

Greenleaf Gazette

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Such a busy time of year will take us quickly through the winter blues! At this time, AA Greenleaf wishes a fond farewell to Mrs. R. Coomber who is returning to retirement on February 1st. We thank her for her warm, welcoming support to staff, students and parents each and every day at our very busy school! Mr. B. Morlog will once again join the admin team in a half time position as Vice-Principal on Monday, February 5th until the end of June.

Teachers have been working diligently to complete Term Two report cards. Students will be bringing these home on Tuesday February 13. In the meantime, there are so many exciting events planned for students. Skiing, Skating, Scientists in School, the Director's Cut, Valentine's and Literacy Day celebrations are some of the activities planned for this month. A huge thanks to staff who continue to go above and beyond to make Allan A. Greenleaf an exciting place to be!

While at AAG, we have been working on updating our records for Volunteers within our school. Vulnerable Sector Screening is to be renewed every three years, with offence declaration made on a yearly basis. We truly appreciate the time and effort volunteers devote to our staff and students. You make our school a better place! Thanks to Ms. Posavad for her hard work to compile and update our information!

Parking zones continue to present a challenge to student safety. Parents are asked to heed the no parking signage at the front of the school, especially in the Kindergarten area and towards the YMCA parking lot. This is an extremely busy place at the beginning and end of each school day. We are all working together to avoid putting our students at risk in a hazardous situation. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our students safe!

A friendly reminder for all parents to report to the office when entering the school. Students who are late must sign in and will be directed to their classes by office staff.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to everyone in the AAG community for the ongoing support you continue to give me once again, as we look forward to Mrs. Costa-Popovich's return.

Mrs. L. Wigood & Mrs. R. Coomber

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Welcome to
Kindergarten!



Registration for Kindergarten, for September 2018, will begin Monday Feb. 5th. Parents are welcome to register anytime on or after this date. We currently have 4 classes of JK/SK students that attend school every day. All of our classes include a teacher and a Regis-

tered Early Childhood Educator and can have a maximum of 30 children. The Ministry of Education defines the parameters for enrolment in these classes and our enrolment predicts how many classes we have.

Students registering for Junior Kindergarten must have their 4th birthday prior to December 31, 2018. All schools in the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board offer Full day Kindergarten. If you have neighbours or friends in our catchment area, please invite them to come into the school any day between 9:30-3:30 p.m. to register. Kindergarten Orientation session will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd between 4:00-5:00pm in the library. This session is for parents/guardians only. On May 10th, please bring your children between 5:00-5:30pm to visit our kindergarten classrooms before Allan Greenleaf School's Open House. We look forward to meeting you and your little ones.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check our online calendar for regular updates!
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/allanagreenleaf/events/>

- Feb. 2-Gr. 6 Scientists in the School
- Feb. 2-K1 Scientists in the School
- Feb. 5-Kindergarten Registration begins
- Feb. 6-Moonstone Ski Trip
- Feb. 6-K3 Scientists in the School
- Feb. 8-K2 Scientists in the School
- Feb. 9-K4 Scientists in the School
- Feb. 9-Greenleaf Winter Olympics
- Feb. 13-Report Cards Sent Home
- Feb. 14-Valentine's Day Festivities
- Feb. 15-Dance Team at Dance Fest-McNab
- Feb. 16-Chinese New Year—Spring Rolls on sale
- Feb. 19-FAMILY DAY-No School
- Feb. 22-Grad Photo Day
- Feb. 23-Beavertail Truck Coming to Greenleaf!
- Feb. 23-Skating Trip & Red, White, Canada Day!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

REPORT CARDS

First term report cards will be distributed on February 13, 2018. Students should understand the marks on their report card and how they can improve them through on-going dialogue and feedback from their teacher. Please review the report card with your child and help them to set goals for the second term. If you would like to discuss the report card with your child's teacher please feel free to call the school to arrange for a phone-call or a meeting as there is no "formal" interview day for this report.



ICY CONDITIONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY



A reminder to please be careful when you are walking on school property. Although we have contractors who clear and salt our parking lots and sidewalks there is always the risk of slippery patches. Also, the back playground is not cleared or salted so this area requires even greater care to ensure safety. When the school feels conditions on the back playground are not safe, we will have students stay indoors for recess.

WINTER WEATHER

A reminder to all that Winter is upon us. Parents, please ensure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather. Students, please wear the warm clothes that you bring to school. Snow pants, hats, mittens and scarves are essential. Students are outside for a total of 40 minutes each day for fresh air and exercise. If dressed inappropriately, this can be uncomfortable. Please be aware that students cannot remain in the school when not dressed for the weather because they are not supervised. Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill.



