



Hawthorne Elementary School

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Welcome Back!

Dear Hawthorne Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! We are both thrilled to be joining the Hawthorne community this year. As we have been preparing for the return to school, we have been warmly welcomed by the staff and know we will be working with a fantastic team. We hope that you and your families have been enjoying the summer break and look forward to getting to know you and your children.

See you all on Tuesday, September 5!

Sincerely,

Ms. Cranston & Ms. Stec Skillings
Principal Vice Principal

Welcome to New Staff

We would like to extend a big Hawthorne welcome to our new staff. Over the coming days, there may be additional changes, as district staffing processes are completed.

Ms. Cheng Ms. Devos Ms. Doolan Ms. Huth Ms. Rea Ms. Sharma

Contacting Staff and School

Communication between home and school helps increase student success. All school district employees have a district email address. These use each staff member's first initial and last name followed by the extension @deltaschools.ca. For example, to Erin Cranston's email is ecranston@deltaschools.ca. Our school has a general email as well, which you can use if you are unsure how to reach a staff member. The general email is hawthorne.elem@deltaschools.ca. As always, parents can phone the school at 604-946-7601 to connect with teachers and administration. We recommend booking any appointments with staff in advance so they can allow for sufficient time to address any questions that arise.

Wellness and School

The best way to keep the school community healthy is for staff and students to stay home when they show signs of illness. Students should stay at home if they have cold/flu symptoms like vomiting, runny nose, fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. They should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. Please have a plan for childcare in the event they get sick. If they come to school unwell, they can make other students and staff sick and they often feel too miserable to learn. Families will be contacted to pick students up from school in that situation.

HAWTHORNE PARKING

Parking is a challenge at all schools. We need the cooperation of all drivers to ensure we have a safe return to school for all of our students and families. Please remember:

- School zone speeds of 30 km/h are in effect around our school.
- Be aware of student and adult crossing guards at our two main crosswalks.
- The two paved areas beside the roundabout are PARENT PARKING, the lot by the gym is STAFF ONLY.
- There is NO PARKING in the roundabout in front of the school. This is used to pull up to the curb, children exit with their bags, and the car pulls out to allow others to drop off. Drivers MAY NOT EXIT their vehicle.
- The section near the garden boxes is for DAYCARE BUSES only at all times.

To help reduce congestion and keep everyone safe, please consider:

- Dropping off intermediate-aged students at the Hawthorne Park parking lot or near the path on Grove Avenue. This is a good opportunity to develop responsibility and independence.
- Parking on the streets around the school and/or walking students to class.
- Having an older student in the neighbourhood walk with younger students to school.
- Collecting students at a designated meeting place at the end of the day.
- Reminding students to be ready to go at the roundabout for after school pick up.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL 2023-2024

****Please note, Grades 1-7 will be in attendance from 8:57 to 12:00 (first bell is 8:52) on Tuesday, September 5 and then in attendance for full days moving forward****

Students will return to last year’s classes next Tuesday, and then will be reassigned groupings in the first few days. During this time, returning students will have the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with their peers and new students will be welcomed into our community. This will allow us time to ensure all students are accounted for, noting any students who have moved in or out of the neighbourhood and taking time to revisit the class building completed in June.

The information below will assist students in knowing where to go on their first days back. Please know we will be in a holding pattern of temporary classrooms until we get clearance from the School District to enter our new class arrangements. We recommend not sending all of your child’s school supplies with them until they are established in new classes. We also strongly encourage you to establish a meeting point for students to meet you or a caregiver at the end of the school day for pickup. This will be especially helpful once students are placed in their new classes, as they may exit from a different location than they previously had.

In the chart below, you will find the name of student’s last-year teachers, which rooms they will report to for drop off and pick up, and which teacher will be supervising them for the first days of class. The map below the chart shows where each room is located. Students will find signs close to those rooms indicating where to line up. Please note that in some cases the room, the teacher, or both may be different than last year.

Last year’s Kindergarten students will be greeted by their teachers at the garden. They will then spend time with Ms. Doolan, Ms. Mack, and Ms. Minci while their last-year teachers go to meet the incoming Kindergarten students.

New students in Grades 1-7 and those returning from Homequest will check in at the office and then proceed to the multipurpose room where they will be greeted by staff and then placed with a temporary peer group.

Last Year’s Teacher	Room To Line Up At	Temporary Teacher Supervising
Ms. Minci	D-123 – same	Ms. Graham - new
Ms. Graham	D-122 – same	Ms. Graham
Mr. Tang	E-127 – same	Mr. Tang
Mr. Granum	E-128 – same	Mr. Granum
Ms. Lloyd	E-129 – same	Ms. Lloyd
Ms. Hunter	D-124 – same	Ms. Hunter
Ms. McGill/Holliday	E-130 - same	Ms. McGill/Holliday
Ms. Nakagawa	D-125 - same	Ms. Nakagawa
Ms. Cherry	A-120 – same	Ms. Robertson - new
Ms. Retallick/Watts	A-118 – same	Ms. Retallick/Doolan - new
Ms. Selles	B-105 – same	Ms. Selles
Ms. Froh	A-117 – same	Ms. Froh
Ms. Bohmert	A-119 – same	Ms. Payette - new
Ms. Foulkes	B-104 – same	Ms. Foulkes
Ms. A. McGill	B-103 – same	Mrs. A. McGill
Ms. Atkinson	B-102 – same	Ms. Atkinson
Ms. Janzen/Stewart	Garden-new	Ms. Janzen/Ms. Mack- new
Ms. Watts/Cross	Garden-new	Ms. Watts/Ms. Minci- new
Ms. Tews/Cross	Garden-new	Ms. Tews/Ms. Doolan - new
STUDENTS NEW TO HAWTHORNE	Please line up outside the front doors of the school. Staff will greet students and bring them to the Multipurpose Room.	Ms. Emigh and Ms. Fischer

HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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