

Grade 3/4
Mrs. Wilson

September 3

WELCOME TO GRADE 4/5

### Welcome Back Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As a new school year begins, it is my pleasure to welcome your son or daughter to the grade 3/4 class at James Hillier school. This year will be an exciting and growing time for your child and we can make progress, if we work together. Working together with open communication helps ensure your child experiences a successful and positive school year. In this effort, a monthly newsletter, including a classroom curriculum update, important dates and student news will be sent home at the beginning of each new month. Please feel free to contact me at the school by sending a note or calling between 8:30 - 8:45am. or 3:30 - 3:45pm. Or through email <a href="mailto:Christine.wilson@granderie.ca">Christine.wilson@granderie.ca</a> . If your child has special needs or medical concerns that I should be aware of, please let me know.

In order for your child to be prepared at school, a copy of the class schedule has been sent home today. Please keep this handy for your son/daughter to use as a reference.

Our gym class is scheduled for days 1 and 3 at 11:40 – 12:20pm. Your child will be required to change into or wear to school appropriate clothing for physical education class: shorts,

track pants, t-shirt and indoor running shoes. Students are encouraged to keep a gym bag here at school with their attire inside.

During the first week of school, we will be discussing and reviewing the rules and routines for both the classroom and school. Respect towards self, classmates, teachers, staff, and personal/others/school property is the most important aspect to make our classroom and school a safe and fun environment. Students will be expected to follow all classroom and school rules (as outlined in the school handbook) and take responsibility for their behavior.

Agendas will once again be provided for students at a cost of \$5.00 to be paid via Cash Online. In the grade 4 classroom, we use the agenda on a daily basis recoding any homework, upcoming events, notes and important dates.

I look forward to an exciting, successful and productive school year with your child and their classmates. I hope to meet you on or before "Meet the Teacher Night".

September 12, 2019 4:30 – 6:00pm.



You can learn something new every day if you listen.



The only way to have a friend is to be one!

## **Using Styles**

by Name Style

The body text throughout the articles in this template uses the Normal paragraph style. Following are some other styles applied throughout the template:

- Large article titles, such as on the first page, use **Heading 1** style.
- Orange headings in the sidebars and within articles use Sidebar Heading style.
- Orange section titles in articles use the Heading 2 style.
- Small article titles use Heading 3 style.
- This style is List Bullet 2.
  This style is List Continue.
- Text in sidebars uses the Sidebar Text style.
- White headings on orange text in tables uses the **Heading 4** style.
- The heading inside contact information tables uses **Heading 5** style.
- Contact Info is the name of the gray text style inside the small contact tables.



Access all styles used in this template on the **Home** tab, in the **Styles** group.

Using styles helps save you time and keep your document consistent. To modify a style, on the **Home** tab, in the **Styles** group, right-click the name of the style you want to edit and then click **Modify**. All content where the style is applied will update automatically.

Another way to modify a style is to simply customize an instance of the style where it's applied in the document. Then, on the **Home** tab, in the **Styles** group, right-click the style

name and then click **Update [style] to Match Selection**.

#### **HEADING 4 STYLE**

Use the small tables provided in some of the articles to call out quick reference information related to the article, such as contact information or event dates.

HEADING 5 Contact Info

This picture caption uses the Caption 2 paragraph style and is inside a text box so that you can move it easily as



## Working with Columns

by [Article Author]

To setup a document for multiple column text, on the **Page Layout** tab, in the **Page Setup** group, click **Columns** and then click the number of columns you need. You can also click More Columns to specify column widths, the space between columns, or to automatically add a vertical line between columns.

To change the number of columns for just part of the document (or if you want text to wrap to just the top part of the page and a new article to start below – as shown on this page), insert a section break before the position where you want to start the new column layout. To do this, on the **Page**Layout tab, in the **Page Setup** group, click

Breaks and then click the type of section break you need.

#### Select a section break

When changing many types of page layout formatting for just part of the document—such as paper size, margins, or orientation, the best section break type to use is a **Next Page** section break because it automatically starts the new section on a new page. However, when changing the number of columns as you might in this newsletter, you may prefer to select a **Continuous** break. The continuous section break (used a few times throughout this template) starts a new section immediately after the preceding one. So, for example, you can have a three-column article followed by a four-column article, on the same page.





#### Sidebar Setup

The sidebars in this template use simple, single-row tables for the gray-shaded headings and thermometer charts shown below for easy alignment.



#### Add Sidebar Content

Adding content into a column to create a sidebar is no different from adding text. As noted earlier in this template, apply the styles provided for headings, sidebar text, and even pictures to align them quickly and easily.

**FAST FACTS** 

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Learn about these "thermometer charts" in the article at right.

