



École FA Hamilton

Summer 2018

Newsletter

Important Dates

July 2 - Register for Kindergarten Ride Day (see below)

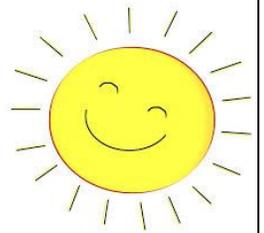
Aug. 25 - Kindergarten Ride Day

Aug. 29 - Student registration - for families who moved in over the summer

- Our JK and SK classes are full
- Students who are coming from a French Immersion program, in our board or or another one, and who wish to register in grade 1 through grade 6 may do so
- Proof of address, proof of citizenship, and immunization records are required

Sept. 4 - First day of school; 2017/2018 yearbooks will be sent home with students who ordered them

[Click here to see our whole calendar!](#)



IMPORTANT - NEW DISMISSAL TIME FOR SEPTEMBER!

Students will be dismissed at 3:05 PM starting on September 4th. Entry time will be 8:45 AM. Please make arrangements to pick up your child(ren) five minutes earlier.

First Day Routine



September 4th 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.

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 - 10:40-11:30 and 12:50-1:50. We need people willing to come in as needed, and also someone for Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:40 and Wednesdays at 12:50 PM. 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.



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

Volunteers Wanted for Class Walks!

Classes love to walk in the neighbourhood, the woods and on the trails around our school, but they need two adults to be with them in order to head out. If you might be interested in joining classes for walks once and a while, then please let me know. I plan to create a bank of interested volunteers whom teachers could call when they wish to go for a walk. Grandparents or other relatives and older siblings over the age of 18 are



welcome to register as well. Please call the school to speak with Mme Bibby or email at jane.bibby@ugdsb.on.ca if you are interested or have some questions.

Kindergarten Ride Day



Parents and guardians with children entering JK and SK this September are encouraged to come out to STWDSTS' Annual Kindergarten Ride Day. Kindy Ride Day is on Saturday, August 25th, put on by [Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Services/Services de transport de Wellington-Dufferin](#) (STWDSTS), which provides transportation services for eligible Upper Grand DSB students. STWDSTS recommends that all JK and SK students participate in this valuable program, which introduces children and their families to riding the bus to school each day. The program includes a short video, question and answer period and a family bus ride. Families are encouraged to come to Kindy Ride Day together.

Sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and last approximately one hour.

Book your ride in advance starting July 2. To register, call 519-822-5225. For more information, please contact STWDSTS online at www.stwdsts.ca or by phone at 519-824-4119 or 1-888-292-2224 (toll free). Visit www.findmyschool.ca to determine Transportation Eligibility for any residential address in the district.

For Bus Students

A reminder to parents of bus students to check the Transportation website (<http://stwdsts.ca/home/>) two weeks before school starts in September to confirm your bus pick-up and drop off locations and times.

Yearbooks

We worked with the same company as last year to create a beautiful yearbook. The yearbooks will be delivered at the end of August and will be sent home with students who ordered them during the first week of school. For grade 6 students who will have moved on to Arbour Vista, the yearbooks will be delivered there. Thanks to Mme Zakaib for her leadership with the yearbook!



Possible Reorganization in September

Schools have built class lists based on their tentative organizations. Every year, changes may be necessary in September in order that our Board remain compliant with Ministry parameters (see below). Any changes would be implemented by Monday, September 17th. Principals do not have the option of changing the school organization that is set by the District Staffing Committee of the Board. If changes affect your child(ren), you will be informed by the school.

Ministry of Education Parameters

- Full Day Kindergarten Class Size Average for the Board is 26 students

- 90% of the Board's primary classes with 20 or fewer students
- 10% of the Board's primary classes up to a maximum of 23 students
- Grade 3/4 classes have a cap of 23 students
- Junior/Intermediate Class Size Average for the Board is 24.85 students to 1 teacher

We Earned Gold!

This year, FAH under the leadership of Mme. Hartmans and Mme. Tipler, participated in the Ontario EcoSchools program for the third year. Last year we earned a Silver medal and this year, thanks to the efforts of our dedicated students, staff and the EcoSchools Team, we earned a Gold medal!



