



June 2010

Ward 3 Oakville Report Card

**From the Desk of Stuart Miller,
Superintendent of Education, East Oakville schools**

This is the last newsletter for Ward 3 Oakville. I have tried to address as many of the outstanding issues as possible. There are still some challenges, which we are currently working through, but the communication for their resolution will come from the individual schools.

If there is an item or issue that has not be addressed, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-335-3663, ext. 3385, millers@hdsb.ca or through the Board's website at www.hdsb.ca

Construction/Renewal Update:

The site plan for New Central was approved by the Town of Oakville on June 8, 2010. Maple Grove site plan approval was also given, contingent on two minor alterations by the Board. It is expected full approval will be given by early July. As reported in the last newsletter, Maple Grove is scheduled to be completed by March 2011 and New Central the early Fall 2010.

The temporary accommodation plans for Maple Grove students have been determined and shared with school community. The JK to Grade 5 students will be at Chisholm and the Grade 6-8 students will be at Maple Grove. The temporary accommodation plan for the students at New Central has not yet been determined. It will be determined as soon as the staging of construction is finalized. The plan will be put on the Board's website in late

August

The work at E.J. James is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

James W. Hill is still on target for completion by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Information updates can be found on the Board's website at www.hdsb.ca. Go to the top right side of the page and click on the **About Us** link. After this page is open, click on **Facility Services** on the left navigation bar. When that page is opened, click on the **Construction** link on the left navigation bar.

Student dismissal in June 2010:

All elementary students in Ward 3 will be dis-

missed for the summer one day earlier than normally scheduled. Their last regular school day for this school year will be Monday, June 28. They will be dismissed at the regular time. This will allow teachers time to pack classroom resources on June 29 and start the move to their new schools on June 30.

There may be an additional day for unpacking in the new school year but this will vary from school to school depending on when the students are in their new classes. If there is an additional required day, letters will go home in ample time for parents to make child-care arrangements.


Resource allocation:

This process went very well and was led by all of the administrators in Ward 3. This included the current Ward 3 administrators and the administrators who will be in the schools in September.

Resources were distributed to ensure that each school has an adequate supply of resources for start up in September. The administrators did their best to ensure all student needs were met in each of the schools.

It was agreed at a Supercouncil meeting that the school administrators were the best people to determine the allocation of these resources.

Supercouncil:



I want to say a special thanks to the members of the Supercouncil. They have given up a considerable amount of time to try and make the transition of the Ward 3 schools go as smoothly as possible. As you

are no doubt aware, there have been a number of areas where challenges to make this happen have occurred. The Supercouncil has been invaluable in helping problem solve, keeping the community informed and challenging us (the Board) to ensure we are doing all we can to make this work successfully for students. May 25 was their last meeting and members will now continue to work with their own School Council and administrators of their new schools.

Construction Considerations:

Maple Grove and New Central will have students attending while construction continues. The Board will post the safety plans for these schools at the schools and on the Board's website. This information will also be sent home in a letter. The development of the safety plan involves the school administration, Architect, General Contractor, and possibly Halton Regional Health Department and Board Health and Safety staff. Some of the elements to be included in the plan and made public will be:

- Access to the site, staff, workers, visitors, trucks, deliveries
- Construction schedule posted and updated
- Access through, or to parts of, the buildings where students might be
- Review of school activities i.e. parent night, field day trips
- Notice prior to roofing or paving
- Designated staging area for contractor (interior or exterior)

From the Principals:

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

Mariam Wright Edelman

As we get closer to the end of this school year, we continue to be enthusiastic about the upcoming changes and moves.

We know that after meeting with our students through personal visits and TRIBES activities, there is a definite positive energy and excitement about what is coming up in September. Our students have had plenty of great questions and ideas. There is also an excitement building among staff members.

Superintendent Miller is providing each principal with time to meet with staff and we have started those important conversations around community building, instruction and programming. This will help to ensure that from day one each student knows they ‘belong’ at their new school.

All of us will continue planning and organizing the key pieces throughout the summer required to open each of our schools. If you have any questions, e-mail us. We are looking forward to continuing to meet all of you and your child(ren).

Sincerely,

- * Kathy Dmytraszko, Principal,
Maple Grove,
- * Suzanne Le Clerc-Harwood, Principal,
E.J. James,
- * Merrill Mathews, Principal,
New Central
- * Shawn McRae, Principal,
James W. Hill

Class Lists:

The posting of class lists will be made available at the Home School and at Oakville Trafalgar High School. Remember to take your child’s Ontario Educational Number (OEN) with you as no student names will be used on the class lists. The OEN can be found at the top of your child’s report card.

Bussing:

The bus routes, and the pick up and drop off areas are being determined and will be made public as soon as possible. They will comply with policy as implemented by Halton Student Transportation Services.



Bell Times:

Balanced Day Schedule 2010-2011							
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<u>SOUTH EAST OAKVILLE - ELEMENTARY</u>							
School	Instruction	Break 1	Break 1	Break 2	Break 2	P.M.	P.M.
	Begins	Start	End	Start	End	Dismiss	Supervision End
Chisholm (Maple Grove holding school)	9:15	10:55	11:35	1:15	2:05	3:45	4:00
E.J. James	8:45	10:25	11:05	12:45	1:35	3:15	3:30
James W. Hill	8:45	10:25	11:05	12:45	1:25	3:05	3:20
Maple Grove	9:15	10:55	11:35	1:15	2:05	3:45	4:00
New Central	8:20	10:00	10:40	12:20	1:10	2:50	3:05
<u>SOUTH EAST OAKVILLE - SECONDARY</u>							
Oakville Trafalgar	8:05					2:40	

