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December 2018 Newsletter – A.M. Cunningham School



Dear Parents / Guardians:

There are so many exciting activities happening at A. M. Cunningham School this month to celebrate this holiday season. We hope that all families find some time to come and celebrate with us.



School Christmas Concert - Wednesday December 19th

Come watch our students perform Christmas Carols on **Wednesday December 19th** in the gymnasium. The Kindergarten concert will be held between 9:30am-10:30am. Grade 1-3 between 11:45am-1pm. Ending with Grade 4-5 between 2pm-3pm.

Food Drive/ Hat, Scarf and Mitten Tree/Toy Drive - Dec. 3rd - Dec. 14th



Christmas is a time of giving, and so our tradition continues at AMC with our non-perishable food drive, donation of new unwrapped toys, and collection of new hats, scarves, mittens for our "Christmas Tree of Warmth." Once again, we have chosen the Boys' and Girls' Club (Kiwanis) a recipient of our donations to distribute to families in need within our East End Community as well as Hamilton Food Share. Donations will be accepted in the front foyer and will be picked up the week of **December 17th**. Thank you for your support.

Candy Cane Messages (Candy grams) – Dec. 3rd – Dec 17th



Candy Cane Messages will be sold from Dec. 3 – Dec. 19, in the office, at a cost of 5 for \$1.00. Students will be able to send their friends in their homeroom and in other classrooms, a holiday message and candy cane. Candy Cane Messages will be delivered on Thursday, December 20th. Proceeds support Notre Dame House.



Family Sing-Along & Bake Sale - Thursday, December 13th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All families are invited to attend our Holiday Sing-along & Bake Sale on Thursday, December 13th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym. School Council will provide hot chocolate. This is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

AMC Has Heart!



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The Terry Fox Foundation

Thanks to your support, A.M. Cunningham School has generously donated \$160.70 to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and \$222.00 to Unicef at Hallowe'en. We also gave \$434.00 to Terry Fox back in September. **Wow!**

Samko and Miko Toy and Book Warehouse Sale – November 29th - December 2nd

Parents and guardians have a wonderful opportunity to visit the Samko & Miko Toy and Book Warehouse Sale at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. Take advantage of the huge savings on thousands of brand name toys and books between November 29th - December 2nd!



Did you know that if you get your original receipt stamped with a fundraising stamp by the cashier and then submit the original receipt to our office, that a percentage of your purchase goes back to A. M. Cunningham School to support student activities and programs? Online enter FAMC1 at the checkout. Happy Shopping!



Christmas Break

The last day of school for students before Christmas Break is December 21, 2018, returning on January 7, 2019.



From the Library

All books will be due back in the library Dec. 14, 2018.

Library Loans: Books are loaned out for 3 weeks. If you need more time, just let your Librarian know.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Mme Rankin	Mrs. Jones	Mrs. Sciller	Miss Tinebra	Mr. Moore
Mme Kotecki	Miss Witten	Mme Quait	Mme Brooks Bittle	Mme Lofthouse
Mme Cliffe	Mme Derikx	Miss Cooper		Mme Raynham
Miss Szpak	Miss McDonald	Mme Parsons		
	Mme Federchuk			

If a book is not returned, the student will not be getting another, at that time.

If your child does not return a book after 3 weeks he/she will be given a note reminding you/them to look for the book.

After 120 days overdue, books are considered “LOST” and are subject to replacement cost or an alternative book donated to the library.

Winter Weather

Now that the Winter weather is upon us we encourage students to enjoy the snow by building structures and playing with it, while keeping it on the ground. We also encourage students to come to school in appropriate Winter wear (i.e. hats, mitts, snow pants, boots) so that students remain warm and comfortable and are not coming in wet from nutrition break.

Our rule at the school, which is strongly enforced, is **“SNOW MUST STAY ON THE GROUND.”** Please remind your children about this rule.

Snowy Conditions



The City of Hamilton is responsible for snow removal for sidewalks around the school. The Board contracts the clearing of the parking lot, and the Custodial staff is responsible for

sidewalks and entry points around the school. A path on the sidewalks will be cleared and salted, but the main asphalt area will NOT be cleared or salted.



Early Dismissal Due to Inclement Weather Form- Snow Days

If the school must be closed early due to inclement weather or emergency, we need to have a plan in place for the safe dismissal of your child. Please ensure that you complete the early dismissal form by selecting the dismissal option that best suits your needs and guarantees your child's safety. We will keep the form on file in case it is necessary to put the plan in effect.

If there is the possibility that the school may be closed prior to the start of the school day, please visit the HWDSB website at www.hwdsb.on.ca for important news, listen to announcements on local radio stations such as 900 CHML, CKOC, K-Lite FM, or get the news on CHCH TV. Please do not call the school regarding possible closures as our lines are limited and must be free for emergencies. If the weather is severe, please use your discretion in sending your child to school.



Head Lice

At this time of year when wearing toques and hoods we need to be aware of Lice. Lice are non-discriminatory when it comes to hair cleanliness. They simply require any human hair. Please remember to check your child's head regularly.



Safe Entry Protocol

Parents and guests are reminded to please check in at the office when dropping something off for your child or needing to speak to a staff member. Please phone the school at (905) 544-7771 to arrange a time to meet that is mutually convenient so that instructional time is not interrupted and that student safety is not compromised.



School Website

Have you subscribed to our school website? By subscribing, you will be notified directly to your email address of new posts, monthly newsletters, monthly calendars, Board announcements, and other school notices for important events and activities.

Popcorn Days



Just a reminder that every Wednesday is Popcorn Day! Popcorn is sold for \$2 per bag.

December Pizza Day



Friday, December 14. Pizza costs \$1.50 per slice. Thanks to School Council and parent volunteers for organizing these days. Don't miss out!!

Swim Team



A.M. Cunningham was represented well by our Jr. Swim team at the HWDSB Swim Meet at McMaster University on November 9th. We had many individual and team relays that placed in the top 3! Miss. McDonald, Miss. Szpak, Miss. Lane and Mrs. Cooper would like to thank the swim team members for a great season. **Go Cougars!**



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ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED THROUGH MAD SCIENCE.
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