



**HAWTHORNE**  
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## **Final Weekly News of the Year**

**Friday, June 19, 2020**

Today was the last day of learning, both in-class and online, for all students, including those from ESW families. It has certainly been the strangest, and most difficult end to a school year that anyone could have imagined!

### **ESW Childcare**

If there are any ESW families who have not yet informed the office of their needs for childcare next Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, please let us know as soon as possible. We will have space set up for children of ESW families to be cared for on those days, if needed. There will not be childcare available on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, or Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Technology Returns**

Teachers have been contacting families who borrowed technology from the school in order to manage the online learning this term. It is now time to return those ChromeBooks and chargers to the school. If you have not already set up a time with your teacher for next Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, please do so.

### **Lost and Found**

As usual, we have an overflowing bin of lost and found items. Normally we would display them in the hallways for families to come and claim items. As that is not possible this year, we will put them outside around the building, beginning at the gym wall, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please take the opportunity to peruse the items and re-claim any that may belong to your family. The remaining items will be gathered up and given to the Ladner Thrift Store, when it is once again accepting donations.

### **Closure with Teachers**

Teachers will be at school next week organizing their classrooms, receiving borrowed technology, and returning possessions to those who still need to pick them up. This is an opportunity for those students who did not return to in-class learning at the beginning of June to connect for the final time in person with their teacher. We know that many students and families have been hesitant to come into the building. Now would be a chance, with very few people in the school, to make that contact. I hope that some of you will take advantage of that time. If you feel able to do so, please email your child's teacher to set up a time.

### **Staff Leaving**

As happens every school year, there are a number of staff members who will be leaving us at the end of June. Hawthorne is very sorry to say goodbye to the following people:

Ms. Sundaran, Grade 5 Teacher

Ms. Garcha, Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Kim, Grade 5/6 Teacher

Ms. Smith, Grade 1 Teacher

Ms. Villegas, Grade 2 Teacher

Ms. Shaw, Kindergarten Teacher  
 Mr. Lee, Music Teacher  
 Ms. Cotter-Jackson, Education Assistant  
 Ms. Hamilton, Education Assistant  
 Mrs. Bartlett, Education Assistant  
 Ms. Foucher, Education Assistant  
 Ms. Duke, School Psychologist

**Goodbye to Mrs. Jensen**

The Hawthorne school community is also sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Jensen, our fantastic Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Jensen has made the very happy decision to retire at the end of June, and for that reason, we are very happy for her as she begins the next exciting phase of her life. However, I know I speak for all the staff and our families when I say how much she will be missed!

**September**

At this point in time, no one can say what September will bring us as a province in regards to the pandemic. As a school system, we are currently in Stage 3 of the Ministry of Education’s 5 response stages.

Stage 5	Stage 4	Stage 3	Stage 2	Stage 1
100% suspension of in-class learning	Limited In-Class Learning for: Students with diverse needs, vulnerable students, ESW families	<b>Density</b> Grades K-5- 50% Grades 6-12- 20%	<b>Density</b> Grades K-7 100% Grades 8-12 40%	<b>Density</b> 100% attendance for all students
100% On-line Learning	100% On-line Learning	Grades K-5 – 2 days per week Grades 6-12 – 1 day per week	Grades K-7 – 5 days per week Grades 8-12 – 2 days per week	5 days per week for all students

We sincerely hope that the COVID numbers will continue to drop and stabilize sufficiently to move us into the next stage of recovery. The District will be sending out some communication to help families to prepare for September. However, we might not have firm plans until later in the summer. I apologize for not having any clearer information for you at this point. We are making plans that will allow us to reconvene school in Stage 3 and then make adjustments through to Stage 2, where attendance density numbers will be increased.

**Farewell**

I’d like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the wonderful community that makes Hawthorne Elementary so special. I have found the level of family involvement in the life of the school and support of the staff to be exceptional. I will truly miss your children. I have loved my two years here and am thankful to have had such a special school as my last assignment of my educational career. While this is definitely not the times in which I envisioned leaving, I will be taking some fabulous memories with me. Thank you all!

