

# Billy Green School

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Dear Parents:

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support of your child's learning over the past 2 months. Progress reports were distributed to students on October 30. I hope that you've taken an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher(s) during parent-teacher interviews or at another convenient time to discuss your child's strengths and areas for growth. We continue to promote a safe and respectful working and learning environment for all. Calm, safe, orderly and inclusive!

To keep up to date on the latest news and updates I encourage you to subscribe to receive email updates from HWDSB and Billy Green School at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/media/subscribe/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/media/subscribe/).

Mr. Berketa, Principal

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## Attendance and Lates

Regular attendance and punctuality is essential to your child's academic and social success. On a daily basis we are noticing many students are arriving late to school. Not only does this disrupt the class when they arrive but it leads to gaps in a child's learning as lesson introductions are missed. If your child is going to be late or absent please contact the school office directly at 905-573-3505. Any student arriving late must check in at the office upon arrival before proceeding to class. If a student is absent and no reason has been provided we need to contact you by phone to ensure that your child is safe. If your phone contact information changes throughout the school year please ensure that you let our office know. If the number of student lates and absences becomes excessive you will receive a letter from the school indicating the number of times your child has been absent or late and an invitation to contact us to discuss how we can support you and your family to improve attendance. Our board social workers also serve in the capacity of attendance counsellors and are able to reach out to provide support to students and families where poor attendance or excessive lates are creating academic and/or social challenges



## Upcoming Events

### November 10

Remembrance Day Service

### November 15

Picture Re-Takes

### November 23

School Council Meeting

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## Hours of Operation & Supervision

We are noticing that several students are arriving to school earlier than 8:25am. Teacher supervision outside is provided at entry from 8:25-8:40 and at dismissal from 3:00-3:10. Please ensure that your children are not arriving at school before 8:25am and are **picked up promptly at 3:00 if they are not bus students.** Our office hours are from 8:00am-3:30pm daily.

## More Important News

### **Dogs on School Property**

During the day we ask that no dogs be on the school property. While you and your child may love your family pet(s), not everyone does. If your dog is accompanying you while walking your child to or from school we ask that you not bring it onto the school property but to stop at the sidewalk or property line.

### **Toys and Trading Cards—Leave them at Home**

It is highly recommended that toys and trading cards be left at home. These items often result in conflict that has a negative impact on instructional time. School staff do not have time to investigate lost, damaged, or stolen items of this nature. If an item is of value it is best left at home.

### **Pediculosis (Head Lice) Procedures at Billy Green**

Billy Green follows our Board Policy Directive regarding Pediculosis/Lice. This policy can be found on the board website at

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Pediculosis-Management-Procedure.pdf>

#### **Key Procedures:**

2.1 Parents/guardians of students identified with head lice will be notified by the school of that fact by letter, and will be required to seek treatment for the child. We will provide the parents/guardians with a treatment information sheet (Facts of Lice and Head Lice Treatment).

2.2 Parents/guardians are required to complete the Verification of Treatment form and return it to the school when the student returns following the first application of an approved treatment.

We pay for on-site head checks from a local health care provider. Whole school checks are done at least once per school year. All parents/guardians of students in a class in which a student or students are found to have head lice will be sent a letter informing them of that fact. (Letter of Attention).



## Upcoming Events

### **November 25**

Billy Green Winter Market

### **December 1**

PA Day – No School for Students

### **Yearbook**

Yearbooks are on sale from November 1-December 15 for \$20. Be sure to preorder yours so you will always have memories from the 2017-2018 school year!

### **Camp Wahanowin**

The grade 6 and 7 classes will be attending Camp Wahanowin for their year-end trip. A Parent Information Session will be held on Wednesday November 8th at 6:30pm in the gym.

If you suspect your child has head lice please contact the school immediately so we can follow-up with the class(es) and communicate as soon as possible to other families.

In addition to treatment ,we are encouraging vacuuming/washing any contact areas. This may include car seats, sofa, pillows, cushions and bedding, and stuffed toys.

