



École FA Hamilton Summer 2019 Newsletter

Important Dates

Friday, June 28 - Last day school office is open before the summer break

Tuesday, August 20 - Last day to register for First Rider program for JK or SK students

Tuesday, August 27 - School office reopened for the new year; First Rider program starting at 9 AM

Wednesday, August 28 - Registration for new students who moved into the area over the summer

Tuesday, September 3 - First day of school

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

Farewell to Mme Holmes, Mme Zakaib and Mme Fairfield



Mme Zakaib will be leaving FA Hamilton at the end of this year and will be moving to École Edward Johnson where she will teach Kindergarten. Mme Holmes is also moving on to something new. Next year, she will begin a three-year position as a Curriculum Coach with our Board's Program Department. Mme Holmes will lead and support teachers across the board to improve their teaching and learn new strategies for helping kids to reach their academic potential. Mme Fairfield will be the CYC at Aberfoyle, Harris Mill and Princess Elizabeth Schools. We will miss these exceptional staff members and wish them all the best in their new adventures.

Welcome Mme Brodie and Mme Fontinato-Haid

I would like to welcome Mme Brodie to FA Hamilton! Mme Brodie will be teaching the grade 3/4 class. Mme Brodie has been working as an Occasional Teacher for the board and will now be joining our



Husky family. I would also like to welcome Mme Fontinato-Haid who will be our new Child and Youth Counsellor. Mme Fontinato-Haid has been a CYC with Upper Grand for several years and we are happy she will be coming to us for half a day a week.

2018-2019 Year End Report - FA Hamilton School Council



Here is the FA Hamilton School Council Year End Report for 2018-2019.

Fundraising

- ❖ Fresh from the Farm (\$800)
- ❖ Winter Event (\$1100)
- ❖ Spring Carnival (\$1300)
- ❖ Pizza and milk (\$5000)

Support for Educational Initiatives

- ❖ Forest of Reading (\$800)
- ❖ Parent Information Sessions (\$1000 - from PRO Grant)
 - Outdoor Education (Play with Clay for kids)
 - Childhood Anxiety
 - Supporting FI Students at Home (Movie for kids)
- ❖ dancED (\$1000)
- ❖ Teacher PD on incorporating movement into classroom instruction (\$1300)
- ❖ Gym Storage (\$2300)
- ❖ Scientists in Schools (\$3200)
- ❖ Huskies t-shirts (\$2600)

Just for Fun!

- ❖ Hallowe'en Dance

The FA Hamilton School Council wishes to thank the families, staff, administration and the wider school community for their generous support over the year.

First Rider Program

The Annual First Rider Program is presented by the Operator's Association each August just before school begins. It provides first time riders and their families with an introduction to school bus riding procedures and safety through a videotape presentation, a question and answer session, and a bus ride for the family. It is a free program open to both riders and children who walk to school. Registration details with dates, times and locations are provided in May to all schools and the local media.



ANNUAL First Rider Program

Tuesday August 27th, 2019

The ride program starts at 9:00 am and goes until 12:00 pm (noon). Parents should allow 1 hour for the ride program during which time children watch a video on riding the bus, take part in a question and answer period, and then take a short ride on a school bus (this is the only time parents may ride the bus with their child).

To find a First Rider Location near you, please click [here](#).

To register for the First Rider Program, please click [here](#).

For general information and FAQ's about First Rider transportation, please click [here](#).

First Day Routine



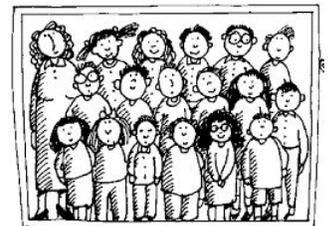
September 3rd is the first day of school for next year. Senior Kindergarten children and their parents are asked to go to the side of the school where they entered and exited for JK. They will find staff with clipboards who will be able to tell them who their teacher will be. Students in grades 1 - 6 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.

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. For students who have moved to other schools, please come by the school office during the second week of school to pick up your memento. Thanks to Mme Zakaib for her leadership with the yearbook!



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 - closed toe, tie-ups appropriate for phys. Ed. Please avoid light-up and clicky shoes.
- 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 sticks
- markers
- crayons / pencil crayons

Junior (grades 4-6)

- Pencils and sharpener
- eraser
- pencil case
- glue sticks
- markers
- crayons / pencil crayons
- loose leaf paper (lined & graph)
- binder &/or duo tangs - check with teacher
- pens
- Calculators
- 30 cm ruler

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 16th. 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 25.85 students

We Earned Silver!

This year, FAH participated in the Ontario EcoSchools program for the fourth year. This year we earned a Silver medal, thanks to the efforts of our dedicated students, staff and the EcoSchools Team!



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 Silver 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!

Tentative Staff for 2019-2020

<p><u>Kindergarten</u> Mme Tipler Mme McMillan Mme Brown Mme Junemann Mme Zadro Mme Holloway</p> <p><u>Grade 1, 1/2</u> Mme Richardson/Mme Cantin Mme Young</p> <p><u>Grade 2</u> Mme Nibaruta Mme Woodward</p> <p><u>Grade 3</u> Mme Hartmans</p> <p><u>Grade 3/4. 4</u> Mme Brodie Mme Hemsley</p> <p><u>Grade 4/5</u> M. Devenny</p> <p><u>Grade 6</u> Mme Mui</p> <p><u>Kindergarten STEM, Junior Social Studies and Art</u> Mme Burkhart</p>	<p><u>Primary Social Studies and Science</u> Mme McLeish</p> <p><u>Teacher Librarian</u> M. Adams</p> <p><u>Special Education Resource Teacher</u> Mme Cantin</p> <p><u>Educational Assitants</u> Mme Whitehawk Mme Muzzy</p> <p><u>Child and Youth Counsellor</u> Mme Fontinato-Haid</p> <p><u>Office Coordinator</u> Mme Wozniak</p> <p><u>Custodial Staff</u> M. Williams M. Rocha</p> <p><u>Principal</u> Mme Bibby</p> <p><u>Superintendent of Education</u> Mme VanOoteghem</p>
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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>

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