PARKING & IDLING CARS



Our parents and community have responded so well to our request to honour the NO STOPPING area in the front of the school this year. However, with the winter weather we are noticing an increase in people stopping their cars in this area to drop students off. Please remember to pull over before or after the NO STOPPING zone to ensure the safety of all of our students.

In addition, we ask that parents not park in the areas designated for staff. This is especially important in the area by our Kindergarten entrance as regularly parents with young children are walking through this section.

SALTING OF SCHOOL

Staff from Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand the following areas:



- The walkways from the City sidewalk to the school
- The school steps and portable steps
- Walkways to the portables
- Ramps to schools and portables
- An area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs and ramps

When there is an accumulation of 5 cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as needed basis.

Playgrounds will not be plowed or otherwise cleared. Head Caretakers will check the condition of the grounds early in the morning and during the school day to sand and/or salt isolated slippery areas that may occur due to changing temperature.

Students should take extra caution when walking onto and leaving from school grounds. Caution must also be taken when playing on school grounds when conditions are slippery.

Principals may decide, dependent on weather and playground conditions, to have indoor recess and lunch/nutrition breaks.

"VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FRIENDLINESS

You are practicing **FRIENDLINESS** when you begin liking yourself and believing you have something to share with others. Be kind to people you don't know. You can be friendly just by walking down the hall, looking into people's faces, and smiling. They will probably smile back.



Show your friends you are glad to see them, by asking how their day is going and sharing your news with them.

I am friendly. I smile and greet people. I show an interest in others. I like myself and know that my friendship is worth a lot.

Wishing you all an enjoyable

Family Day

on

Monday, February 19th!



ENTREPRENEURIAL & PHILANTHROPIC ADVENTURES IN GRADES 7 & 8

Students in Grades 7 and 8 at Greenleaf are embarking on an exciting program during which they will be supporting charities by creating and operating small businesses over the next 4 months. Working with business mentors through the Learning Partnership, young entrepreneurs will be developing a host of incredible skills as they learn about creating business plans, marketing, product development and teamwork. As well, students will be creating commercials to advertise their businesses through the Director's Cut film-making program, thanks to support from Parent Council. **Students will be looking to raise money for their ventures, we will be looking to the school community for support. Groups will be beginning with bakesales on Valentine's Day :) Look for more details on their exciting endeavors in the coming months!**



SPORTS UPDATE

Thanks to Mrs. Ashworth and M Blake for coaching our Senior Teams. The Senior Girls are on their way to the playoffs and we hope that the Boys will get there too! Best of luck as you enter the playoff season!



GREENLEAF BOOK SALE

Our Grade 7 girls book sale for charity has been postponed. We have hit a couple of snags that we hope to iron out, and we will let our students know when we will be opening our sale.

SKATING NEWS

Our kids (and parents!) had a blast at our first skating day at Harry Howell! Thank you to all our volunteers who came out to help. A reminder that parents need to have their vulnerable sector screening to volunteer for any school event. Once again, Parent Council has generously subsidized this event. Our next skating day is Friday, Feb. 23rd. We will be celebrating the end of the Olympics with red and white day and Beavertails! Cinnamon-sugar Beavertails must be preordered prior to the day! Order your Beavertail using our cash online system. Sales open online Feb 7.



SPORTS UPDATE



Greenleaf's Winter Olympics will be this Friday, Feb 9th! Please make sure your child comes to school dressed properly for a day of outdoor winter fun! The Olympics will be periods 3&4—we are looking forward to a wonderful fun filled day of winter sport!

HWDSB LAUNCHES PARENT VOICE SURVEY TO GATHER INPUT FOR IMPROVEMENT

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well, and how might HWDSB improve its education services. Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion. Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students. HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential. This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and combined as a group. You can find the survey online at https://hwsdb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3TKK1aKCPgO8e3j if you would like to learn more about how we use the data and maintain your privacy, please click here. Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback.



SCHOOL CASH ON LINE

Good news! We currently have 441 students registered with School Cash On Line!!! That's 81.37% of our school community! We are encouraging our families to use this service for school payments. A yellow information page has gone out to families who have not registered. Please take a moment and follow the directions on how to register your children.



Pancake Breakfast

Family Day Fundraising Eat-stravaganza!
Also includes a Family Skate!!!!

Monday
Feb. 19
9am - 12pm

Family Skate from
10am - 1pm

Carlisle Arena
2nd floor
1496 Centre rd., Carlisle

Skate generously donated by:
The Brazeau Team ROYAL LEPAGE
Madeween Realty

All proceeds benefit:
Awesome Beginnings
Co-operative Nursery School



All you can EAT! Includes Fresh Fruit and Beverage!

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