Key Points: It is very important that parent/caregivers check their children's heads once a week for head lice, do not wait for itchiness as a sign of head lice. Children can have head lice for many weeks before they feel itchy.

You know you have head lice if you see: Live lice in the hair. Head lice are tiny, wingless, greyish brown insects.

- They are difficult to see, as they move quickly when you part the hair.
- Freshly laid eggs are glued to the shaft of the hair and are laid very close to the scalp of the head. The eggs are smaller than the head of a pin, oval in shape and grey to brown in colour. These eggs will hatch in 7-10 days. Although head lice can lay eggs anywhere on the head, favourite spots are around the ears and the nape of the neck.—Public Health Nurse, Halton Public Health Dept.

\*Please note that additional information can be obtained from: City of Hamilton Public Health Services (Phone: 905-546-CITY OR 905-546-2489) Email: [publichealth@hamilton.ca](mailto:publichealth@hamilton.ca)

### **Cold Weather and Outdoor Play**

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom.

With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

As always, 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.

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board asks Principals to follow this recommendation and ensure children are not outside when it is that cold. Questions or concerns regarding outdoor activities in the winter should be directed to the school Principal.

## **Hand Hygiene and Health**



It is the time of year that various illnesses spread. Please review with your children (and practice yourself) correct handwashing procedures and emphasize the importance of doing so especially after using the washroom.

If your children are sick, and especially when they exhibit any of the following symptoms: fever, stomach upset, vomiting and/or diarrhea they need to stay home and remain at home until they have been symptom free for a full 24 hours. Please ensure that your emergency contact information is up to date at the school office and that you have a plan in place should your child(ren) need to be picked up from school if they are ill. Stay healthy!

## **Billy Green Winter Market**

Billy Green will be hosting our first Winter Market on **Saturday November 25th 9-2pm.**

We will have many great local vendors here and ready to sell some amazing products.

Boston Pizza will be here providing lunch for guests and vendors. Personal pizza's will be sold for \$6 each. A portion of each pizza sold will go back to our school. Students and family members of students will have the opportunity to pre-order their pizza's. Forms will be sent out shortly.

Crock a doodle will also be here giving your kids a chance to create a special ornament for your tree or for gifts! Ornaments will be \$8 each. With a portion going back to our school fundraiser.

Are you a local business wanting to purchase a table for the event? There are still tables available for \$25 each.

We are also looking for people to donate baked goods to sell at our bake sale.

If you have any questions or can contribute to the above things, please contact School Council Vice-Chair Sarah Langille.

[sarah\\_langille3@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah_langille3@hotmail.com)

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# Winter Market

Saturday, November 25<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00am to 2:00pm

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## **School Council Fundraising Update**

On October 31st we had a great walk in our Halloween costumes around our community. Thank you for everyone's help in raising \$2,013.45 for our Outdoor Classroom & Playground Update Project. The top 3 classes celebrating with a pizza party are:

Mrs Byrne \$ 497.50

Mrs Palmer \$ 232.40

Mrs Mitchell \$ 158

We are excited about our next fundraiser with Fundscrip, a Gift Card company. We buy gift cards at face value and the retailer donates a % of the cards value back to our school. There are 150 retailers to choose from for Groceries, Gas, Entertainment, Health & Beauty, Travel, Restaurants & Coffee Shops etc. Consider buying gift cards as a gift for birthdays, Christmas & other Holidays. As well think about what your family spends on your usual expenses like groceries, gas, entertainment etc. Instead of using another method to pay for that expense, buy a gift card for that retailer for this expense that you would had anyways and the school with benefit. Please ask your family, friends, neighbors & co-workers to buy gift cards from this campaign.

Forms are being sent home on November 6th and they need to be returned to your child's teacher by Thursday November 16th with payment. Payment options are CASH or CHEQUES made payable to Billy Green School. NSF fees apply.

The top 3 fundraisers in the school will each win a \$25 gift card from one of our retailers that they choose!