

Cougar Connection

September 2017
Collins Bay Public School



Welcome back to an exciting new school year at Collins Bay Public School. We extend a special welcome to those of you who are new to our school community.

We are always impressed with the caring culture of our school which is reflected in the courteous manner of our students, the professionalism of staff, and the engaging learning environment created by all. Our staff is committed to providing strong literacy and mathematics programs and

innovative practices across the curriculum to develop higher level thinking skills essential for student success. We are excited about beginning our new school year with a focus on our Character Education program which will continue with daily announcements, quotes of the week, and recognition of great character. We ROCK at Collins Bay Public School; it will continue to take on meaning for our students as we expand their skills involved with each of the character traits Respect, Responsibility, Optimism, Citizenship, Co-operation, Citizenship, and Kindness. Respect and Responsibility are the traits we will focus on during September and October. We will continue to solve problems using WITS and LEADS strategies with the assistance and support of staff and our community Officer.

PLEASE NOTE: We are a **SHELLFISH, FISH AND PEANUT AWARE SCHOOL**: We have several students in our school with a severe food allergy to shellfish, fish and peanuts/nuts. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food to prevent a **life-threatening allergic reaction**. We are asking your help to provide the students with a safe school environment. Any exposure to shellfish, fish, Caesar salad dressing, or peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any shellfish, fish, Caesar salad dressing, peanut or nut containing products to school with your child that will be eaten in the classroom. If your child has eaten shellfish, fish or peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school. We appreciate your support of these procedures.

The first meeting of the School Council is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and will include elections of the executive for the 2017 - 2018 school year. We encourage all our parents to be actively involved in their children's education by attending School Council meetings, supporting council activities, and/or becoming a member of the Collins Bay Public School Council.

We are excited about the variety of activities and opportunities available to students in Academics, the Arts, Athletics, and in Leadership. Collins Bay certainly is a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow! We look forward to working closely with our families and community to continue to make learning a positive and enjoyable experience for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Education * Administrative Team * Laurel Cruise-Alkenbrack & John Mooney

Collins Bay Child Care Centre Fall Newsletter

Did you know...

Collins Bay Child Care Centre provides a **Before and After School Program**, licensed by the Ministry of Education, for children 3.8 years - 12 years of age right in the Collins Bay Public School!

This seamless day concept enables the children to continue to learn and grow hours after the school bell rings with fewer transitions and disruptions to contend with during their day and their family's day.

Full Day School Age Care is also offered on all P.A Days and School holidays; there is still space available for the Sept. 29/17 PA Day.

Spaces are currently available and you are invited to contact us at 613-634-6694 or visit our website at www.kingstondaycare.org for further information on how to register your child today!

Upcoming Events

September 13 th	Parent Council Meeting, 6:00pm
September 15 th	Theatre Production, grades 5-8
September 27 th	Terry Fox Walk, 2:00pm
September 28 th	Open House
September 29 th	P.A. Day



Yard Supervision

Students should not come to school before 8:45 a.m. Please be aware that there is no supervision in place for students until 8:45 a.m.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping your children safe.

Students should go directly to the school yard when they arrive at school in the morning.

They said it themselves ...

Students were asked: How was your first week of school?

Carlos, JK: "It was so great & beautiful".

Xanny, SK: "I like being at school and playing with my Rapunzel dolly".

Bree, gr. 1: "It was a good week. I like recess and playing on the monkey bars."

Alice, gr. 2: "It was a great week. The best part was probably seeing my friends."

Kacy, gr. 3: "It was an awesome week. I'm happy to see my friends."

Layla, gr. 4: "It was a good week. I like my class. Gym & eating are the best parts."

Henri, gr. 5: "It was a good week. I like Gym and recess."

Abby, gr. 6: "It was a good week. I really like math right now. I used to have trouble with math but I'm doing better!"

Dominique, gr. 7: "It was a good week. I like being back at school."

Hailey, gr. 8: "It's been a good first week. As for being the only grade 8 student, it's kinda awesome and kinda not!"

School Timetable

9:00 - 10:40	Instructional Time	100 minutes
10:40 - 11:00	First Lunch	20 minutes
11:00 - 11:20	First Recess	20 minutes
11:20 - 1:00	Instructional Time	100 minutes
1:00 - 1:20	Second Lunch	20 minutes
1:20 - 1:50	Second Recess	30 minutes
1:50 - 3:30	Instructional Time	100 minutes

Staff Organization for the 2016-2017 School Year

Principal	Mrs. L. Alkenbrack
Vice-Principal/Student Support Teacher	Mr. J. Mooney
Secretary	Mrs. S. Hargrave
Head Caretaker	Mr. K. McDonald
Evening Caretaker	Mr. D. Sauve
Kindergarten Teacher	Ms. L. Bulgin
Grade 1/2/3 Teacher	Mrs. L. Sinclair
Grade 3/4/5 Teacher	Mrs. V. Boyce
Grade 6/7/8 Teacher	Mr. B. Beacock
Planning Time/SST	Mrs. S. Hamberger
French	Mme S. Hirschberger
Junior Autism Program	Mrs. C. Laird
Early Childhood Educator	TBA
Educational Assistants	Ms. M. Stacey, Mrs. H. VanDasselaar, Ms. L. Fleming, Ms. K. Obery, Mrs. B. Scott
Lunch Duty/Yard Supervisor	Mrs. D. Stacey & Mr. J. McKay

*We extend a warm welcome to our new staff:
Ms. Bulgin, Mrs. Laird, Ms. Obery
and Mr. McKay*



Bye, Bye Birdy

It is lots of fun to focus on the beginning sounds in words. This is called alliteration. The beginning **sound** is the key, as in **cool & kids**.

Alphabet Tongue Twister Game

Make up one-line tongue twisters with your children.

A: An ape ate Ace's acorn.

B: Baby Bobby bounced better by bedtime.

C: Cory collected cans, counting continuously.

Betty Botter by Mother Goose

Betty Botter bought some butter,
But, she said, the butter's bitter;
If I put it in my batter
It will make my batter bitter,
But a bit of better butter
Will make my batter better.



Some books that include alliteration:

Miss Mary Mack by Mary Ann Hoberman

Sheep on a Ship by Nancy Shaw

Early Literacy Specialists



Supporting Healthy Schools

Parenting in KFL&A



Listen, respond and connect with your child.

Tip: Spend time with your child doing something you both enjoy.



Let your child play. Help them grow. Keep them safe.

Tip: Play builds healthy brains! Give your child freedom to play.



It's okay to take care of yourself. It's part of parenting.

Tip: Take a walk. Connect with a friend. You matter too.



Help your child recognize and work through their emotions.

Tip: Encourage your child to use their words to tell you how they feel.

For more parenting tips, visit: kflaph.ca/parenting

In partnership with local community agencies.