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## Formatting Tips

by [Article Author]

This placeholder article provides the following tips: Caption 2 style is used to add picture captions. Captions are in

- Creating "thermometer charts" cusing tables, as shown at left ages.
- Setting up multipage articles.
- Wrapping text around images
- Adding article titles and bylines

## Creating the sidebar thermometer charts

When you work in Word 2010 (or PowerPoint 2010), you have the full power of Excel 2010

charts (provided that Excel is installed on your computer). Insert a chart in Word from the **Insert** tab, in the **Illustrations** group. Charts are easy to create and use and automatically coordinate with your active document theme.

However, notice in the sidebar at left that the "thermometer charts" were created using single-row Word tables. This is because they automatically fit the tight space without having to remove any chart elements. And you might be surprised to learn that it's easy to make them essentially mathematically accurate.

To use a table as a thermometer chart, do the following:

1. On the Insert tab, in the Tables group, click Table and then drag across the grid to select the first two cells in the first row. Click to insert a two-cell, one-row table.

 Click in the table and then, on the Table Tools Layout tab, in the Table group, click Properties.

On the Columns tab of the Table Properties dialog box, change the Measure In setting to Percentage. You can then set the percentage to up to one decimal point in accuracy.

#### Setting up multipage articles

Word is designed to allow text to automatically flow from one page to the

next. So, when you want an article to continue on the next page, just keep typing.

In the case of this placeholder article, it is separated into two placeholder content controls (one on this page and another that starts at the top of the following page) just so that you can still see the layout of the following page while you begin adding your own text on this page. As mentioned on the first page of this template, remember that it might look like the layout is skewed when you replace a long piece of placeholder text by starting to type your own, but it is not. As you add your content, the layout that follows will move down automatically and back into position.

To remove the second placeholder control that starts immediately following this one, just select it and then press any key. You can then continue typing from this page and your text will automatically flow onto the next.

#### Wrap text around images

 On the Picture Tools Format tab, in the Arrange group, click Wrap Text and then select either Square, Tight, or Top and Bottom—depending on how you want the text to wrap.

> You might be happy with the default behavior as soon as you do this. Otherwise, continue to step two for customization options.

- To set a specific position or control behavior (such as whether or not the image moves with text), on the Picture Tools Format tab, in the Arrange group, click Position and then click More Layout Options.
- On the **Text Wrapping** tab of the **Layout** dialog box, you can set a specific distance from the image for text to wrap and control whether text can wrap on both sides, one side only, or just above and below the image.
- On the Position tab of that dialog box, you can set a specific position for the

because text can wrap around a text box just like it can around a picture. Similarly, the orange divider bars that you see on pages containing more than one article are shapes set to wrap text. So, these text boxes and shapes can easily span multiple columns without having to insert a section break or change the number of columns for just that portion of the page.

When you select a text box or a shape, on the **Drawing Tools Format** tab, in the **Arrange** group, you have the same settings for text wrapping and positioning that are described above for wrapping text around pictures.

Note that, because text is set to wrap around the orange divider bars, your article might appear to slip below or above a bar, depending upon length. To adjust the position of a divider bar shape to accommodate the length of your articles, just select the shape and then use the up and down arrow keys on your keyboard to nudge it to the proper position.

The photos in this article that are angled with white borders are "floating" images. That is, they are setup for text to wrap around them—which is why they can span multiple columns in a three-column section.

Additionally, as mentioned earlier, the photo of the young woman in the body of this article is set to wrap text so that text will flow around the image as you add your own text.

To select text wrap settings, start by selecting the image and then do the following:

Notice the image of the young woman that's within a text column on the preceding page. The background has been removed from that image to allow text to wrap directly around the subject.

Office 2010 introduced several new and improved picture formatting tools in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Among those is the



image on the page and select or clear the option to allow the picture to move with text.

## Adding article titles, bylines, and dividers

The article titles and

bylines for this
newsletter are created
in text boxes. This is
Remove Background
tool that you can use to
remove backgrounds
from your own images,
similar to the sample
image on the
preceding page.

To do this in Word, first insert your image into the document (on the Insert tab, click Picture), and then select it. Then, on the Picture Tools Format tab, in the Adjust group, click Remove Background.

The Remove Background feature automatically displays what it believes to be the central subject of the image. However, it's easy to adjust this if the immediate result is not what you need.

On the Background Removal tab, click Mark Areas to Keep or Mark Areas to Remove



and then drag your mouse pointer in a line across the portion of the image you want to add or remove. When you are finished making adjustments, click **Keep Changes**.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# Remove Image Backgrounds

by [Article Author]

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by [Article Author]

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