

# The Panabaker Chronicle

Dear Families,

As we head into the final week of this school year, let us take this time to reflect as a community on all we have accomplished and the many people we have to thank.

## Thank you to:

- Our Trustee Amanda Fehrman and Superintendent Lindsay Snell for their support throughout the school year.
- The parents and caregivers of Frank Panabaker for their ongoing support and assistance.
- Our School Council, Home and School Association and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our school community.
- Our Office Administrators, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Todoric, and Mrs. Write for all their help and constant support.
- Our fabulous custodians for keeping our school and the yard safe and clean for all of our students.
- All of our wonderful teachers, EA's, DECE's and support staff for making a difference in the lives of their students.
- All our Frank Panabaker students who always put so much into everything they do and set out to accomplish their goals!

**We hope that everyone has a safe and exciting summer and we look forward to our next school year!**

Mr. Fede & Mrs. Baggio



## Important dates:

June is Pride Month!

Every Tuesday – Pizza Day (last day 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Every Wednesday – Booster Juice (last day 10<sup>th</sup>)

Every Thursday – Quesada/Subway (last day 25<sup>th</sup>)

June 3 – Lockdown Drill

June 4 – Walk/Run/Roll for Mohawk Village Memorial Park

June 5 – PA Day (No school)

June 8 – Track and Field

June 16 – North Site Talent Show

June 18 – Gr. 8 Commencement

June 19 – Spring Carnival

June 23 – Grades 1-4 Playday

June 25 – Last day of School!

## FAREWELL

This June brings farewells to our school community as several staff and students leave us. As another year draws to a close, we must say good-bye to staff members who are moving on to other school communities.

We would like to thank these staff members for the many contributions they have made to our school this school year:

- Mrs. Karshukova
- Ms. Jollimore
- Mrs. Liu
- Mrs. Aromin
- Ms. Gori
- Ms. Campanella
- Ms. Escalona

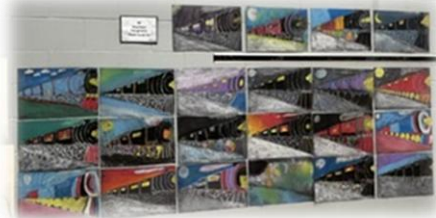


### To our Grade 8 Students!

Your many accomplishments and contributions to our school will be fondly remembered. Continue to be the best that you can be and influence one another in the most positive way.

Best wishes as you leave us for Grade 9 and transition to High School where many new memories will begin!

**AWESOME  
WORK!**



## Important Update: E-Bikes and E-Scooters at School

We would like to share an important reminder regarding the use of electric bikes (e-bikes) and electric scooters (e-scooters) by students.

Under Ontario law, students must be **at least 16 years old** to legally operate both e-bikes and e-scooters. Helmets are also required. Local enforcement agencies, including Hamilton Police Service, may issue fines or take further action if these regulations are not followed.

### What this means for our school:

- **✗ Students under 16 are not permitted to bring e-bikes or e-scooters to school.** These devices **cannot be stored on school property** or inside the building.
- **✓ Regular (non-electric) bikes and scooters are still allowed** but must be locked at the **outdoor bike racks** and not brought indoors.

We appreciate your support in helping keep our school community safe and in following provincial regulations. Please take a moment to review these expectations with your child.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.



## MEDICAL ALERT

Just a reminder that Frank Panabaker is a NUT FREE School. We have both staff and students with severe life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Do not send any nut products to school with your child. Thank you!



# GOOD NEWS

## FROM MR. FOX'S ROOM

For Open House, we shared some information about our students' favourite things on their lockers. The following week, students from around the school used this information to learn more about their peers on the Autism Spectrum. What an incredible time it was watching everyone participate and gather to learn about our students. A special shoutout to our classroom neighbour that used this experience to create custom artwork for their lockers including all their favourite things, you rock!



### Student Spotlight: Rhea (Grade 5)

We are proud to recognize Rhea, a Grade 5 student, for her outstanding representation of Frank Panabaker at the board level this spring.

