



Gator Gazette

June 2026

Principal's Message

Hello Billy Green Families,

As we move into June, we celebrate the many accomplishments and milestones across our Billy Green community. We would like to extend congratulations to our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students for their effort and perseverance in completing the EQAO assessments. And of course we cannot forget to thank our educators who worked to support them which include Ms. Purves, Ms. Rodic, Mr. Greenway, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Ott and Mrs. Cammisoli. We are proud of the focus and determination they demonstrated.

We also extend our sincere thanks to our families for helping make our recent Kindergarten Orientation such a success. It was wonderful to welcome our newest Gators and their families. Congratulations to Ben M., the winner of our FDK passport draw—we look forward to welcoming all of our new families in the fall.

Our Grade 8 students have shown tremendous leadership and commitment throughout their final year at Billy Green. They have made meaningful contributions to our school community and will be greatly missed as they move on to the next stage of their journey.

With the arrival of warmer weather, we encourage families to consider sending students with hats and sunscreen, and bug repellent if needed, to support comfort and safety during outdoor learning and play. A reminder as well to continue checking our school website for upcoming events, as June is a busy and celebratory month.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for another wonderful year together. We wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Sincerely,
S. Beatrice
Principal



Upcoming Dates June

- June 3: School Council Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation team at 6pm
- June 5: PA Day
- June 9th: Library Summer Reading Presentations (k-8)
- June 10: Senior Track Competition
- June 10: Dairy Farmers Visit (FDK)
- June 10: Ontario Autism Program Presentation (Mount Albion)
- June 15: Triple C Farm Trip FDK
- June 16: Junior Track 3-5
- June 17: Grade 1 & 2 Soccerworld Trip
- June 17: Fire Truck Visit – FDK
- June 17: Grade 8 clap out
- June 18: Grade 8 Commencement
- June 19: Gr 3-5 Bowling Trip
- June 23rd: Report Cards sent home
- June 25: Last Day of School
- June 26: PA Day

Throughout the month: Popcorn . Always visit the school website for the most up to date even listings!
<https://billygreen.hwdsb.on.ca>



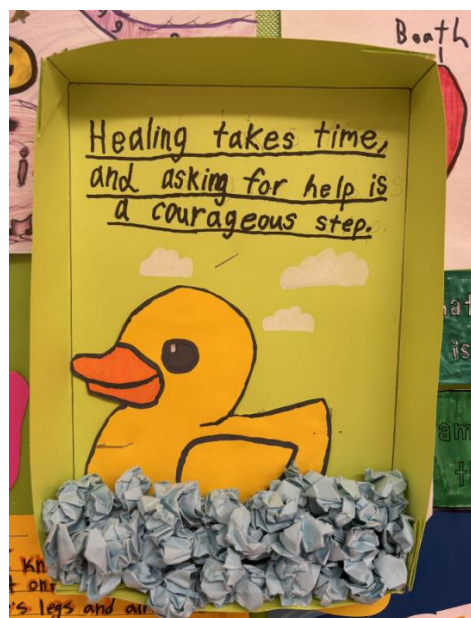
Last day of School: June 25th
First Day of School: September 8th

Equity Corner: Mental Health Awareness

Our Student Voice team recently led a meaningful Mental Health Initiative focused on building **mental grit** across our school community. Classes were invited to design posters that encouraged perseverance, resilience, and positive thinking in the face of challenges.

The duck became the symbol of this initiative, reminding us that while ducks appear calm above the water, they are constantly paddling below the surface. This powerful image helped students understand that even when things feel difficult, effort, persistence, and determination are always at work beneath the surface.

Through this initiative, students shared and learned important strategies to support their mental well-being, including positive self-talk, asking for help, taking mindful breaks, and setting small, achievable goals. These strategies reinforce that challenges are a natural part of learning and growth. Together, this work reflects our commitment to fostering safe, supportive learning environments where every student can thrive—because at HWDSB, *we are stronger when we support one another and keep moving forward, one step at a time.*





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It's not Goodbye...it is just a new beginning

As June arrives, it brings with it a sense of excitement for summer—longer days, special events, and the anticipation of a well-earned break. At the same time, June can gently pull at our hearts, as it is a season of both **hellos and goodbyes** within our school community.

