



Herman Street Public School



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SEPTEMBER 2015

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome back and welcome to Herman Street Public School!!! On behalf of the Herman Street Staff, it is with great excitement and anticipation that we welcome you to a new school year!! A special welcome to all the new Herman Street families who are joining us this school year and we welcome back the families who are returning for another year. We hope everyone had a relaxing and restful summer with family and friends!

The dedicated and caring staff at Herman Street continue to support learning in all subject areas as well as the RCDSB common character virtues that students are expected to demonstrate — Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Initiative, Perseverance, Integrity, Courage and Optimism. These traits are woven into our daily learning with a special celebration assembly at the end of each month to showcase one of the traits. Students are encouraged to set goals to strive for excellence personally, socially and academically.

This year at Herman Street we would like to welcome Mrs. Johnston who is teaching French & the Arts, Ms. Cashin who is teaching some of the Arts and Mrs. Harris who is teaching grade 1/2. My gratitude is extended to Mrs. Leah Inglis and Ms. Marlene Tate who worked tirelessly to ensure our school was shiny and clean.

I would also like to thank you in advance for supporting your child/children by discussing what they are learning at school, reading with them at home, practicing math computation skills and assisting with homework when needed. A strong home-school relationship will help our children become the best they can be!

I am looking forward to a wonderful year at Herman Street once again with lots of learning and fun!

Sincerely,

Veletia Richards

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

Website

Please check out our school website for future electronic copies of our newsletters as well as important dates, special events and information.

Notification of future newsletters on our website as well as updates will be emailed to parents. If we do not have your email address, please contact the office.

If you wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please let the office know.

Our website also features an interactive calendar highlighting upcoming activities and events as well as an on-going news section to help keep you up to date with the happenings at Herman Street!

Please visit our website at—

<http://hrm.rcdsb.on.ca/>

2014-2015 Staff Directory



Principal	Ms. Veletia Richards	
Secretary	Ms. Heather Weisenberg	
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Nelda Noack	
Custodial Staff	Ms. Marlene Tate & Ms. Leah Inglis	
Kindergarten	Ms. Diane Hart	Room 1
Early Childhood Educator	Ms. Jessica Nephin	Room 1
Kindergarten	Ms. Melissa O'Rourke	Room 2
Early Childhood Educator	Ms. Cheryl Zebiere	Room 2
Grade 1/2	Ms. Cindi Chisholm	Room 5
Grade 1/2	Ms. Carly Harris	Room 4
Grade 2	Ms. Brenda Leggo	Room 3
Grade 3	Ms. Jennifer Francis	Room 6
Grade 4	Ms. Jennifer Young	Room 9
Grade 4/5	Ms. Krista Hammel	Room 15
Grade 6	Mr. Kerr Childerhose	Room 8
Grade 7	Mr. Mike Popke	Room 17
Grade 8	Ms. Faye St. John	Room 10
Special Education Teacher	Ms. Christina Gover	Room 20
French/Music/Art	Ms. Rilla LeCoz	Room 19
French/Music/Art	Ms. Melissa Johnston	Room 18
French/Music/Art	Ms. Sarah Cashin	Room 18
Educational Assistant	Ms. Christine Kinney	
Educational Assistant	Ms. Janice Maves	
Educational Assistant	Ms. Kerri Stitt	
Educational Assistant	Ms. Ashley Bramburger	

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 7 - Labour Day—no school
- Sept. 17 - School Council—6:00
- Sept. 25 - PA Day—no school for students
- Sept. 30 - Picture Day
- Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving—no school

****ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT****



Herman Street School is a nut aware school. Please take this into account when planning your child's lunches. Parents are encouraged to become familiar with reading food labels as you shop. We ask parents to avoid foods containing traces of peanuts/nuts/oils when making lunches. The only way to ensure a safe environment in our school is to ask for your co-operation.

Thanks in advance for your support!