As part of this year's theme, *Stories That Shaped Us*, Rhea delivered a thoughtful and engaging speech reflecting on how extracurricular activities have helped shape who she is today. Her message was both personal and inspiring, demonstrating confidence, reflection, and strong communication skills.

Rhea represented our school in the French Oral Contest at the board level and went on to participate in the HWDSB Speaks Festival on May 13. Throughout these experiences, she demonstrated dedication, poise, and a commitment to excellence.

We are incredibly proud of Rhea's efforts and the positive way she represented our school community. Congratulations, Rhea!

## Class Placements 2026/27

With the new school year approaching, many parents wonder about who their child's teacher will be. This process for organizing classes is now complete. When creating classes, teachers meet with each other and school administration to discuss the needs of each student. Some of the issues that are discussed are:

- Balance of ability, interests, and talents
- Learning styles of students
- Teaching styles of teachers
- Resources and remedial needs, enrichment needs
- Students to be kept together or separated because of the positive/negative influence on each other's learning.

We appreciate your trust in our professional judgement in balancing the considerations mentioned above.

**Families will be able to view their child's classroom teachers via the Parent Portal no earlier than August 24<sup>th</sup> .**

Please note that all class placements are tentative until the end of September in case of a school re-organization.

WELCOME  
TO  
MY  
CLASSROOM



Report cards will be distributed on June 23rd.



### EQAO

Primary (Gr. 3) and Junior (Gr. 6) EQAO assessments took place in the month of May and June. We are very proud of all the hard work our students put in to prepare for this assessment! Results will be available in the fall of 2026.

## Out of Catchment Requests

As you are aware, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board has created attendance boundaries for each of its schools. In some cases, families want their child to attend a school that is not within their catchment boundary.

Unfortunately, Frank Panabaker is staffed based solely on the projected enrollment of students in our catchment area. **This means that there will not be space available for out-of-catchment students.** We regret the impact this will have for families.

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board uses this protocol to make the most effective use of space and staff in all schools. All parents are urged to register their children at the school for their designated catchment area.

You can learn more on the HWDSB website's page detailing Out-of-Catchment school attendance at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/>



## Volunteers at Frank Panabaker

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our incredible parent volunteers for your time, energy, and support throughout this school year. Your willingness to give so generously, whether in classrooms, at events, on trips, or behind the scenes, has made a meaningful difference in the life of our school. Our students and staff truly benefit from your involvement, and we are deeply appreciative of the many ways you contribute to our vibrant school community.

Your dedication helps create a welcoming, supportive environment where our students can thrive. We are truly grateful for everything you do.

We would love to have you join us again in the new school year! Information about volunteer opportunities and how to get involved will be shared in September, and we hope to see many familiar faces, and new ones as well, returning to support our school.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our community.





## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our school office will be closed for the summer. It will reopen on Monday, August 31st. We apologize that we will be unable to respond to any messages until we return to school. We are committed to sharing information with you and look forward to our return in September.

At this time, parents, guardians and caregivers can view their child's classroom teacher.

Kindergarten parents/guardians/caregivers will receive information about when their child will attend their first day of Kindergarten.

Learn more about the Parent Portal: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/parent/>

If you are looking to register your child, please email [register@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:register@hwdsb.on.ca) or visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca/register](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/register)

If you have any questions over the summer, please call the HWDSB Education Centre at 905-527-5092 or email [info@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:info@hwdsb.on.ca)

We hope you have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year!





# GRADES 1-4

## ★ PLAY DAY ★

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026  
FPN

GRADES 1 & 2 FIRST BLOCK  
GRADES 3 & 4 SECOND BLOCK



**WEAR OR BRING:**  
A HAT  
A TOWEL  
COMFORTABLE CLOTHING  
RUNNING SHOES (NO SANDALS)  
SUNCREEN  
\*LABEL ALL BELONGINGS

# Frank Panabaker Carnival

## Tickets:

 \$1 = 1 Ticket

 \$10 = 12 Tickets

 \$20 = 25 Tickets



Face Painting - Food Trucks - Games - Fun Baskets  
Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

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