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The goal of this welcome package is to **introduce you to our school, answer questions that you may have, and connect you with our community and resources that you may need!** We know that no matter if you are starting JK or grade 6, a new school environment can be hard. Let us know how we can help!

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Important Next Dates For 2023/24

Huron Spring Picnic June 16 2023



Our biggest school event happens annually in June; **Huron's Spring Picnic!** For one day a year, Huron is transformed into a Fun Fair for all! Our entire community comes out to see and be seen one last time before summer sweeps in. Enjoy games and crafts, bouncy castles and book sales, food stalls and summer refreshments, and tons more fun for the whole family! This year's **Spring Picnic is June 16th, 5PM-8PM,** we hope to see you there! You may even make some new friends before school even starts!

First Day Back & Coffee for Caregivers: Date TBD Sept 2023

When there is no wonderful Rejuvenation Project going on, usually, you can Join us in front of the school for some hot coffee and conversation after those First Day School Jitters! Meet parent and caregivers new and old and start the year off with a smile.

Huron Open Doors & Meet the Teacher BBQ: Date Oct 3 2023

In early fall, Huron hosts a **Welcome Back Barbeque**, which is our first social event of the year. This year, enjoy our Huron Open Doors event and grab grilled goodies, play outdoor games, enjoy Huron swag at our Hawk Shop, and meet parent vendors! Tour the class where your child is thriving and meet and greet teachers and staff, and don't forget fellow classmates too! This is where lifelong friendships begin, after all.

Huron Holiday Fun - Coming this 2023/24 Year-

- Huron Halloween Haunt - Oct 26 (Featuring spooky movies, and more!)
- Snowball Social
- Huron Hop Easter Scavenger Hunt

Huron at the Movies - All year long (dates TBD for 2023)

Approximately once every few months, the Huron Gym transforms into a theatre and the smell of popcorn fills the air! Kids grab their adults and favourite stuffies and comfies, and Huron families gather to watch kid friendly movies. Occasionally we add a potluck and mingle for parents in the library too! Watch for more info in September.

2023/4 Shirt Days At A Glance!

Orange Shirt Day: Saturday, Sept 30, 2023

Pink Shirt Day: Wed, Feb 28, 2024



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Getting Around The School

Accessibility Support

While we are hoping to change Huron's extremely limited accessibility, our historical buildings make it a goal we continue to strive towards. Until then, staff and community are there to help!

Currently, in order to assist with wheeled mobility aids, modular ramps can be moved to the ***side door by the field***, and where mobility limits stair usage in general, spaces on the ground floor can be easily arranged for meetings. Zoom meetings or phone calls with educators can also always be requested. Huron also uses hybrid meetings (streaming online and in person simultaneously) so that everyone can take part in monthly School Council Meetings.

At Huron we understand that accessibility is more than just 'a ramp'. If there is an environmental suggestion, or other accommodation that aligns with you or your family's needs or if you have any suggestions or comments, please speak to your homeroom teacher or call the school principal, Mr. Rewega.

Map of Huron

On the following page is a map of our school.



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Who is Huron School?

Huron School is made up of approximately 300 students and their families, and has a richly diverse community. We look out for each other, and care greatly for our children and their education! We all strive to make our kids' learning and social experiences here as positive and memorable as we can. Throughout the year we also host several community events that give us a chance to get to know each other better, and build a stronger bond.

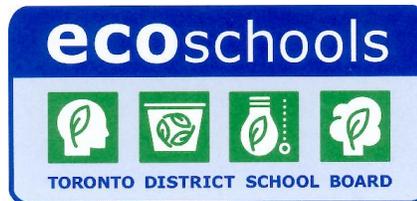
At Huron we celebrate anti-racism, diversity and inclusion! As educators, parents and caregivers we keep paving the way for growth, learning and change. We believe in accessibility, and we are constantly working towards it!

We acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat, and we recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples.

We honour our Earth! Huron is a Platinum Level **Eco School** and is committed to improving our impact on the Earth. We participate in a **litter free lunch** program and observe a monthly Earth hour, where we power down as much as possible. We support several types of recycling programs, from batteries to toothbrushes!

Huron assemblies bring us all together! Huron hosts 3-5 assemblies a year with amazing experiences and wonderful guests. This past year we were honoured to host Indigenous Elders, Disability Advocates from Holland Bloorview, and even Fred Fox - Terry Fox's brother! We also saw talented opera singers, learned from professional Lacrosse players and experienced awe inspiring puppet shows among others!

We can't wait to get to know you!





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Faces Around the School

Let's make the first days of school a little less scary by introducing you to the friendly people and around the school and the everyday processes we rely on to get through the week!



