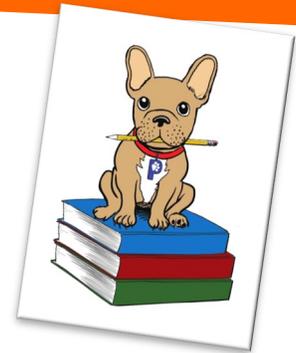


September 2019

Mr. M. Vitella- Principal  
Mrs. T. Savage- Vice Principal  
DO YOUR BEST TO BE YOUR BEST!

# The Paw Print

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF HUGH BEATON PUBLIC SCHOOL



## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to all students, families, and staff members. We are excited to embark on our 90th learning-filled school year! We extend a special welcome to all newcomers to our school. We are confident that you will find our Beaton family a kind and helpful one.

**#BULLDOGSMAKINGHISTORY** is the theme for the 2019-2020 School Year at Beaton. It was wonderful watching the students enter this week and seeing their faces as they walked the halls realizing that they are going to celebrate the school's 90th anniversary this year. How cool is it that our JKs starting on September 9th will be Beaton's 100th graduating class! Our essential, collective question will be "How can we as students/educators/parents of Beaton school make our mark on history?" This includes being ordinary, everyday people who care about our school, community and families in extraordinary ways! I look forward to seeing where this initiative takes us.

Communication is key here at Hugh Beaton and this newsletter is only one method of informing families of all the great things happening in our

school and community. It will be made available along with other information on our website at:

<https://publicboard.ca/schools/beaton/>

All information, including school calendar and news items are also available through your account in Edsby. There is more information on page 3 of this newsletter regarding Edsby.

In an effort to remain environmentally conscious and be ethical stewards of the earth, all subsequent "Paw Print" Newsletters will only be available on the school website and Edsby. If families wish a hard copy of the newsletter please make your intentions known by contacting me directly, either through Edsby or by phoning the school. Agendas for Gr. 1-6 are provided in order to keep families informed and are a great communication tool between parent and teacher. Thank you to our Home & School Association for their purchase of this year's agenda. Our Student Handbook can be found in the agenda as well as on Edsby and our website. You can also follow our school happenings on Twitter @HBeatonBulldogs.

Periodically phone/email messages will also be sent out through School

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Messenger to the members of our school community informing you of upcoming events. Please accept our sincerest wishes for an engaging, exciting and joyous school year.

- Mr. M. Vitella



## From the Desk of the Vice-Principal

Welcome back! We have so much to be excited about and so much to look forward to this coming school year - our 90th year! Our first big events will be the Meet the Staff BBQ and the September Book Fair. The Book Fair will start on Thursday September 19th and will be open during the Meet the Staff BBQ. Our Book Fair will run until Tuesday September 24th. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Book

Fair. If you are available please contact me on Edsby or call the office (519-245-2579) at my extension 20303. Book Fairs are a literacy event for the whole community. Hugh Beaton families can demonstrate their dedication to reading and literacy by participating in our school Book Fair. Browse the best of children's books right at our school and know that the money raised goes right back into the school. Hope to see you there

- Mrs. T. Savage



**Did You Know?**  
**September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month: it is the ninth month and has nine letters. September (from the Latin septem, meaning seven) was the seventh month of the old Roman calendar but was changed when July (named after Julius Caesar) and August (named after Caesar Augustus) were added to the modern calendar.**

## Character Counts

*Our first Character Counts Assembly will be September 30th and will recognize students for a great start to the school year. Different than last year, students will be recognized not by a specific character trait each month but rather by our selected character traits of Resilience and Empathy. Stay posted for more details!*

## Safe Arrivals & Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, please use Edsby to document your child's absence from school or by calling the school (519-254-2579) and leaving a message on the voicemail at anytime, before, during or after school.

Student attendance is taken twice daily- at first period in the morning and after 1st nutrition break, around 11:15am. If we are not

notified of an absence by a parent or guardian, Mrs. Wujcik will call to verify the absence as required by the Safe School Protocol. We would also like to reduce the number of students who are late for school this year so please make sure students make it to school on time. It causes extra anxiety when students need to get caught up on a period or two's worth of work and can be a distraction to the learning

environment for other children.

For parents of students whose JK/SK students ride the bus, bus drivers will not drop off your child at the end of the day unless an adult is waiting for them at the bus stop. In such cases your child is brought back to school. If the child has been returned once, a warning letter will be sent indicating that if it happens again they will lose their transportation.

### Allergy Aware School

Within our school community there are several students with life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) to foods. Food allergens are predominantly peanuts, nuts, fish, milk, sesame seeds and berries.

We feel the best way to reduce the accidental exposure to students is to respectfully ask for the cooperation of the parents/guardians of our school community. Please consider non-food treats for special occasions like birthdays, Halloween, Christmas and other celebrations. If food treats are brought to school, they must be marked with a "school-safe" label and individually packaged in order for them to be distributed to students. Items without a food label will be returned home with your child. I am sure you can appreciate the concern that these students' parents have for their child's safety, just as each of you care for the safety of your children.

## SAFE WELCOME

All exterior doors will continue to be locked throughout the duration of the school day. As a reminder, if you would like access to the building please use the north entrance door until our camera-entry system has been moved back to our front door and officially opened. We will endeavor to allow you access into the building as quickly as possible, however there are times when office staff are drawn away from the office and may not be readily available to respond to you and allow you access to the building. If you require entrance into the school during the school day, once you enter please sign in at the office and a Visitors Badge will be given to you. This will assist us in knowing who is in the building.