HERMAN STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

HERMAN STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.	Yard Supervision Begins - Please do not arrive at school before 8:40 a.m.
9:00 - 11:06 a.m.	Instructional Time
11:06 - 11:26 a.m. 11:26 - 11:46 p.m.	Nutritional Break Activity Break
11:46 p.m. - 1:04 p.m.	Instructional Time
1:04 - 1:24 p.m. 1:24 - 1:44 p.m.	Nutritional Break Activity Break
1:44 - 3:20 p.m.	Instructional Time
3:20	Dismissal & Buses depart

SAFE ARRIVAL

The Ministry of Education has instituted a Safe Arrival Policy for students at school. This means that when a student is absent, we require notification of the absence. If the school does not receive notification when a student is absent, a telephone call will be made to the student's home to determine the reason for the absence. You can greatly assist us by telephoning the school or informing the teacher of the absence. If the child's absence is planned due to an appointment or other commitment, please send a note to the teacher or you may call the school and leave a message on the answering machine.

Thank you for your support.

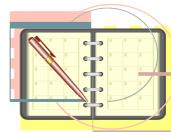
Visitor's and Drop-off & Pick-up Protocol

As a safety precaution, and to avoid the disruption and interruption of the learning environment, we will continue to follow the protocol below for all visitors to the school, including parents.

- All visitors/parents must report to the office. Visitors who need to go beyond the office into the school population will be given identification badges to wear and will be required to sign the visitor's log and indicate the reason for the visit.
- Parents picking up children at the school will be asked to wait at the office or outside where students exit.
- Appointments to visit a classroom or meet a teacher should be made ahead of time at a mutually agreeable time.
- **All entrances will be locked at all times.**

STUDENT AGENDAS

The planner is the main tool for all of our students for organizational skills. Teachers will enable students to use the planner to learn to schedule and set priorities. The planner is also the main communication tool between the teacher and home. Please send notes in the planner and check daily for communications from the classroom. Please check your child's agenda each evening or have them check it for notes or homework if your child is using an agenda in his/her class.



Yard Supervision

Please note that our yard is not supervised until 8:40 am. Students should not be arriving on the yard until that time.

Thank you!

Use of Computers, Networks and Technological Devices

The RCDSB Administrative Procedure 141 addresses the implications of the use of technology in terms of safety, privacy and intrusion into district schools. The procedure states clear expectations for all Users who access the Board network or who use Board or Personal-owned devices while on Board property. The full Procedure is published at the RCDSB website: www.rcdsb.on.ca (and click on "Board" then the "Administrative Procedures" link).

Users are required to promote responsible use of board resources and to refrain from unauthorized access or abuse. Users are expected to make every attempt to avoid inappropriate materials. They are required to use computers and electronic devices as educational, business and communications tools and to avoid any use which has a negative impact on safe, caring and orderly schools/administrative buildings.

Personal technological devices may be used during instructional time for educational purposes under the direction of the teacher. Students must follow the rules of the classroom and school policy.

The school and/or RCDSB is not responsible for personal technological devices in the event of loss, damage or theft.

Cyber bullying is using electronic means to intimidate, harm, shun, attack or ruin a reputation. Cyber bullying includes the use of e-mails and instant messaging, text or digital imaging sent on cell phones, web pages and web logs (blogs), chat rooms and discussion groups.

Cyber bullying, when taking place off the school/work site or outside school/work hours normally are not school/work matters, but rather community or police issues. However, these activities can have an impact on the school/work and negatively affect the safety, climate and the learning environment at the school/work. In such cases, the use of the Internet and electronic messaging for bullying or harassment may be dealt with by the Principal.



Labour Update for Elementary School

As a result of strike action by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, the Board has received notice that elementary teachers will no longer be planning, organizing or participating in any field trips. Teachers will not be collecting any monies or be involved in any fundraising activities. Teachers will not participate in any "Meet the Teacher" events occurring outside of instructional hours. Elementary teachers may continue with sports and other extra-curricular activities as long as they are not handling money or paperwork needed by the school. Negotiations continue at the provincial and local level and updates will be posted on the RCDSB website as new information becomes available.