Peter Rewega, Principal

Huron is a cherished place to so many. For over a century, Huron has stood as a cornerstone of education, a place where thousands of families, across generations have entered our doors. Our dedicated staff are committed to enhancing the lives of our students and our engaged school council is a testament to our community's strength, always ready to lend a helping hand and building community through school events. At Huron we prioritize creating a haven of safety and support for everyone—parents and students alike. Let us work together to ensure that our school continues to be a place where every individual can thrive and each day our students can work hard, work smart and work together.

Friendly Office and Support Staff



Anne Peterson, Office Assistant

When you walk into the office you will see Anne's smiling face! You will also be hearing Anne's voice on the phone if you call in to discuss an absence, appointment, or anything else! Anne helps with everything - somehow, she knows all and sees all, and smiles that whole time. We are very lucky to have Anne on our team. If you have a school related question, call and ask Anne! She will put you in the right direction.

Custodial Support

The Custodial team is essential to Huron, and their smiling faces and helpful hands make them Hawkstars all year long! If you see them, make sure you say hello to the hard workers that keep the halls and grounds of our school clean and in great working order!

Your Homeroom Teacher

At Huron, we know that connecting with your homeroom teacher *before* the year begins is important, however this is something that can't often happen. In some rare cases, for Full Day Kindergarten, teachers may try to reach out and introduce themselves to the family by way of letter or email before the year begins. Most often however, our first day of school is a **great day of greeting and meeting!** Students in all classes arrive and meet with volunteers, teachers, or find their names on lists to see what teachers and class divisions they are in. There are lots of smiling faces and friendly helping hands to ease jitters for parents and students! Your homeroom teacher will then send home introduction letters, curriculum overviews, and any other correspondence to warmly welcome you to their classroom.



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Calling In for Absences

The Safe Arrival Program

If your child can't make it to school due to illness, family matters, medical appointments or other reasons, please call the school and let them know! Absences can be partial, morning, half or full days, etc.-the important thing is that you call! **(416) 393-1570**

If you have questions or need assistance getting your child ready for a midday or afternoon appointment, connect with **Anne Peterson** or our office staff and they will assist you.

Staying In Touch At Huron

Parent Reps and Class Lists

At the beginning of the year, each class puts together a list with the help of their homeroom teachers and a Parent Rep! This is a great way for kids to stay in touch outside of the class, plan playdates, and more! Parent Reps also make sure that key messages from the Parent Rep Coordinator and their teacher get sent out. Aside from pivotal communication, a Parent Rep also helps collect for holiday and end of year educator gifts! This is a really fun role that helps classes stay in touch and relationships bloom, all year long at Huron. If you are interested in becoming a rep for your class, speak to your homeroom teacher or stay tuned for news in September!

Weekly Updates: Huron Happenings E-Newsletter

This weekly roundup from the principal reminds parents and students about TDSB news, pizza days, sports tryouts, movie nights and more, so make sure to check your inbox!

Huron on Social Media

Huron has a very active social (media) life! We love seeing new faces and sharing stories about community events like our Spring Picnic or Family Movie Nights; Spiritwear and other fundraising, food drives, community engagement and so much more! Add us to your feed! You might even be able to help us by sharing our news - who knew volunteering could be so easy! Here are our handles - we hope you 'like' us.

Facebook Page: [facebook.com/@HuronFFC](https://www.facebook.com/@HuronFFC)

Instagram: [instagram.com/@HuronFFC](https://www.instagram.com/@HuronFFC)



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Connecting at Huron: Committees & Community

There are lots of ways you can connect at Huron - whether you want to meet new friends and have a coffee, or join a group to make things happen! Here are some of the ways Huron comes together.

Huron School Council

Approximately once a month in the evening (9 meetings per year total), Huron parents and caregivers come together to discuss Huron's inner workings! We follow a formal agenda which usually covers a treasury report, ward news, principal's report, the latest in fundraising, community needs, curriculum enhancement and more! Join us on *Zoom* or if you come in person, there is *childcare and pizza for the kids!* All are welcome! Your voice matters. Watch for the next meeting in our weekly e-newsletter, *Huron Happenings*. **If you would like to be added to the council email list please contact us at huronschooljr@gmail.com**

Huron Community Needs & Support Committee

Huron is made up of a diverse demographic of families- so our community has a diverse range of needs reflected and supports required! This committee begins by developing a web of connection between parents through classroom Parent Reps. These reps are then able to develop a classroom community and communicate the needs of the parents in each class to the Parent Council. Secondly, through these reps, teachers and the office, this committee anonymously receives requests from families who have needs they do not have the resources to meet (ex. grocery gift cards, winter coats, indoor shoes) and we then discreetly source and shop to support these families. If you love building community, giving back and working with others to support our community, this committee is for you! **Contact: HuronCNSC@gmail.com**

Huron Fabulous Fundraising Committee (The FFC)

It takes a fun team to come together and execute all the community events at the school! If you are feeling FABULOUS and want to join in, you are welcome! You can do anything from share on social media to help us set up a movie night, our 'Hawk Shop' sales, Halloween Haunt, lend a cleaning hand at any event, or ANYTHING in between! All talents and energy have a place and everyone is welcome! **Let the team know you are interested at: HuronFFC@gmail.com**

Huron Pizza Lunch Team

One of our favourite things around the school (both with the kids and at home!) is PIZZA DAY! Our pizza day team helps make things run smoothly during the day and helps hand out slices. You can look for sign up opportunities when they are announced through Huron Happenings!

