



News from the Dog Pound

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We acknowledge that the land on which our school sits and on which we gather each day is a part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations.

These Indigenous Nations, known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed through their ancestral languages to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment.

January 2022

From Mrs. Byatt-Millington

Happy New Year! Boozhoo! Hello! Bonjour! Welcome Back!

We hope that everyone is returning to us refreshed and ready to engage in face-to-face learning again. We continue our communication with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, and the local Public Health Unit to ensure that our procedures are keeping us all as safe as we can be.

If you have any questions as the year goes on, please do not hesitate to reach out to us – we're happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kindergarten Registration

Do you have, or know of, a child born in 2018 who lives in our area? Or born in 2017 but not attending school yet? Let them know to sign up for our Kindergarten Registration event to register for Full Day Kindergarten at H.W. Burgess for September.

This year, registering for Kindergarten is as easy as 1-2-3!

Step 1: Find your eligible school at: [Address Eligibility](#)

Step 2: Visit [LKDSB Kindergarten Registration](#) and complete the registration form online

Step 3: Come to the school on January 31, between 9:00 am – 7:00 pm to complete your registration and see the school!

Come to HW Burgess on January 31 to complete the process – bring your child, their birth certificate, and a proof of residency (utility bill, rent receipt, income tax form). Registrations are not considered complete without this step, so don't forget!

All families will be asked to complete the Covid-19 screening before entering the school. It can be accessed online at: [Online Covid School Screener](#). In addition, anyone over the age of 5 is required to wear a face mask that securely covers the mouth and nose in order to enter the building. Masks will be available, if needed.

Families who come out to register will be able to meet some of the school staff and visit one of the FDK classrooms! As well, all families who register will leave with a goodie bag full of great ideas and supplies to get ready for September.

Kindergarten Registration

H.W. Burgess School – 140 Lawrence Ave

Monday, January 31, 2022 – 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Covid-19 Screener

Just a reminder that all students should be given the Covid-19 screener before attending school each day. It can be found at: [Online Covid School Screener](#)

As we did in the fall, we are asking all families to confirm that they have completed the screening for the first two weeks back to in person learning.

- Families in Kindergarten – Grade 3 will receive an email with a link to the screener each morning. Please complete the screener and then verify this in the email.
 - If the verification is not completed, Mrs. Aubie will reach out by phone to verify with each family.
- Families in Grade 4+ will not receive an email but are asked to complete the screener and this will be verified by the homeroom teacher in the morning.
 - If the student has not completed the screener at home, they will be given the opportunity to do so on a device at school.

If the screener gives you the red X – please keep your child home and follow the instructions on the prompt regarding isolating, testing and return to school.

Return to Face-to-Face Learning

School Entry

Students are asked to be at school no earlier than 8:55. Doors will be open, and students are to proceed directly into the school and to their classroom. There will be no outside gathering time in the morning. All students need to have completed the online Covid Screener before coming to school. (see above)

Face Masks

Students in Grades 1 to 8 will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes. Masks must cover both the nose and the mouth.

Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks if the students are organized to remain within their cohorts and physically distance.

Masks are also mandatory in bus lines and on the bus for Grade 1-8 students.

Parents/guardians should provide non-medical masks or cloth masks for their children to wear to school. The LKDSB will provide backup non-medical masks for students who do not have their own.

Face coverings that provide a tight seal at the chin and nose and cover the mouth are permitted (a gaiter for example), whereas face coverings that do not provide a tight seal at the chin and nose and cover the mouth are not permitted (a bandanna for example).

Water Bottles

Students should bring labelled refillable water bottles; water fountains are closed but water filling stations will be accessible. If you do not have a refillable water bottle, please contact the school.

Student Attendance

In order to ensure student safety, it is essential that we have all students absences reported to the office. The best way to do this is through SCHOOL MESSENGER to report student absences efficiently and at a time that works for you.

When absences are not reported, the School Messenger system calls out to all parents. If no response is given, Mrs. Aubie then reaches out to confirm the absence. To avoid these calls, please enter your child's absence before school begins.

How to sign up and create a SchoolMessenger account:

1. Open an internet browser and search for [School Messenger](#) or download the BLUE SchoolMessenger app (there are both Android and Apple versions)
2. Click Sign up in the upper right corner
3. Use the email address on file at the school and create a password. Important note: You must use the same email address your school has on record. If you wish to use a different one, please contact your school and ask them to update your email address.

4. Click Sign up. Choose your password. Select Location as Canada. Tap Sign Up. You will receive a verification email. From this email, click the link to verify. This will open in a browser where you will be prompted to enter your login details. Log in and confirm your details.

School Spirit Days

We are continuing our school wide spirit days on each Friday this year. Some weeks will see a school wide activity led by either the office or by a classroom. Other weeks will see a “spirit” day where staff and students can participate by dressing up.

This month our spirit day is on Friday, January 21st – Rock Your Locks Day. Come to school with the best/funniest/zaniest/most creative/beautifully styled hairdo that you can think of. Some people will come with curls, others may come with dozens of ponytails, and others may want to change up the colour. There are no formal rules for this day, just show off your locks!

Pizza Days

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Home and School Association by purchasing pizza each Thursday. As we missed out on two pizza days in January, they will be pushed back to February 3rd and 10th. Orders for the remainder of February and March will be coming out on School Cash Online in the next week, so be sure to check your inbox as paper order forms are no longer being sent home.

Not signed up for School Cash Online yet? No problem – visit our webpage to sign up or call the office and we’ll happily guide you through the set-up steps.

Extra-curricular Activities

At this time, all extra-curricular activities, including intramural and inter-school sports, are on a pause. When we are directed by Public Health that is safe to start clubs and sports again, we will.

School Council/Home and School Association

The next School Council/Home and School meeting of the year will be on Monday, February 7th at 6:30 pm. At this time, the meetings will move back to being held online, using Google Meet. Invitations, with joining instructions will be sent to School Council members closer to the meeting date.

All interested parents are invited to attend. If you are interested in joining us for this meeting, please let the office know and we can ensure a join code invitation is sent to you.

Upcoming Dates

January 17 – Return to Face-to-Face Learning

January 21 – Rock Your Locks Day

January 31 – PA Day

January 31 – Kindergarten Registration