Important News for Parents/Volunteers

A reminder that all parents/volunteers need a Criminal Background Check to help in the school or assist on school excursions. To avoid disappointment it is recommended that parents apply for a CBC at the beginning of the school year. There is a form which the OPP requires from the parent/volunteer to complete, which is available through the school office. It is suggested you apply for a CBC as soon as possible. Once you have a CBC it is good with the Board for three years, but volunteers need to complete an Offence Declaration each year until the three year period is up. Parents unsure of their CBC date can contact the school office. Get your CBC now to avoid disappointment later when wanting to participate in school activities with your child. If you would like to help out in the school or with any trips or events, please let your child's teacher know that you are willing to help! Thanks in advance for your help!

Kids Plus Accident Insurance

The School Board does not pay for accident expenses if your child is injured on school property. You may wish to consider the student accident insurance offered each year at this time.

For more information or to apply online, please visit www.kidsplus.ca, or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at 1-800-556-7411.

School Council News

Our next school council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:00 pm. This will be our first meeting of the year and elections will be held during the meeting to establish a Chair for the year. The Chair will be responsible for setting future meetings and agendas. Please come out to join us and assist in the learning of our students.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

CHEESE!



School Pictures will take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2015!

PHOTOGRAPHS



From time to time, local media will be in the school to cover our special events. This may involve the taking of photographs that could lead to print in a local media outlet. Should you not wish to have your child's photo taken for public circulation (website, newspaper, school newsletter), please inform the office.

HERMAN STREET MILK PROGRAM

Milk will continue to be sold on a monthly basis. An order form will be sent home prior to each month.

Students will have a choice of white or chocolate for the month.

Milk will start at a future date and parents will be notified when the milk program begins.



Morning Announcements

Any parents wishing to have their child/children opt out of some or all of our morning exercises are asked to state their intentions in writing and kindly address it to the Principal.



MEDICATION

Medication of any kind cannot be administered at the school unless a parent fills out a **Consent Form for the Administration of Health Service and/or Prescribed Medication**. This form is available at the office. Parents must fill out a new form every school year, so if your child was receiving medication last year and you have not filled out a form you should do so a.s.a.p. **NO** medication will be given to a child without this form. Short term medication, i.e., an antibiotic for colds or infection, will **not** be administered by the school. Parents will need to make alternate arrangements for their child. Parents of students who are part of our medical protocol, i.e., anaphylactic, should have received current documentation that needs to be updated. If you did not receive a package containing your child's information please contact the office.



Important Information Regarding Bussing

Transportation Information for Parents

- Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium
- 999 Cecelia St.,
- Pembroke, ON K8B 1A4
- Telephone Number: 613-732-8419 or 1-888-732-8419
- Email: trans@onthebus.ca



Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium has a new website - check it out!

- Requests for new bussing, address change, school change, sitter change can be addressed at the following website — **onthebus.ca**
- Please go to the new transportation website, onthebus.ca, where you can determine eligibility for transportation based on your address and if eligible, request transportation by following the link provided and completing the online request form.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms so come in and check us out!

Why Use School Cash Online?

- Convenient** - Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home
- Easy To Use** - Online shopping with various payment methods
- Safe** - Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school
- Saves Time** - Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

To register, please visit _____ rcdsb.schoolcashionline

HEADLICE

Each year several cases of head lice are reported at Herman Street Public School. Head lice can affect anyone, but most often it affects younger school-age children. Children are especially prone to these pests as they often play close together where heads may come in close contact. Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action will help reduce the inconvenience to children. We encourage parents to look at their children's hair on a regular basis. Please remind your child(ren) to not share their hats with other students. Long hair can be braided or pinned close to the head. If you find any head lice or nits (eggs) please inform the school so that other parents can be advised to check the heads of others.

Thank you for your cooperation!



MONCION RECEIPT PROGRAM

We are again running the Moncion Receipt Program and would appreciate any receipts over \$25 that have been stamped by the cashier at time of purchase. Funds raised from this will be used for school wide activities (i.e. play day) and in class activities such as science experiments.

Thank you for your support!

STUDENT VERIFICATION INFORMATION

It is important that parents keep their child's/children's records up-to-date. It is very important that the school has the latest information regarding phone numbers, extension numbers, sitter, etc. Students will be bringing verification forms home later this week for you to make any changes or corrections. Please return it to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe with accurate records so that we can contact parents when needed.