Huron Spring Picnic Committee

Each Year Huron does a few key fundraising events - but the HURON SPRING PICNIC is one of the biggest! There are tons of moving parts and room for lots of Huron hands! Reporting to the Picnic Chair, every year there are leads who step up to run the Food, Bake Sale, Volunteer, Auction, Donation, Logistics, Set Up, Clean Up, Games, Arts & Crafts, Book Sale, Ticket Sales and more! There are TONS of volunteer opportunities under each lead during planning and especially on the day of this beloved annual event. So watch for your opportunity to sign up! Or, let them know that you are available asap! **Connect at HuronFFC@gmail.com**



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Huron Welcoming Committee

This heartfelt group helps to organize and volunteer at school registration events, giving tours where appropriate and assisting in answering questions wherever possible. Volunteers here may also help organize events such as First Day of School Coffee for Caregivers, so there is a sense of ease and community created for those who are just starting out at Huron, and to help introduce them to those who may have already gotten used to the feeling of those 'first day jitters' with a few siblings. Other events volunteers may help with are the 'Welcome Back BBQ' in the fall. Throughout the year, this committee can help by ensuring arriving families are given Welcome Packages, and tours if appropriate.

Support for Families at Huron

Learning Support and Accommodations

Whether you are newly exploring and navigating your child's needs; are working with multiple parties towards an IEP; or are simply looking for a little extra support outside the classroom, Huron understands. Huron is there to work with you and your child! Please reach out to your homeroom teacher and Mr. Rewega to learn about the resources we have, and can connect you with.

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There is Help At Huron

Starting school sometime means a complete new start. Sometimes we find ourselves without coats, shoes, lunches, and other basic needs. Sometimes you need help. There is help at Huron. Huron understands, and we care about what the community needs. If you need some extra support or help please reach out to our principal Mr. Rewega, or to our email: HuronCNSC@gmail.com

Free Clothing Rack

Every year the front entrance of the school becomes a place of generosity and trade for caregivers and kids alike! Started by Mr. Snow and Ms. Katsoras, The Free Clothing Rack features washed, gently used items for kids! Take what you need - leave what you have outgrown! Look for the clothing rack to be set up sometime in the fall! You will see news about it in September.

Inclusion Policy

At Huron we believe that every Huron family is included! No matter what we do at Huron, whether we are hosting an event like a movie night or a bbq, selling our Spirit Wear, Pizza Lunch packages or other fundraising items, we make sure every child is included. There are 'buy for a Huron family' and extra donation options on everything we do to look after our community! If you need some extra support or have any questions about our inclusion policy please do not hesitate to talk to our school principal, **Mr. Rewega**.



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Before and After School Program Support

Supervision is provided between 8:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. each day. Students should be supervised by parents/caregivers outside of those hours.

Huron Superfriends

Huron Superfriends is a childcare centre located onsite - in Huron Street Public School -with before and after school support from 7:30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. They also offer a lunch program, occasional support, and childcare on PA days, and holidays.

“Superfriends currently runs two programs, a Kindergarten and a School Age Program. It is licensed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services to provide care for 59 children from six to twelve years of age for the School Age Program, and 52 children from three and a half to five years of age for the Kindergarten Program. During the school year, only Huron Street Public School children are eligible for daycare enrollment. In the summer months enrollment is open.”

Now that you are registered at Huron, contact Huron Superfriends for more information at 416-921-7551 or learn more at <https://huronsuperfriends.ca/>

Huron FUNdraising Family Welcome

The Hawk Shop

The next time you see us outside under our Hawk tent, or inside setting up our tables, come and say hi! Everyone loves our stickers, pencils, notebooks, chips, sour keys, coffee, fun Huron swag, and of course just wait until all the new Spirit Wear drops! The Hawk Shop means smiles!





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Spirit Wear

One of the favourite ways to show Huron Pride is by wearing it!

Watch for ways to order and for new inventory at our Hawk Shop! We have fresh fun wares like tshirts, hats, beanies, shorts, and more!



Mabel's Labels is a great way to keep your new Huron Hawkstar's favourite things out of the Lost and Found! We also have an ongoing fundraiser with them that gives 20% back to the school. Includes free shipping.