

Good evening, this is Bonnie Demmons, Principal of Harry Miller Middle School, with messages for the first week of school!

Please see the attached edition of the Harry Miller Happenings for this week. You will find daily information about school events and activities in this attachment. It will be sent along with the weekly e-mail message. We hope that you will find it beneficial to your child, and to organizing the week ahead.

Welcome back to students and their families, and a warm welcome to all those students and families who are new to our school and community! HMMS is a great place to go to school and our staff is looking forward to working with you all this school year. We welcome several new staff members this year. In Resource, Ms. Merry, Mrs. Avery and Ms. Roy; to the grade 7 team, M. Boudreau and to the grade 8 team, Mme. Leger and Mrs. Dumas. We'd like to congratulate Mrs. Rourke (formerly Miss Gault) on her wedding celebrations this summer. Also a warm welcome to several new support staff members: Mrs. Arsenault, Mrs. Beaman, Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Madill, Mrs. Stansfield, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Shephard and Ms. Kindred. Welcome to our new Library Assistant, Mrs. Long, who will be at HMMS on Thursdays and Fridays. Welcome all to our HMMS family!

Tomorrow, Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcome our grade 6 students to our school! We would ask that the grade 6's please go directly to the gym where they will be greeted by an enthusiastic group of grade 7 and 8 students who will be assisting throughout the day. The grade 6 homeroom teachers will meet their students in the gym and then move on to their homeroom classes. Students will be participating in icebreaker activities during the day, as well as bus evacuation procedures with our bus drivers at 11 a.m. We look forward to a great day together! Students do not need to bring all of their school supplies tomorrow morning, but can certainly bring them for the Open House event tomorrow evening.

Our Open House event will be held tomorrow evening, Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is a time for students of all grades and their families to meet the teachers, learn information about our school, PSSC, and also how to support your child in grades 6, 7, and 8. We have a "Volunteer Booklet" for families to review the opportunities for you to be involved in our school. We hope that you will consider volunteering at HMMS, in any way that you can. Students may bring in their school supplies at the Open House evening and place their things in their lockers. We will begin in the gym at 6 p.m and then go with your child to their homeroom classes, and then on to visit their other teachers. We hope that you will join us. Thank you in advance.

All students will attend school on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, and grade 7 and 8 students will move directly to the gym upon their arrival. We will review some general school items and expectations and then they will move on to their homeroom classes. On Wednesday morning, grade 6 students are asked to remain in the main hall until the 8:25 a.m. bell, and then proceed to their lockers and on to homeroom classes. Teachers will review this with their students tomorrow as well.

We will have a variety of activities for our students this week as we work to get to know them better and then begin our academic schedule next Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will participate in a "practice" of our Monday's schedule on Friday morning in preparation for the following week.

We look forward to working with you and your child in their middle school career, and hope to see you tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. at our Open House. Thanks so much.

