

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Welcome or Welcome Back to Annette St PS and High Park Alternative PS!

What a pleasure it is to be here heading into my third year as principal at Annette St (ASPS) and High Park Alternative (HPAS). I am excited to be working alongside, VP, Edita Tahirovic again this year. Marlene Richards continues as Office Administrator (OA) for HPAS and Corey Clark-McBride continues as the OA for ASPS along with Esmeralda Knowles in the half time clerical position.

Officer Mike and Officer Ted will be checking in to see how our Parent Safety Program (PSP) is going. They have asked me to remind parents if driving, to be aware of bikes travelling in the bike lanes along Annette St. We are also hoping to have our wonderful parents back supporting our Parent Safety Program (PSP) for dropping off students between 8:30 - 8:50 am on Clendenan Ave. If you are available one morning a week or would be willing to be a sub, please contact the office. We have a few returning parents, but need more help. Nothing is more important than the safety of our students.

Staff have been busy preparing their classrooms for the 2017/2018 school year and have been incredibly supportive to our new staff as they settle in to this great community. Brian, Dave, Ed and James have been working hard all summer to prepare the school for the school year and have done a fantastic job. We are so lucky to have them!

We would like to welcome our new staff members:

Annette St PS (ASPS)

Tania Martins ECE

Vanessa Shrimpton – Gr 7/8 teacher (returning from a TDSB Central position)

Martin Armstrong – Gr 5/6 teacher

Bonny Fairweather – Gr 2 teacher

Noel Greaves – FDK teacher

Natalie Ceschia - CYW

High Park Alternative PS (HPAS)

Tahera Walli – EA (pm)

George Kavakas – SNA & LRS (am)

Dylan Guarda – Prep teacher

School Council Meetings will happen in September (HPAS – Sept 26 & ASPS – Sept 27). The September meeting is the meeting where the **School Council election** will take place. We are looking for both executive and committee members. There will be more information coming home soon. Please plan to attend. Your involvement and support at any level is welcome and appreciated. We believe that strong connections between home, school and the community are critical to the success of our students and our school. There is babysitting available at the school for these meetings.

Student agendas for grades 3-8 can be purchased next week. The cost is **\$7.00**. Milk will not be available until September 7th. The cost will remain the same (\$0.75). Student Information packages will be sent home along with our new **Parent Handbook**. Please take time to review it and let us know if you have questions. Thanks to our office staff for preparing it!

We hope to see you at the **'Welcome Back BBQ/Curriculum Night'** on Wednesday, September 20th. The BBQ (provided by the Parent Councils) is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and classroom visits are from 6:15-7:15 p.m. We hope you can make it.

School hours:

Entry Bell (am)	8:45 am
Class Start time	8:50 am
Announcements	9:00 am
Recess (am)	10:00 am (Grades 1-8)
Lunch	11:35 am – 12:30 pm (grade 1-8) 11:35-12:35 (JK/SK)
Entry Bell (pm)	12:30 pm
Class Start time	12:35 pm
Recess (pm)	1:55 pm (Grades 1-8 only)
Dismissal	3:20 pm (Grades 1-8) 3:10 pm (JK/SK)

We cannot stress enough the importance of students being here every day, on time and ready to learn. Please reinforce this with your children. If for any reason they are going to be late, absent or need to leave early for an appointment, please call and leave a message on the **'Safe Arrival Line'** or send a note to the office. Lastly, It is 'Bee and Wasp season'. Please let us know immediately if your child has an allergy to stings and please remind your kids that outdoor sweet treats attract them.

Looking forward to another great year!

Nancy Keenan(Principal) & Edita Tahirovic (Vice Principal)

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