



Billy Green School

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Principal's Message—Mr. Berketa

Your child's Term 1 Provincial Report Card was sent home on February 17th. The Term 2 Provincial Report Card will be distributed on June 27th. Please take the opportunity to dialogue with your child(ren) about how they are doing, what they are doing well and what they could improve upon. The Learning Skills are an important piece of information to suggest areas of strength and growth. If you have questions, please contact the teacher. You may also inquire as to how to support them in their learning and how to ensure a successful second term. Please remember to sign and have your child sign the 3rd page. They should also have identified some key goals to focus on for a successful term 2. This page is returned and attached to a copy of their report in their Ontario Student Record.

Our best wishes are extended to outgoing Vice Principal Mrs. Adler as she begins her new assignment at Lake Avenue School. Mrs. Barwinski will now be at Billy Green full time, every day. Best wishes are also extended to Mrs. Tremain as she begins her maternity leave and we welcome Mrs. Hlahla (Mrs. H) to class 5A.

Best wishes to you and your family for a safe, restful and enjoyable March Break!

Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

Filing taxes may not be your idea of fun, but it can make a big difference to your family's income. New financial supports such as the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) can mean hundreds of extra dollars per month for low and middle income families who have children up to the age of 17. The only catch is, you must file your taxes in order to access this extra money!

For example, a family with 2 children and earning \$28,000 a year could be eligible for a tax free benefit of \$900 a month through the CCB—that's \$10,800 per year! Families receiving social assistance are eligible for the benefit too, and it isn't deducted from Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program.

The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, City of Hamilton and community partners want to make sure everybody who is eligible can access the money to which they are entitled.

There are plans in the works to expand free community tax clinics in Hamilton. In the meantime, please visit www.cra.gc.ca/getready to find out more about filing your taxes and receiving the Canada Child Benefit.



March 3
P.A. Day
No School

March 13-17
March Break
No School

March 23
Gr.8 Graduation
Photos

March 23-24
JK, SK, Gr. 2
Dental
Screening

March 30
Oral Communi-
cations Festi-
val

April 27
Next School
Council Meeting

Kindergarten

LEARN and GROW
at **HWDSB**



Kindergarten Registration

We have started registering Kindergarten students for September 2017. Please encourage anyone you know that is planning to register their child, who lives in the Billy Green Catchment area to come in as soon as possible to fill out the paperwork so we have an idea what enrollment will look like for September. Documents required for registration are proof of age, proof of address, guardianship/custodianship documents (if applicable), immunization records, health card number.

Eligibility for kindergarten registration is for children who will be age 4 or 5 by December 31, 2017.

Enrolment Projections

We are coming up to the time that we submit our enrolment figures in order to project the number of classes and staffing for fall 2017. We know every year we will have new registrations, as well as families moving out of the area. If your family will be moving and not attending Billy Green for this coming fall, we would appreciate you letting Mrs. Humphreys know by either a note or phone call, so that we can be more accurate in our projections. As well if you know of families that will be registering for the fall we would appreciate you providing that information as well.

Lost and Found

We have a Lost and Found bin located in the school gym. Please encourage your child to check the bin regularly for lost items. On the last 2 days of each month, the items will be put out on display on the 2nd floor coat hooks near the intermediate classrooms so the students will be able to check for lost items easily. Then the items that are not claimed will be donated to a local charity. Thank you.



Student Spectators at Games

We are proud that many of our students, especially those in the upper grades want to stay to observe and support our "Gator" athletes when games take place after school, however some family pre-planning is required. Students have been reminded that they are not permitted to attend games unless they are in the care of a parent or an adult caregiver. The teachers/school staff that are present at games are focused on their coaching responsibilities during these times. It is recommended that students who wish to observe games take their usual mode of transportation home after school and return with a parent or caregiver. Students who are in the care of an adult other than their own parent must have a signed note indicating permission has been granted for this arrangement. Students who are not taking their usual method of transportation home after school and/or are going to another location prior to a game must have a note signed by a parent indicating the arrangements. This needs to be shared with the office well in advance and not at the end of the day.



Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs)

As stated in the student agenda (page 5) the use of cell phones by students (for calls and texting) is not permitted during the instructional day from 8:40—3:00. If a student needs to make a call during the instructional day they need to use a school phone and let a staff member or the office know. This is to ensure safety by ensuring that we know the whereabouts of all of our students and that we know if and when they need our assistance. Students may use their phones before or after these times, including the time before the morning bell rings and while waiting for the bus or on the bus. If devices are being used inappropriately it will be approached with a progressive discipline model including communication with parents. Some classes are adopting a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) model for some learning opportunities but this remains at the teacher’s discretion. If a teacher will be allowing PEDs to support learning opportunities they will communicate this directly with you as well as the plan for securely storing devices when not in use. Students should know the procedure for keeping BYOD devices secure and locked up when not in use (locked in student locker or teacher’s cabinet). There is no expectation that students bring PEDs to school and we need to re-iterate that the school can’t be held responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. If this is an unacceptable element of risk these devices should remain at home.



Students of the Week



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Feb. 17



Feb. 24





HWDSB

stand up,
speak out,
wear pink.

support a world free from bullying.

Day of Pink

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

T-Shirt orders

\$10/shirt. Orders due Monday March 6
at 9:00am

Pay through SchoolCash online or CASH

www.dayofpink.org



Day of Pink 2017 – T-shirt Order Form

Orders due by **Monday, March 6, 2017** at 9:00am. Pay by SchoolCash Online or Cash. Cheques not accepted.

HWDSB has made Positive Culture and Well-being a priority to ensure that all students and staff are safe, supported and accepted. On Wednesday, April 12, 2017 we encourage HWDSB staff and students to participate in our annual Pink Shirt Day to raise awareness about bullying. By wearing pink, staff and students will show their support for a world without bullying and will speak out for those who are voiceless. The HWDSB Pink T-shirt design is new for 2017.



Student Name (first and last)

Class

	Sizes								
	Youth Small	Youth Medium	Youth Large	Youth X-Large	Adult Medium	Adult Large	Adult X-Large	Adult XX-Large	Adult XXX-Large
W=Width	W 16"	W 17"	W 18"	W 19"	W 20"	W 22"	W 24"	W 26"	W 28"
L= Length	L 20.5"	L 22"	L 23.5"	L 25"	L 29"	L 30"	L 31"	L 32"	L 33"
Quantity (\$10 per T-shirt)									Only available in white with pink logo

I have paid by: SchoolCash Online Ref# _____
 Cash Enclosed

Total: \$ _____

Notes on T-shirt delivery: T-shirts will be distributed to students on or about April 7, 2017.

