



#HPSVP



*"Soaring to new heights!"*

# HARROW HORNETS

Harrow Public School

Academics, Attitude, Athletics

September 2018

## Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a happy and safe summer. I am looking forward to a great year with your children!

Our construction projects are complete. We have new LED and emergency lighting throughout the school, a new water main into the school, new concrete at the front doors and new blacktop on the playground.

In an effort to reduce paper consumption and support our school's ECO initiatives, newsletters will be emailed to families and we will post all calendar updates and news events to our school web site. If you do not have access to the internet, please call Mrs. Humphries and we can arrange for a paper copy to come home with your child.

Please plan to attend two very important upcoming events - on **Thursday September 20th from @ 4:00 - 5:30 pm** we will hold our annual meet the staff event, immediately followed by our **Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) elections at 5:30 pm**. Election notices will be sent home during the first week of September. All parents are encouraged to come out. If you wish to declare an interest in running for a position on the Parent Involvement Committee please complete a nomination form located on our school web site.

Your child's class has been based upon an estimated enrollment figure- *changes may have to be made later in September*. Classes are organized based on our Board's policy which identifies heterogeneous groupings (mixed ability groupings) with consideration given to a balance of males and females and individual needs of students. Classes are carefully created by teachers who have taken the needs of all students into consideration. Therefore, individual requests cannot be accommodated.

Monday, September 10th is the day when the official student enrollment count is taken for staffing purposes. We will find out shortly after if our actual enrollment will necessitate the re organization of some classes. If any changes occur which involve your child, you will be notified.

In advance, we appreciate you taking the time to complete the variety of forms that will be sent home throughout the first 2 weeks of September. These forms need to be completed each year to **ensure the safety of your child**.

We take great pride in our school. We wish to thank our custodians who have worked so hard this summer to clean and polish our school! Thank you also to the staff who have put in countless hours preparing for the arrival of your children. We look forward to another great year of learning.

Sincerely,

L. Hbéli, Principal

*"Excellence in public education —*

*confident learners, engaged communities, ethical stewardship."*

*- GECD SB Mission Statement*

Follow us on twitter at #HPSVP or on our Parent Facebook page Harrow Public School.



## YMCA

Need extended day and/or before or after school care for your school-aged children? The YMCA program is on-site at HPS. Contact 519-567-5269 for more information.



## Good things to know...

**Balanced Day** HPS has a balanced day schedule. The balanced day consists of three uninterrupted instructional blocks along with two activity/nutritional breaks, where children will have time to both eat and play. Students who go home for lunch will be allowed to do so during the second Nutrition Break.

Start	9:10 a.m.
1st Nutrition Break	10:50-11:30 (first 20 minutes to play, second 20 minutes to eat)
2nd Nutrition Break	1:10-1:50 (first 20 minutes to play, second 20 minutes to eat)
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.

**School Cash On-Line**...HPS is now offering families the opportunity and convenience of paying for school related activities on-line. Visit [www.publicboard.ca](http://www.publicboard.ca) to sign up.

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**Kiss and Ride**...Students who are dropped off at school should be done so in our Kiss and Ride area at the front of the school, closest to the JK/SK area. A staff member has been assigned to that area beginning at 8:55 am to assist with the safe arrival of students. **Please- stay in a single line (avoid pulling out), avoid parking in this area as we need to keep traffic flowing, and pull right up before allowing students to exit the vehicle. Please no idling or leaving your vehicle parked and unattended. If you wish to walk your student in, please park your car in the lot and walk in.**

**If any parents are willing to assist with Kiss n'Ride in the morning, please see Mrs. Hugli or Mrs. Gelinias.**

**Medication/Allergies**...If your child requires medication to be administered at school, please fill out the required form that can be obtained from our school secretary. A doctor must sign the form authorizing administration. Every September, our entire staff receives EPI Pen training as well as anaphylaxis and asthma education. In accordance with Ryan's Law, we encourage students with asthma to keep their inhalers with them at all times. We will, at a parents request, also keep a back-up inhaler in the office.

**Early Dismissal**... We ask that whenever possible, appointments be made before or after school to maximize uninterrupted learning time for students. If it is necessary for your child to be picked up early, please send a note to your child's teacher, who will forward the note to the office. When you arrive at the school, please check in at the office and your child will be called down to meet you. We ask that you not go directly to the classroom as this interrupts the learning of others. Thank you to all parents for helping make our school a safe and secure place to learn.

### Agendas

Agendas will be provided to students in grades 1-6. Following consultation with intermediate staff and students, organizational strategies for grades 7 and 8 students will incorporate technology.

Please read over our school handbook located in the first few pages. We thank Parent Council for paying for this important organizational tool for our students.

**School Messenger** is a communication system that sends out a message via the telephone, text or email. We will use this system to update you on important events at our school.

### Fall Fundraiser

The school will be launching our fall fundraiser towards the end of September. More details to come!

## International Languages

Each year the Greater Essex County District School Board offers International Language Classes for pupils from grades 1-8. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn a second or third language. There is no cost. Last year the following languages were offered: Albanian, Arabic, Spanish, Italian, Urdu, Mandarin, Punjabi, Korean, Serbian, Bengali and Vietnamese. However, any language class can be established with a minimum of 25 students and an available instructor. Classes will be offered on Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. Transportation is not provided. Locations: Queen Elizabeth, Northwood, Forest Glade. Once classes have been determined, you will be informed of the location of your child's class the second week in Oct. Classes run Oct. 13-May 11.

Registration forms are available from your home school or on the Board's Website at [publicboard.ca](http://publicboard.ca)

Return forms to the school by Sept. 18

## Student Safety

If your child is to be absent or late to school, please call the school before 9:10 a.m. You can conveniently leave a message on our school's voice mail at **519-738-4921** or **use Edsby...see below!**.

Attendance will be taken at 9:10 a.m. and again after the 2nd nutrition break at 1:50. If we don't hear from you regarding your child's absence, our secretary must call you. **This is time consuming for the secretary, so please remember to call the school.**

As part of our SAFE SCHOOL POLICY, we require ALL VISITORS (including parents), to first come to the office upon arrival at our school. You will need to use the intercom to enter the school.

A reminder that supervision by staff does not begin until 8:55 AM. Students are welcome to **arrive at school no earlier than 8:55 AM**.

Please arrange a location outside to meet your children after school.

## EDSBY

### **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. 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](http://publicboard.edsby.com)**

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/>

## Water Test

**An annual water test at the school indicated an exceedance of lead in drinking water that was resolved through daily flushing of the school's plumbing fixtures as a corrective measure. Please know that we are working closely with the Board, and Medical Officer of Health and are in full compliance with Ontario Regulation 243/07, under the "Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002."**

Further information for parents, guardians and caregivers can be accessed on our school web site, through [publicboard.ca](http://publicboard.ca).

