



École FA Hamilton

Summer 2016

Newsletter

Important Dates

August 31 - Registration for students who moved into the area over the summer

September 6 - First day of school

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School Supplies for September

We would ask that you send your child to school with the following items. Other school supplies will be provided by the school. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. Thank you very much for your support.

All Students

- A pair of shoes for inside the school
- A lunch bag
- Extra clothes in a labelled ziplock bag
 - full set for kindies (in case of accidents)
 - spare undies, pants, socks for primaries (for rainy or wet days and in case of accidents)
 - spare socks for juniors (for rainy or wet days)
 - extra bag to carry home wet items



Kindergarten

There are no required school supplies for Kindergarten students.

Primary (grades 1-3)

- pencils
- eraser
- pencil case
- glue stick
- markers
- crayons / pencil crayons

Junior (grades 4-6)

- pencils
- eraser
- pencil case
- glue stick
- markers
- crayons / pencil crayons
- loose leaf paper (lined & graph)
- binder &/or duo tangs
- pens
- calculators

Help Keep Our Trees and Gardens Growing All Summer!



Calling all gardeners! Are you interested in helping out with the garden this summer? We can use all the help we can get! Please send an email to Tess DeNardis if you would like to help out (no experience necessary). Also if there is anyone who has plants in their garden that they could donate to our pollinator perennial garden please let Tess know. Contact: tessi@rogers.com

First Day Routine

September 6th is the first day of school for next year. Senior Kindergarten children and their parents are asked to go to the side of the school where they entered and exited for JK. They will find staff with clipboards who will be able to tell them who their teacher will be. Students in grades 1 - 6 are asked to go to the back of the school where there will be more staff with more clipboards who will be happy to let them know who their new teacher will be. Teachers will be standing near signs that show the different grades, so it should be quite easy for children to get to the right area once they arrive. Students will gather with their teachers and will enter the school in class groups.

Pokémon Card Plan for September

FAH is committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle among our students. I have noticed that when children trade Pokémon cards outside at recess, they sit in one place for the entire outdoor break. This concerns me, because physical activity is so very important for everyone, especially children. They need a chance to move around and get their hearts pumping in order to focus on all the things they have to learn after recess.



As a result, Pokémon cards will not be permitted at school from Monday to Thursday. On Fridays, I will supervise a Pokémon Club in the gym at second recess. This will give students who are interested a chance to trade cards and play Pokémon, but not every day. If your son or daughter brought Pokémon cards to school this year, then please spend some time over the summer helping him or her understand the new plan for September. I thank you in advance for your support in not allowing Pokémon cards to come to school, except on Fridays.

Wanted - Volunteers for Snack Program!



Every day at FAH, about 20 children get a snack from our snack program, and about 5 children get food twice a day! These students learn more and feel better as a result of the nutritious snacks - things like hummus and veggies, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit, pepperettes, applesauce and more. The snacks are prepared by a dedicated team of volunteers who shop, chop food, and package it in individual sized containers. Their gift of time and energy makes a real difference in the days of many children, and we could use a few more hands

to help out. If you think you could contribute some time to this valuable program, then we would be thrilled to hear from you. If you don't have time, but might be in a position to make a donation, then

that is another excellent way to support the program. Please contact Mme Manni at the school in either case.

Lunch Supervisor Positions Available!

If you are interested in getting involved in school life and you have some time at least one day a week, then you may wish to consider applying to be a Lunch Supervisor. There are two shifts per day - 10:20-11:20 and 12:40-1:40. You might like to do both shifts on a certain day and then help out in the classroom during the block in between the breaks. Or you might like to work once a week for one recess. Or maybe every day for a certain recess. The schedule can be very flexible! The position is a paid one. A police check is required. For more information or to apply, please call the school and ask to speak to Mme Bibby or send an email to jane.bibby@ugdsb.on.ca.



Library to Learning Commons



We have received very exciting news here at FAH! Our library has qualified for some board funding to be updated and transformed into a modern learning space - a learning commons. You may be wondering what a learning commons is - how is it different from a library? A library is a space designed to allow people interact quietly with books and other print

texts. A learning commons takes its name from the old-fashioned idea of the village commons or village green. This was a central space where community members staged plays, sold sheep or had community meetings. It was a flexible environment built to accommodate various interactions. A modern learning commons is designed using the same underlying philosophy. It is a flexible learning space where people interact with print texts but also technology and other people. It is a lively, dynamic, and exciting place full of discovery and creativity.