In 2002, the EcoSchools program was developed by the Toronto District School Board. In 2005, seven school boards, York University, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority then adapted the EcoSchools program and expanded it across the province to become Ontario EcoSchools. Now, nearly 15 years later, EcoSchools is the only voluntary certification program in Ontario that recognizes and celebrates schools for their environmental learning and action. Their mission is to nurture environmental leaders, reduce the ecological impact of schools, and build environmentally responsible school communities. Schools work to earn points in several key areas: Teamwork and Leadership, Energy Conservation, Waste Minimization, School Ground Greening, Curriculum, and Environmental Stewardship.



We are very proud of our Gold medal and are already thinking about ideas to further reduce our ecological footprint and to improve our understanding of environmental issues for next year! Congratulations, Huskies!



Staff for 2018-2019

Kindergarten

Mme Tipler
Mme McMillan
Mme Brown
Mme Junemann
Mme Zadro
Mme England

Grade 1, 1/2

Mme Nibaruta
Mme Holmes
Mme Zakaib

Grade 2

Mme Young
Mme Woodward

Grade 3

Mme Hartmans
Mme McLeish

Grade 4

Mme Hemsley

Grade 5

M. Devenny

Grade 6

Mme Mui

Kindergarten STEM, Grade 1 Science

Mme Richardson

Grade 2-6 Social Studies and Arts

Mme Burkhart

Teacher Librarian

M. Adams

Special Education Resource Teacher

Mme Cantin

Educational Assitants

Mme Whitehawk
Mme Muzzy

Child and Youth Counsellor

Mme Fairfield

Office Coordinator

Mme Manni

Custodial Staff

M. Williams
M. Rocha

Principal

Mme Bibby

Superintendent of Education

Mme VanOoteghem



Thank you to our awesome patrols!!

New School Hours and Period/Instructional Block Times

8:45	School Entry
8:45-9:15	Period 1
9:15-9:45	Period 2
9:45-10:15	Period 3
10:15-10:45	Period 4
10:45-11:05	First Recess 
11:05-11:25	First Nutrition Break
11:25-11:55	Period 5
11:55-12:25	Period 6
12:25-12:55	Period 7
12:55-1:15	Second Recess 
1:15-1:35	Second Nutrition Break
1:35-2:05	Period 8
2:05-2:35	Period 9
2:35-3:05	Period 10
3:05	Dismissal 

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 Pinguin (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

12 Ways to Make Sure Your Kids (and You) Get your Dose of VITAMIN ‘N’ this Summer!

The benefits are clear. Now, more than ever, we can feel good about getting kids and ourselves outdoors and into Nature. Sometimes we need a boost or a new idea, so here’s a list of ways to get a dose of Vitamin N:

1. **Put nature on the calendar.** If you plan the family’s sports commitments and vacations in advance, do the same for time spent in nature.
2. **Don’t tear down the tree, build up the kid.** International play expert Joe Frost says the number one reason kids get hurt climbing trees is because they don’t have the upper body strength to hold onto the branch. Think of manageable risk as an opportunity to build strength and resilience in your kids.
3. **Take a city hike.** In urban neighbourhoods, take your day packs, water and digital cameras and go look for nature.
4. **Moon walk.** Walk by balmy summer moons with katydids singing and lightning bugs flashing - there is much magic in the natural world and most of it is free!
5. **Go backyard camping.** Buy the kids a tent or help them make a canvas tepee, and leave it up all summer.
6. **Plant a backyard, community or high-rise vegetable garden.** If your children are little, choose seeds large enough for them to handle and that mature quickly, including vegetables.
7. **Go Native.** Replace part of your lawn with native plants. Create a backyard butterfly pollinator garden.
8. **Go Wildsnapping.** Landscape photography is a great way to experience nature.
9. **Enroll your child in a nature preschool or other nature-based school.**
10. **Start or Join a Family Nature Club.**
11. **Purchase a family park pass.** Canada is issuing passes giving everyone free entry to all its National Parks for the whole of 2017 as part of its 150th Anniversary celebrations. Be sure to visit a park this year!
12. **Be a force for balance.** For every dollar invested in the virtual, invest at least another dollar in the natural. Limit access to texting, computers, and TV part of the day or week. Schedule Saturday as a “Smartphone and iPad-Free Outdoor Play Day” for kids and parents.

Adapted from: <http://www.childrenandnature.org/>