

## Hawthorne II Bilingual Alternative Junior School

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**GRADE RANGE:** JK to 6

### *Interesting Feature*

#### **School Vision**

Hawthorne II is a school where each person is accepted and valued for who they are and are inspired to learn the best way they can. The goal is to create a safe, positive educational experience with high expectations using a wealth of exciting personal, social and academic opportunities. All members of our school community are important members of our team and have a voice.

Hawthorne II is unique. It is the only bilingual and the largest alternative elementary school within the TDSB. The original Hawthorne School was a private school located at Vaughan Road and Bathurst Street. Hawthorne II opened in September of 1977 with 30 students.

- Its current enrolment is about 200. Most of the students are Canadian-born whose first Language is English. Children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 receive daily instruction in French. This consists of twenty minutes per day in JK and gradually increases with each grade to 120 minutes in grade 6. Parents and staff at this school are committed to teaching French and ensuring that pupils realize that French is a living language.

#### **French**

This year our French initiative is focused on the schools French framework for the primary grades. This framework will help build a foundation of consistent skill sets in each grade to prepare our students for our extended french program.

- Journee Francais monthly presentations shows the work our primary students
- We use AIM as one of our methods of teaching primary french



### Eco Schools

This year's EcoSchools initiative is focused on a boomerang lunch and the Green Club and continuing our successful school recycling program.



### Peaceful Schools

This year's Peaceful School initiative is focused on developing a co-operative anti-bullying environment. We are looking at partnerships with the STOP and working on a school garden.



### Application for Hawthorne II Bilingual Alternative

Hawthorne is an Alternative School. Entry into Hawthorne is done through Optional Attendance. Interested parents should attend the information session this year on Jan. 21st (6-7:30pm). We also have school visits Jan. 21st 9:30-11 am/1-2:30 pm and Jan. 22nd 9:30-11 am. Optional Attendance forms must be handed in by 4pm on Feb. 14, 2013. Lottery 1st week of March.



### Enrichment

Hawthorne II offers an enriched program with Art, Drama, and Music performances, workshops and lessons throughout the year. The Enrichment committee (parents and teachers) assesses our Enrichment needs and brings artists and other resources to the classrooms using dedicated School Council funds.



### Additional Features

- Early Reading Intervention Program

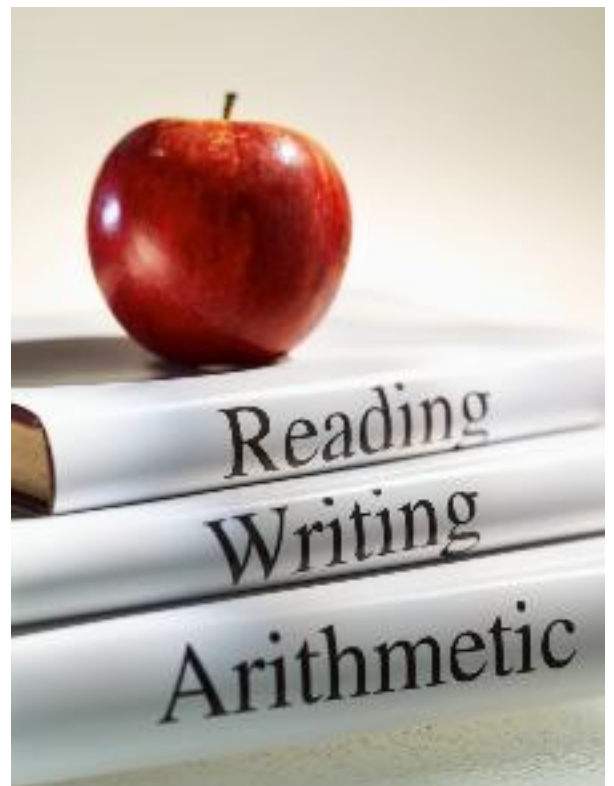
## Student Life - Where You Belong

Students are encouraged to take on a leadership role and get involved! A great emphasis is placed on personal and social responsibility. Students enjoy a variety of clubs and extra curricular activities which can vary from year to year based on student feedback.



## What Sets Us Apart

French is taught starting in kindergarten with extended french starting in grade 4. Our parents are involved in every aspect of school life and support our students and teachers on a daily basis. Parents also volunteer their time supporting our Early Reading Intervention program to support our early readers. Our School Improvement Committee deals with 3 current areas of improvement: EcoSchool, Peaceful School and French. These are overseen by parents, admin and teachers.





## Parent and Community Engagement

- Christie / Ossington Centre. - Bob Abate Centre - St. Albans Boys and Girls Club - - - - - We have a very active School Council that meets with all interested parents on a monthly basis. - Each class has a volunteer School Council representative. - Parent volunteers assist in the classrooms and on field trips. - They organize special events such as fundraisers, visiting artists and performances. - Parents are very much involved in school improvement, development of school philosophy and enrichment activities for students. Parent run our weekly Pizza Lunches. Some of our parents assist with remedial programs for our students.



## TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



## Contact Information

<b>SCHOOL NAME:</b>	Hawthorne II Bilingual Alternative Junior School	1/21/2013	7:00 - 8:30 pm
		1/21/2013	9:30 - 11:00 am
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