This year, we are excited to **welcome** three new educators to Billy Green. **Ms. L. Rorie** will be joining our Junior division team, **Ms. J. Purdy** will be part of our Intermediate team, and **Mrs. A. Mina** will be joining our FDK team as our Designated Early Childhood Educator. We are thrilled to have them join our school and look forward to the passion, care, and expertise they will bring as they build relationships and contribute to our vibrant learning community.

Alongside these warm welcomes, we also share some heartfelt **farewells**. Saying goodbye is never easy, and this year it is truly bittersweet as we honour **Mrs. Begley, Mr. Soltesz, and Mrs. Barr** as they begin a new chapter in retirement after many years of dedicated service to students and education. While words cannot fully capture how deeply they will be missed, their impact on Billy Green is lasting. From leading sports teams, to organizing commencements, to being the steady, helping hands that could always be counted on, they have shaped our school in countless meaningful ways. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you for your years of commitment, compassion, and unwavering support of students and colleagues. Your contributions have helped shape the heart of Billy Green, and your legacy will continue to be felt for years to come.

We will also be saying **farewell** to **Mrs. Barker** as our school needs evolve. Mrs. Barker has been a welcoming presence in our front office, and we will miss her warm smile, calm demeanour, and cheerful giggle that brightened so many days. Her care and kindness have made a meaningful difference in the daily experience of our students, staff, and families. Mrs. Barker please know that you take with you a piece of this community and will always be a part of Billy Green.

Please join us in wishing each of these valued members of our school community all the absolute best in their next

A Message From School Council

As another school year comes to a close, School Council would like to extend our sincere thanks to our entire school community for your incredible support of our fundraising initiatives. Thanks to your generosity and participation, our fundraisers were a tremendous success and have helped us raise valuable funds for new classroom technology that will benefit our students for years to come. It has been an honour to serve our school community this year, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work together to support our students and staff. We look forward to another great year ahead. Our first School Council meeting will take place near the end of September, so please watch for more information and the official meeting date at the beginning of the new school year.

Wishing all of our families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break!

A note for September



End-of-Year & September Start-Up Checklist

- 📅 **Last Day of School:** June 25
- 🏠 **Office Closed for Summer:** After June 26
- 📅 **Office Reopens:** Monday, August 31
- 🛒 **JK Families:** Visit the school the week of August 31 to pick up start-up packages
- 📖 **Class Assignments:** Available on the Parent Portal in mid-August
- 🚌 **Courtesy Transportation:** Occurs in October
- 🇨🇦 **First Day of School (All Students, incl. JK):** Monday, September 8

Have a SAFE and FUN summer!

Grade 8 Clap out!

On June 17th, we invite our community to join us as we give a final farewell to our grade 8 students at our clap out!

Families are asked to stand in two lines outside of the school entryway and clap our grade 8s farewell as they exit Billy Green for their final time. Our clap out will begin at 2:50pm.



Congratulations to our Be You Be Excellent Award Winners

In May we celebrated students who demonstrated JOY: bringing positivity to the classroom each day. Congratulations to all those who modelled what it means!

Lincoln Walker Avery Moffatt Jamila Qahtan Lili Ames Aryan Mangat Quincy Long	Zachary Moffatt Hannah Groves Marwan Alakhras Myla Jancar Muhammad Khan Mirav Purohit Vasilije Sakota	Lara Lucic Raheem Bond Miller Shivaay Sharma Alia Patel Odelia Neumoina	Alex Black Maxim Mitic Sophia Gold Khaleem Bond Miller Muhammad Abdur Rehman	Dani Downie Avery Stokes Keira Carruthers Jordyn Kuczynski Scarlett Szoke
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