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Frontenac P.S. NEWSLETTER—End of Year Newsletter—June 2019

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Principal's Message

It is almost the end of June so it is time to say our thanks and our goodbyes. Our students have exemplified what it means to be a school community by being kind and supportive to one another. Thank you to each member of the Frontenac community who supported our students in their work this year. A particular note of appreciation goes to the dedicated members of our School Council who add so much value to all we do. Thanks to the volunteers who work with our students and run special programs/activities such as the Pizza Days, Dance-a-thon and the Fun Fair. I know that you all join me in thanking our fabulous staff for the work they do with our students, the extra support they offer and the tremendous number of opportunities that they have provided for co-curricular involvement.

We would also like to thank and extend best wishes to many of our grade 8 parents whose children are graduating this year, and as a result, are leaving the Frontenac community. Some of these parents have volunteered in the school for many years and your contributions have been greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Frontenac staff we would also like to thank the parents who donated food, as well as funds for the Staff Appreciation Breakfast that was held on June 20th. There are few opportunities for our full compliment of staff to get together, so it was definitely a special occasion for everyone. Thank you to our families for coming out in such large numbers for the Fun Fair. Thanks you to the Fun Fair Committee that dedicated so much time to organizing the event and making it enjoyable for everyone. A special thanks to *Vivian Hingsberg* for her leadership in this endeavor. This year the Fun Fair raised approximately . Way to go Frontenac!

Even though the school year has been winding down, students and staff have been busy.

Our Senior track team our Junior Track and Field team attended their respective meets. Many of our teams and individual students came back to the school with ribbons. Some of our students represented Frontenac at the Special Athletes Track Meet and did us proud. Our intermediate boys and girls soccer teams were top competitors in a variety of league and tournament games. The grade 8's are going to Ottawa for their final Frontenac excursion next week.

We would like to recognize the students who are leaving Frontenac. Thank you to the Grade 8 students who are moving on to high school. We will miss your positive spirit and leadership.

Ms. Ferro and I would like to thank everyone for helping create a successful year for all here at Frontenac. We look forward to meeting new opportunities and challenges in the new year.

Early Dismissal

On Friday June 28th, the last day of school, there will be an early dismissal. Students will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. The schedule for the last day of school will be as follows:

Period 1 9:15 a.m.—9:50 a.m.
Period 2 9:50 a.m.- 10:25 a.m.

Nutrition Break 10:25 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Period 3 11:15 a.m. - 11:50 p.m.
Period 4 11:50 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.

Nutrition Break 12:25 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.

Period 5 1:05 p.m.- 1:40 p.m.
Period 6 1:40 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

2:15 p.m. Dismissal
2:30 p.m. Supervision Ends

Notification of your child's class placement for 2019/20

On the Friday before the Labour Day weekend we will be sending out notification of your child's class placement for the first day of school via email. We will no longer be posting student information in the lobby windows.

Change in Bell Times for next year

The following information is provided in order to further clarify the information shared last week regarding changes to our schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. As was communicated our times will be as follows:

Entry Bell: 9:25 a.m.
Dismissal Bell: 3:45 p.m.

This adjustment to our school hours is a result of the Halton Student Transportation Services (HSTS) efficiency review. Bus routes for numerous schools in Halton have changed (see attached report). These route efficiencies will result in significant cost savings in school bus transportation for the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic District School Board (approx. \$865,960.00).

The changes are as a result of route efficiency reviews conducted by the Halton Student Transportation Service, as part of the Board's budget discussions. This was not something that the school requested but is part of a larger process to find savings to address reduced funding by the province for the 2019-2020 school year. The changes to the bell times of the schools involved results in significant savings for our board (approx \$500,000 annually). To not accept these changes would mean that our board would have to try and find these savings elsewhere (e.g., classroom instruction, special education, etc.).



Change in Bell Times Cont'd

Prior to the 'balanced day' model being introduced many years ago, all elementary schools followed a traditional model offering two 15 minute breaks and one 60 minute lunch break. The balanced day model ensures that all teachers had the ability to have a 40 minute uninterrupted period of time for lunch, as well as reduced the lost instructional time that students experienced when preparing to go out for recess and returning back inside.

All HDSB elementary schools utilize the balanced day model. This provides for three 100 minute blocks of instructional time that are interrupted by two blocks of nutrition/recess breaks. The initial move to the 'balanced day' model (vs the traditional one of a 60 min lunch and two 15 min breaks) had all schools offering a 40 min break and a 50 min break. Schools are required to follow the Bell Times Admin Procedure when bringing these requests forward. School Principals have initiated these requests based on some or all of the rationale below:

- Reduces the supervision requirements for staff, which also lessens the need for student supervisors. There is a hard cap on the supervision minutes that elementary teachers can provide which can create challenges for some schools to meet their supervision requirements.
- Shortens the length of the school day, which provides for more time to facilitate after school activities, professional development with staff, attend meetings, etc.
- May allow for more support to be directed to students with special needs due to less general supervision required.
- Reduces student behavioural concerns outside by reducing outdoor activity time. Student conflicts often occur towards the end of a longer period of unstructured time.
- Increases overall safety of building as more teachers are available to supervise both on the playground and in the 'lunchrooms'.

