

Hanna Memorial Public School

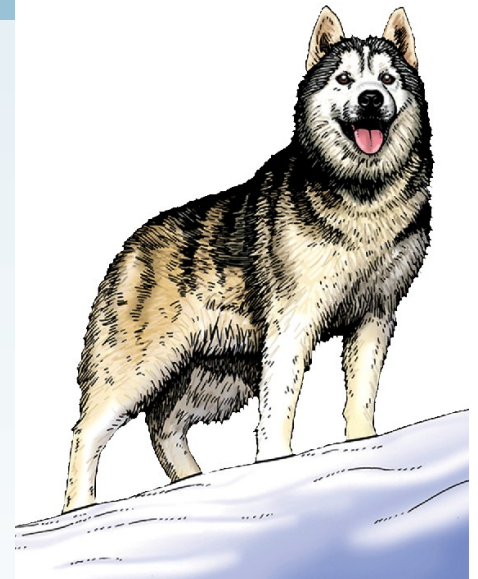
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Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! We wish to extend a special welcome to the families of our new students. We look forward to working with you and know that you will enjoy being a part of the Hanna Memorial community. We want to ensure that your transition to your new school is a smooth one. Speaking of new, we have a few new staff this year. Be sure to look at the list of staff that can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Important information in the Hanna Memorial Student Guide is being sent home with new students. These were given out last year. If you would like a copy you can request one from your child's teacher. We have extra in the office. Please be sure to review this document for important dates and useful guidelines. Please also view the LKDSB Handbook for School Success that can be found on the LKDSB website (<https://www.lkdsb.net/>).

Our staff looks forward to making this year a positive educational experience for your child. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Student Information Verification Forms

The Student Information Verification Form will be coming home this week. Please confirm all the information that appears on the form and make any necessary changes. **Please return it to your child's teacher by September 19th. It is very important to verify your email and phone number is correct.** We communicate regularly by email so it is important to have your email up to date. If you change your information throughout the year please be sure to let us know so we can reach you in an emergency.

Orange Shirt Day

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on Friday, September 29, 2023. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts and use this day as an opportunity to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that the system has had on First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. This is a meaningful way for our school community to come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because "Every Child Matters". Respectfully, flags at all LKDSB schools and facilities will be lowered on this day.

Classroom Placements:

Student placements and classroom organizations are tentative in the first few weeks. Additional changes could occur over the next few weeks. If your family is impacted by a classroom change you will be notified by a classroom placement letter or phone call. Thank you for your understanding.

Bus Zone:

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Social Media

Please follow us on Facebook or Twitter for regular updates:



@HannaMemorial
Huskies



@HannaHuskies

School Website:

[https://www.lkdsb.net/
school/hanna](https://www.lkdsb.net/school/hanna)

Questions or Concerns?

Throughout the school year, you are encouraged to contact us with any questions or concerns. For classroom related items, it is best to first contact the classroom teacher before reaching out to the office. The relationship between classroom teacher and home is an important one that benefits from open communication. For special education questions or concerns, you are still encouraged to connect with the classroom teacher as they are responsible for programming for the child in your care. Our resource teacher, Aron Armstrong, can also support with questions related to meeting your child's learning needs.

Allergies:

We want our school environment to be safe and healthy for all our students and staff. At this time we are asking for the school to be fragrance sensitive this year due to allergies. Please minimize the use of scented items (ex. Please do not send scented hand sanitizer). Thank you for your understanding.

Bus Information:

Information on student busing can be accessed through <https://cklass.ca>.

When logging into the parent portal and reviewing bus pick up and drop off times, please be sure to click on "contacts" and scroll down to look at the seat assignment for those in your family riding the bus. CLASS plans to continue with assigned seating this year.

You can also download an app for updates on cancellations and delays: www.mysbi.ca. **If you have the old version you will need to remove the app and reinstall the new version for it to work.** Our bus zone is 2, however, we do have buses running in other zones. Please keep in mind that when buses are cancelled you will need to pick your child up at the end of the day.

If your child will not be riding the bus, please send a note or make a phone call that day in advance of dismissal time. For additional information on busing please see the student guide.

BUS ZONE:

Please do not drive or park in the bus loading zone between 8:30am - 9:00am and 2:45pm - 3:30pm. Parents who need to walk students to the gate must park in the parking lot. Please do not have students walking through the parking lot as this poses a significant safety risk. Please see cklass website for a clear image of the School Traffic Management Plan. → <https://cklass.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SSTMP-HAN.pdf>

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is a web-based solution that gives parents the ability to pay for student items online. For information on using school cash online and registering please visit the school website. We would prefer for families to use this to pay for items, if you are able.

Before and After School Care

To find out more information about the program that is offered onsite please go to <https://cklass.ca/services/child-care/>.

Drills

Throughout the months of September and October we will be conducting a number of safety drills. This is to ensure that we are prepared in the unlikely event that we have an emergency. We will be doing a fire drill, lockdown drill, and tornado drill. If your child comes home indicating that one of these drills occurred, rest assured that we are just practicing.

Use of Student Personal Information

At times, students will be photographed and videoed during special events and learning at the school. These images might be shared on our social media accounts and website. If you give permission for this to occur, please complete the form that is coming (appendix B) and return it to the school as soon as possible. If you do not wish for your child's images/videos to be shared please inform us as well.