It is common when there is an increase or decrease in expected enrollment that it becomes necessary for students to be reorganized after the start of the school year. This year, it is possible that we will be effected by school reorganization. This means that class placements or teaching staff may have to change. Your child's current classroom placements should be

considered tentative and temporary until final staffing is completed next week. Class placements for the 2019-2020 School Year will be confirmed by our reorganization day, which is **Monday, September 16th, 2019**. A letter will accompany your child by the end of next week (September 13th) to inform you of any changes to our staffing allocations and/or

classroom placements if they are effected.

REORGANIZATION DAY  
 SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

## The Green Space

Congratulations to last year's Eco-Team for attaining a Gold Certification for Hugh Beaton School once again! Eco-Certification is an incredibly arduous and time-consuming task, but so well worth it when students take ownership of the condition and health of our environment. Many thanks go to all students and families who endeavoured to reduce waste in school lunches, properly recycle materials in the proper red and blue bins and sent in batteries, Crayola markers and milk bags instead of streaming these items into our landfills. We will be continuing the collection of

these items and making sure they are disposed of properly. As stated in the Principal Message, we will be reducing the amount of newsletters coming home as well by making sure digital copies are available and only sending newsletters home to those families who request them. Let's make 2019-2020 a year that's GREEN!



## EDSBY AT BEATON

### What are the benefits of using Edsby?

Edsby is a great way to support your child at school. Edsby pulls together information about each of your kids and presents it in a clear, easy-to-understand format. Parents are an important part of the school's family. For each of your children – even if they go to different schools – you'll see all their teachers and classes. Some teachers will assign work through Edsby and if they do you will be able to see academic progress, upcoming assessments, and assessments. Each child has a calendar that will display tests and events from this child's classes and groups, if the teachers are entering the information. Parents may also see what teachers are posting in a class as a way to support their child.

### Do I have to use a computer to use Edsby?

Edsby works in all browsers, iOS, and Android devices

### What is the Server Name when using an APP?

Publicboard

### What is the URL when using a Browser?

publicboard.edsby.com

### How will I know that I have been invited to Edsby?

You will receive an email to the email address you have provided the school for each child you have in the school where parents have been invited. The invite is usually a bulk invite therefore it may go to your spam or junk mail.

### Will I receive only one invite if I have more than one child in the school?

You will receive an invite for each child that is enrolled in the school.

### Will I have more than one Edsby account if I have more than one child in school?

You only need one Edsby parent account, but will receive a separate email invitation from each school that your children attend. The first invitation you will register for an Edsby account. You'll then be prompted on a second screen to enter and confirm a password. Your email address, your username, will already be entered. Click Create Edsby Account. You'll be logged into your Edsby Account and a "Welcome to Edsby" message will be sent to your email address. The information for at least one of your children will be immediately visible to you. The other children you will need to link your existing Edsby account. To do this find Edsby invitation email(s) for your addition children. Click the link in the email, and then choose the **Login to your existing Edsby account** button in the screen above. Enter your Edsby username and password. Your existing Edsby account will now include an additional child.

### Can I schedule an absence for my child using Edsby?

Yes, using Edsby you can schedule an absence for your child.

### What do I do if I forget my password? Where do I get help or support on how to use Edsby?

On the Edsby login screen there is a link for **Can't Log In** Click on this and enter your email address that you used when you registered for Edsby. An email will be sent with instructions to follow. Help is available at <http://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>

## TRAFFIC ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Parents who drop off their children in the morning are to note that students are not to arrive before 8:30am since there are not any staff available to supervise them. If you need to be at work earlier, we do have a Sundowners Program before and after school. Please call 519-254-3160. The Kiss n Ride Program will be running again this year from 8:30- 8:45 a.m. When using the Kiss n Ride Program for the safety of the students please drive right up to the posted area of the Kiss n Ride and wait until our Kiss n Ride Volunteers opens the door to permit your child(ren) to exit out onto the sidewalk. Volunteers for the Kiss n Ride Program are welcome even if you are able to help only on occasions. Please let the office know if you are available. Parents who pick up their children at the end of the day should not park in the staff parking lot. Please walk to the assigned door where your child(ren) is dismissed from. All JK/SK students will be dismissed each day from the Early Year's Playground area outside west side of the building. A note should be sent with your son/daughter to the teacher, informing of changes of end of day pick up.

### CHANGE IN ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

A Verification Form has been sent home to all parents. Please ensure that all information is accurate, complete and returned back to the school. In the future, if any information should change regarding address, phone number and/or emergency contact, it is important that you inform Mrs. Wujcik. Updated information is necessary to ensure your child's safety.

## A HUGE Thanks to our Staff!

Sincere thanks to Mr. Bennett and Mr. Belland, our wonderful custodians, for their hard work over the summer. The building looks incredible!. Also, thanks to Mrs. Wujcik for her hard work registering our new students and for a smooth transition to the start of the school year. And of course a BIG thank you to our educators in preparing welcoming and exciting classrooms where creativity, inquiry and mistakes are welcomed to support knowledge growth.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 1	2 Labour Day	3 Day 1 First Day of School! Welcome Back, Bulldogs!	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4 9:00am Welcome Back Assembly- Wear Spirit Wear	7
8	9 Day 5 First Day of School for JK/SK! Welcome Bulldogs!	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14 5:00pm Home & School Bingo
15	16 Day 5 Reorganization Day 6:00pm Home & School Meeting/Elections	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 Meet the Teacher Event 5-7pm 9:00am Scholastic Book 5:00pm Book Fair	20 PD Day- No School for Students	21
22	23 Day 4 9:00am Book Fair (Library)	24 Day 5 9:00am Book Fair (Library)	25 Day 1 First Pizza Day	26 Day 2 Terry Fox Walk (tentative)	27 Day 3	28
29	30 Character Counts Assembly- Great Start Day 4 Orange Shirt Day- Every Child Matters	Oct 1	2	3	4	5