In summary, hope this information helps explain why we are experiencing the change to our school bell times. The change was not a request from the school but one that has originated as a part of a broad ongoing study of each and every department across our board, in order to determine how we can find as many efficiencies as possible in order to address budget shortfalls for the coming school year.

Goodbyes

We would like to recognize members of our staff who are leaving Frontenac to begin new challenges. They have contributed so much during their time here and we thank them for their dedication and commitment to our students. Please join us in extending best wishes to:

Mr. Bolton,
Mrs. Day
Mr. Beaton
Mr. Macaluso
Mrs. Heaton
Mr. Stevens

Ms. MacRae (maternity leave)
Mrs. Treannor
Ms. Wozzak
Mrs. Lavallee
Ms. Joyce
Mr. Adams

Mrs. Cross
Mr. D'Souza
Ms. Oliveira
Mrs. Blasko
Ms. Britnell
Mrs. Arnold



Welcome to Frontenac

Welcome to the following new staff members who will be joining us in September:

Mr. Posovad
Mr. D’Gabriele
Mrs. Gurman
Mrs. Green

Ms. Cecil
Mrs. Latka
Mrs. Vroman
Mr. Adams

Several other teachers are joining us. Once we get notification of who they are, we will let you know.

Preparing for September

If you know that you will be leaving the Frontenac community after this school year, please inform the office of your plans. You can send an email to Mrs. Kubryn at kubrynh@hdsb.ca. Please include the name of the school your child(ren) will be attending if you know this info.

Also, please let the office know if you will be absent due to vacation when school starts on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Thank you for your help with our planning for next year!

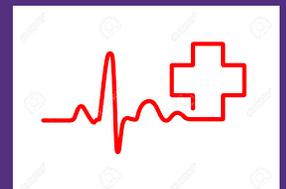
Medical Concerns and Medicine at the School

If you have a child with a life-threatening condition (e.g. anaphylaxis) please contact the office to receive and complete the appropriate medical forms. If we have any medical supplies here at school for you child (e.g. puffers, EpiPens, etc.), please plan to pick them up in the office on Wednesday June 26th between (8:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.). Thank you.

Important Dates

Play Day - June 21st
Grade 8’s to Ottawa, October 24-26
Reports go home - June 26th
Last Day of School - June 28th, Early Dismissal at 2:15

Mr. M. Bukovcan, Principal
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SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. School Council would like to thank each and every student, staff, and parent who helped us throughout the year. We ran successful events, like the Dance-a-Thon and the Fun Fair. Our Pizza Days kept the kids fed and the parents happy to have a weekly reprieve from lunch making. We supported our Athletics Department by running concession stands at tournaments. We raised funds that purchased much needed technology and literacy resources for the students. We threw a lovely brunch for school staff to thank them for all they do for our kids. It's been a great year. A more detailed report will be posted on the school website in the days to come.

Looking ahead to next year, here are a few things to keep in mind.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

"School councils are an advisory body functioning under Ministry of Education Ontario Regulation 612/00 and board policy. The council's role, in collaboration with the principal, staff and community, is to provide input and advice with regard to school goals and to enhance learning opportunities, through various activities, for the benefit of all students in the school."

There will be a number of vacancies on School Council this fall, as current members are finishing up their terms. More details of council roles and the election process will be posted on the school website before the end of the school year. If you are interested in any of these roles and have questions, please contact us at frocouncil@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING

If you have any ideas for fundraising activities and can help run them, please drop us a line at frocouncil@gmail.com. We are always looking for new ideas and new people to help Frontenac acquire all of the resources it needs to help our kids do their best.

VOLUNTEERING & POLICE CHECKS

All parents who volunteer in the school, whether it's helping with pizza days or accompanying a field trip, must have a valid Criminal Background Check and Annual Offence Declaration on file with the school. Why not get that done over the summer so you are all set for September! For more information on how to obtain these, go to <https://www.hdsb.ca/our-board/Pages/Get%20Involved/Volunteer-in-Schools.aspx>

PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) CONFERENCE

<https://www.hdsb.ca/Documents/PIC-Conference-Save-the-Date-final.pdf> Save the date: Saturday, October 19, 2019, 8am – 2pm, Garth Webb S.S., Oakville
Envisioning Possibilities: How innovation inspires students to learn, grow & succeed. Click on the link above for more information.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer!

Vivian Hingsberg, Chair
Mitzi Hepburn, Treasurer
Holly Wade, Secretary
Sandra Leach, Fundraising Chair