We will be ordering new tables that can be moved around and reconfigured for small group and large group activities. There will be comfortable seating and small tables by the windows with materials designed to provoke curiosity and creative problem solving. There will be more Chromebooks and iPads and some cool new technology like robotics kits and a 3-D camera!

To help us build our collection of thought-provoking materials, we would ask that you consider digging around your attic or your garage or under the kids' beds to see if you have any of the following items gathering dust at your home. If you do, then we will be happy to take them off your hands and give them a new life. Please contact Mme Bibby at the school to make arrangements (jane.bibby@ugdsb.on.ca).

- K'neks
- Snap Circuits
- Crazy Forts
- Tinker Toys

Interesting Opportunity for Families!



The Upper Grand District School Board is in the process of recruiting International Students from around the world to attend secondary and elementary schools in our District. At this time we are taking applications from families who would like to be considered as host families and would welcome international students into their homes for short or long term stays. If you are interested in taking part in this amazing opportunity, or would like more information about this rewarding experience, please call the International Student Office at 519-941-6191 ext. 225.

FAH 5K Fun Run

Our first annual 5K Fun Run was a huge success! We had lots of children running in the 1K kids' race, and older kids and adults both running in the 5K race. We raised \$450 to buy recess equipment for the fall and some new walkie-talkies to replace a few tired ones that aren't working. Thanks to all who participated!



Keeping Up Skills Through the Summer

Check out the following applications and websites to help your child keep her skills up over the summer!



French Apps

- Bitsboard (free)
- Whiteboard (free)
- French Words For Kids by L'Escapadou (\$3.99-worth every penny!)
- Lingu Penguin (free version, or full \$1.99 version)
- Les Nombres Montessori (\$2.99)
- Clipounets (3 comptines free, purchase additional comptines-99 cents ea)
- Pingouins (free small version, \$1.99 for full version)
- French Word Wizard for iPad and iPhone
- Le Pendu (free, jr./int.)
- French Lesson (free, full version \$1.99)
- 1,2,3 by dragonflies-unlimited (\$1.99)
- Shtooka (jr./int.)
- Sounds (prim./jr./int.)
- French Class (jr./int.)
- BientôtJeLis (some free material, book purchases for approx. \$1.50 - \$1.99 per book)
- JeuxPourLire (free, or upgrade for various prices)
- Très Bien (jr./int.)
- ABC Français by Kizzu
- French For Kids
- Mots Flèches

Websites

<https://webapps.ugdsb.on.ca/ug2go/elementary.asp>

UGDSB site with tons of great activities - all reviewed and okayed by the board

http://www1.sites.fse.ulaval.ca/fichiers/site_indisse/documents/conscience_phonologique.pdf

-activities to develop phonemic awareness

http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/french/immersion/autres_documents/Developing_Spelling_Skills_in_the_French_Immersion_Classroom_2010.pdf

An excellent resource - check out the appendices for lists of homophones, rhyming words, prefixes and suffixes, etc.

<http://www.tvokids.com/games>

TVO Kids has a great website with good educational games or activities: There are 2 interfaces Ages 2-5, and ages 6-11

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

Dancemat typing

Staff for 2016-2017

Kindergarten

Mme Tipler
Mme McMillan
Mme Brown/M. Barker
Mme Junemann
Mme Young
Mme England
Mme Zadro
Mme Reynolds

Grade 1, 1/2

Mme Nibaruta
Mme Holmes
To be hired

Grade 2, 2/3

Mme Hartmans
To be hired

Grade 3, 3/4

Mme Woodward
Mme Hemsley

Grade 4/5, 5/6

Mme Mui
M. Devenny
Mme Burkhart

Primary Planning

Mme Richardson
M. Barker

Junior Planning

M. Perry

Teacher Librarian

M. Adams

Special Education Resource Teacher

Mme Cantin

Educational Assitants

Mme Bopara
Mme Miles
To be hired

Child and Youth Counsellor

Mme Hunt

Office Coordinator

Mme Manni

Custodial Staff

M. Freer
Mme Bradburn

Principal

Mme Bibby

Superintendent of Education

Mme Talbot