, administrative staff, support staff, and caretaking staff who demonstrate their immense dedication, care, and commitment to our students and families each day. We'll continue to work together so HLPS remains a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Thank you to our **students**. You are the reason we do what we do. Through all the challenges and changes, you showed up ready to learn. We love learning with you, and can't wait to be together again.

Soon enough, we will be welcoming back our returning families, and new families who are joining the Holland Landing community. But for now, we hope that our students, families, and staff enjoy a well-deserved summer break.

Have a happy, healthy summer! We can't wait to welcome you back on **September 9th**.

Melissa King
Principal

Celebrating our Grade Eight Graduating Class of 2021



Earlier this week, we celebrated our graduating class of 2021 with a Drive-Through Graduation Celebration and Virtual Graduation Ceremony. It was so amazing to see our graduates and families who were able to cruise through our celebration loop! Our School Council provided each graduate with a celebratory lawn sign, and a 'celebration kit' - complete with streamers, balloons, and more to help graduates decorate their vehicle for the drive-through! We shared happy memories and well-wishes for our resilient students. Following the drive-through our families went home to view the Virtual Graduation Ceremony.



The class of 2021 is unique! They are our first graduating class to have spent the year apart - with some students learning face-to-face at HLPS, and some students completing their grade 8 year online at Elementary Virtual School. Though our students' grade 8 experiences varied, they have each demonstrated some common traits that will carry them through this next journey into high school.

This group of grade 8 students have exemplified what it means to be a Holland Landing Hurricane - they have weathered this storm, and we know they will continue to thrive. We recognized each of our graduates as a **Hurricane for Life**. They have earned it!

Congratulations, and all the best to our Class of 2021!



A Message from our HLPS School Council Chair...

Dear HLPS Families,

As the 2020/2021 school year comes to an end, I wanted to take this opportunity to share my appreciation and gratitude for being part of this incredible community!

No matter the choices we made of participating in virtual learning, in-class or even homeschooling; we as a school community have always advocated for equity and inclusivity. Even during this challenging time of a pandemic we have been able to achieve this together. Congratulations to all of you!

The HLPS staff members are top notch! What an incredible group of teachers, office administration and custodians who work tirelessly to create a nurturing environment for students both online and inside the classroom. They are warm, enthusiastic, caring and accessible to our children when needed. I look back with appreciation to all of you. The curriculum is a necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing souls of our children.

Words cannot begin to describe how thankful we are for Ms. King as school principal. Along with all the work you do, your compassion and commitment to the wellbeing of the community is invaluable and truly makes a difference. You are the glue that keeps HLPS together.

Thank you to our Parent Council team, who set time aside in the evenings to meet virtually, discuss ongoing concerns, share ideas, plan virtual fundraisers and assist with some fun gifts for our amazing graduates. With your incredible assistance we have been able to achieve greatness within the restrictions outlined.

My sincere appreciation to all students and parents for the support they provide the school. Whether your support is in the form of assisting with fundraisers or volunteering your valuable time, all of the students benefit from your generosity. I look forward to seeing you in the new school year and welcoming any new members to the Parent Council.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Zalema Mavor
HLPS School Council Chair

Well-Wishes & Welcomes!



This June, we will be saying farewell to a few staff members who will be moving on to new roles in new schools, where they can continue their learning and leadership.

We will be saying farewell to **Ms. Jacovou**, and **Mrs. Tamboly** who have been at EVS this year, and will be moving to new schools in September. We appreciate all of their contributions to our HLPS and EVS communities, and wish them all the best in their new schools!

Thank you to our long-term occasional educators who have supported HLPS this year. Farewell and best wishes to: **Ms. Iannacito**, **Ms. Companion**, **Mrs. Harris-Helling**, **Ms. Jafari**, who were amazing supports throughout the year at HLPS, and **Ms. Ceci** who was at EVS this year. Thank you to Educational Assistants **Mrs. Berru** and **Mrs. Montoya** who supported our students this year. Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to our students and school.

We will also be saying farewell and best wishes to two Holland Landing staff who will be retiring this year. **Mr. Federovich** will be retiring after an amazing 30 year career as an educator. We are so grateful to have had "Mr. Fed" teach, coach, and mentor our Holland Landing Hurricanes over the years. All the best! **Mrs. Cudmore** will also be retiring from her wonderful career as an educational assistant. Her care and support for our students has contributed to making HLPS a great place to learn and grow. We will miss each of our retirees, and wish them well in this next chapter!



In September, we will welcome back a few staff members: **Mrs. Toombs** and **Mrs. McKinley** who were teaching at EVS; **Mrs. Reynolds** who was temporarily redeployed to another school this year; **Mrs. Michaud** who was secretarial staff at EVS; and **Mrs. Williams** who is returning from leave. We are also welcoming a new permanent teacher, **Mrs. Morfea**. Welcome!

In addition to our graduates who are off to high school, and staff who are moving to new schools, we will also be saying good-bye to some students and families who are moving out of our area. To those students and families who are moving to new schools this September, thank you for learning and growing with us at Holland Landing PS! We wish you happiness and success in your new school.

To our families who will be new to Holland Landing PS this September, welcome! We're glad you're here! We are looking forward to welcoming many young learners who will be beginning Kindergarten, and several families who are new to our Holland Landing community. Our staff, students, and HLPS community are looking forward to welcoming you, and supporting your transition to our school.

If you have moved, or will be moving over the summer, **please ensure you have informed the office!** This information impacts our school organization and class placement for the coming year. Thank you!

Reminders!

Material Retrieval & Drop-Off dates

June 25, 28, 29

- Students/families will be able to come to the school to pick up any remaining personal belongings
- students/families will drop off any materials that belong to the school (e.g., books, technology)
- **All loaned technology must be returned to Holland Landing Public School** on one of those days

Early Release Day

June 29

- June 29 will be an asynchronous learning morning. This is the last day of school for students and the school day will end at 12:00
- Join us in a community celebration while safely at home: at 12:00 noon, cheer and celebrate all you have achieved this year! If you can, step outside to ring a bell, cheer, clap, bang a pot or pan! Make some noise for all of our amazing HLPs Hurricanes who have much to celebrate!

September Start-Up

As we get closer to September, we will send email communication out to our families for first-day procedures, etc.

YRDSB will continue to communicate with families as more information becomes available about the plans and protocols for the new school year. More information to come!

Report Cards

Your child's Term 2 Elementary Report Card report will be distributed electronically with instructions on how to access the report between **July 5 - 8**, using their **GAPPS accounts**.

The Elementary Report Card, provides you with information about your child's general progress in working toward the achievement of the curriculum expectations across subject areas. The report card grade represents a student's achievement of overall curriculum expectations, as demonstrated to this point in time.

For all Reports, our board will include the following statement: "This reporting period reflects learning that has occurred in a modified learning environment, as required by the provincial public health guidelines."

We hope that this report will encourage your child while supporting conversations about learning at home.

Programs, Webinars, and Summer Supports

One of the attachments sent with this summer newsletter includes information and flyers for various summer programs and supports for children, youth, and families!

- York Hills Summer Webinars and Programs
- York Hills & YRDSB Partnership Summer Programs for Students and Families
- YRDSB Psychology Department Positive Parenting Webinars
- Indigenous Languages and International Languages Programs and Registration
- TVO Summer Learning

- TVO Mathematics and Coding Webinars
- Online Summer Programs for Children, Youth, and Families