Bell Schedule

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| Start time | 8:55am |
| First Break | 10:55-11:35am |
| Second Break | 1:15-1:55pm |
| Dismissal | 3:15pm |

Teachers

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| Mr. T. Barnes | ALLP |
| Mr. D. DiMuzio | ALLP |
| Ms. J. Letham | FDK |
| Mrs. M. Henderson | ECE |
| Ms. C. VanWagner | SK/1 |
| Ms. S. Magda | 1/2 |
| Ms. T. Lennan | 2/3 |
| Mrs. K. Maheu | 3/4 |
| Mrs. J. Torraville | 5/6 |
| Mr. L. Sazonov | 7/8 |
| Ms. D. Welsh | French & Curriculum Partner |
| Ms. V. Gasser | Curriculum Partner |
| Ms. A. Armstrong | Resource |
| Ms. K. Churcher | Library |

Educational Assistants

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| Mrs. T. Suboni |
| Ms. N. Tremain |
| Mrs. C. Worton |
| Ms. R. Campbell |
| Mr. S. Turner |
| Ms. J. Bedard |

Custodian

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| C. Gillard |
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Prevalent Medical Conditions and Medication

In the first few weeks of school, students with known medical conditions will be sent home forms that will need to be completed/reviewed. Please review all the details on the form, make edits, sign it and return it to the school so that our plans of care reflect up to date information. If you do not receive a package and your child does have a medical condition that needs our attention, please contact the office to request a form.

Before the school can administer medication to students we must have a medical physician complete the consent form. If your child requires medication to be administered at school, please bring the completed form and medication to the office. If you require a form please contact the office for a form.

School Messenger

At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring students have arrived safely at school every day. You may have received notification about your child's absence from our School Messenger automated attendance messaging system. We have now added a School Messenger Parent/Guardian Reporting Tool for you to notify the school about your child's absence.

Parents/guardians can use School Messenger in one of the following three ways to report your child's absence:

- Option 1: Call a toll-free number (844-487-3695) and follow the prompts.
- Option 2: Set up a secure online School Messenger account and login to a website <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>
- Option 3: Download and set up the School Messenger app (Apple or Android) to a smart phone or tablet.

Parents are also welcome to leave a message with the school regarding absences or respond to the messenger when it calls to report the absence

Arrival and Early Dismissal

There will be supervision staff on the yard for arrival at 8:40am. A friendly reminder that there will be no supervision before this time. Please contact the office or send a note to your child(ren)'s teacher if you will require an early dismissal. All early pickups are done at the main entrance to the school. Please ring the buzzer to request your child be dismissed to you.

School Council

We have a few members on council already and would love for you to join us! **Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 12th at 4:00pm.** Nominations and an election will occur the first meeting. Anyone interested in learning more about our school and participating in decisions that help shape the future of Hanna is welcome to attend. Volunteers are an integral part of offering programs at our school. Please join! If you would be interested in volunteering occasionally, we could use your help! Just call and let us know your interest.

Visitors

There is controlled access to all doors in the school. There is a buzzer to the right of the main entrance doors. All visitors to the office are required to sign into the office and enter through our controlled entrance.

Areas for Our School to Improve:

A look at attendance over the past year indicates we can do better to support student learning. Students really should be attending every single day for many reasons. One reason is that consistency and structure helps the day to run smoothly for all students. When students attend irregularly, they can feel confused about the day to day expectations. When they arrive late, they miss out on learning and also disrupt lessons for others.

The second reason is that missing school, even once per month, impacts their learning. Students are taught new concepts daily. As well, concepts are reviewed and practiced daily. If they miss, then they don't get the chance to learn along with the rest of the class and their chances to reinforce key concepts with teacher support are missed. As a staff, we have discussed the importance of punctual and regular attendance. While we recognize that some circumstances cannot be helped, we are asking for your partnership to increase on time arrivals and attendance at Hanna.

Another focus for our school this year will be on assessment driven instruction. Teachers will be examining how they use assessments to plan for meeting individual and whole class learning needs. We want to ensure everyone receives learning that supports them to make academic gains. If your teacher suggests practice that is specifically for your child, it is because they've identified through assessments that your child would benefit. Your partnership to fulfill any of these requests is greatly appreciated as it will support your child to work towards their academic goals. Every little bit helps! Thank you for partnering with us to make the most of your child's education.

School Calendar for 2023-2024

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| First Day of School | Sep.5 |
| P.A. Day | Sept. 15 |
| P.A. Day | Oct. 6 |
| Board Holiday | Oct. 9 |
| P.A. Day | Nov. 17 |
| Winter Break | Dec. 25 – Jan. 5 |
| P.A. Day | Feb. 2 |
| Family Day..... | Feb.19 |
| March Break..... | Mar.11-15 |
| Board Holiday | Mar 29 |
| Board Holiday..... | Apr. 1 |
| P.A. Day | Apr. 26 |
| Victoria Day | May. 20 |
| P.A. Day | Jun. 7 & 28 |
| Last Day of Classes | Jun. 27 |

Below:

School Council Chair, Sabrina Knol, and volunteer Robin Wood, are inflating balls to get ready for the school year. The school council helped provide outdoor equipment to help keep students active! We owe a big thank you to School Council for all they do for our school throughout the year.

Message from the School Council Chair 2022/23

Hello families of Hanna!

I hope everyone had a great summer, and are as excited for this school year as I am. I'm very excited to see some familiar faces and meet some new ones at our Hanna Happening. Come say hello at the Book fair and see all the amazing books for at home, or to donate to a classroom.

The year brings with it so many great opportunities for getting involved. We have hot lunches each month, a book fair twice a year, and a few fundraisers throughout the year. We also would love to welcome new members to our Parent council.

If you're interested in volunteering for any of these things, please contact Mrs. Weston in the office. Volunteers help make a great school even better!

Looking forward to a wonderful year!

-Sabrina

