



A Message from the Principals:

Welcome to a new year at Cathy Wever. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are ready for the 2017-2018 school year.

It has been a busy summer for many of our staff members. First, I would like to say a special thanks to our caretaking staff for their hard work over the summer getting the school looking wonderful for September. Secondly, I would like to thank Mrs. Langille, Mrs. Milmine and Mrs. Gates for ensuring everyone is ready to go for the first day of school.

We have a number of new staff member joining the Wever team, please see the staff list. I'm looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces return to Cathy Wever after the summer holidays. Welcome back to our entire Cathy Wever Community.

A special welcome to Cathy Wever's new Vice-Principal Mrs. Ngan.

As you are aware at times with an increase or decrease in enrollment the school is required to re-organize. We will know later this month if this will occur, but based on our present enrollment some of our students will be moving classes. We have no details at this point.

A full September newsletter is available at our school website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cathywever/>

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September FAQs – please see attached link

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/september-start-up-frequently-asked-questions/>

After School Program

Check out the new afterschool program being offered at our nearby recreation centre!

There are only 20 spots available, so don't delay and register today!

Where: Norman Pinky Lewis

Days: Monday to Friday

Time: 2:15-5:00pm

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: Free (must register)

Activities: Swimming, Sports, Crafts, Computers, Cooking, Homework Help, Games

Contact: Call 905-546-3122 or email zina.krawiec@hamilton.ca

School Safety – Office Check-In

Just a reminder that all caregivers must check in at the office when entering the school. Please do not enter the school to drop off your child or to pick up your child without checking in at the office.

Thank you in keeping all of our students safe at Cathy Wever.

We are a Nut Sensitive School

Parent and/or students are asked to carefully read labels of all food items that are brought to school to ensure that they **have no traces of nuts or nut products**. Many products now carry a clearly marked “Nut Free” logo.

Anaphylactic Management Plan

If you have not completed the appropriate paper work to ensure the safe administration of epinephrine please pick up a form from your child’s teacher or the office. Once your Dr. has completed this form your son/daughter’s Anaphylactic Management Plan will be completed. **These plans must be updated each school year.**

Medication

All students who require medication to be administered at school must have the appropriate medical form completed by their Dr. Forms are available at the office.

Parking Lot

Just a reminder to all parents, if you are dropping your child off at school we ask that you do not park in the parking lot or stop in the emergency stopping zone. Students must be dropped off or park in the Pinky Lewis Parking Lot. All students should be picked up and dropped off on the playground where students are supervised with staff members. Thank you for your continued support.

Supervision and Entry

Supervision begins at 7:55 AM and ends at 2:45 PM at the end of the day. Students must enter and exit through their assigned doors, all students exit to the playground area unless they are bus students who will exit through the front doors. Parents/guardians are to meet their child(ren) on the playground, we have a lot of students on the playground at the end of the day, making a meeting spot is important.

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are very important habits and routines for all students. There is a direct correlation between regular school attendance, positive work habits and enhanced student achievement. Consistent with the Safe Arrival Check Policy of the HWDSB, it is the parent’s responsibility to inform the school when a child is going to be late or absent. Please call and leave a message at any time (905-522-9965) with your child’s name, teacher, grade and the reason for their absence.

Personal Belongings and Electronic Devices/Cell Phones

Students are permitted to bring devices to school however students will be asked to turn off their personal devices. The school cannot be held responsible for any theft or loss of personal devices or items. Please note students are not permitted to take pictures or videos at school.

Agendas

All students in grades 1-8 will receive a Cathy Wever Agenda. This is a great tool to help keep the communication between home and school open. Agendas should be taken home and returned to school every day. Included in the start of the agenda are a number of important pieces of information. Please take a few minutes to review these pages with your child(ren). Cost for agendas are \$3.00, please send this to your child's teacher.

Picking Up Prior to Dismissal

If you are picking up your child prior to dismissal parents/guardians must come in to the office to sign out their child. Once you arrive your child will be called out of class. If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up your child they must be listed on the school records as an emergency pick up, and identification is required.

Calling the School

Messages can be left for staff members and messages for the office, please note that messages for students can only be shared in emergency situations. Please make prior arrangements with your child(ren). Phone calls cannot be put through to classrooms during instructional time.

Volunteers

All volunteers working within the school including attending trips must have a Vulnerable Screening Check and complete the Volunteer Orientation and appropriate forms. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office. If you are planning on volunteering at the school or on a trip please ensure this is completed as soon as possible as a Vulnerable Screening can take up to 6-8 weeks.

Bell Times 2017-2018

Cathy Wever's bell times have changed for the 2017/18 school year

Start time: 8:10 AM

End time: 2:30 PM

**please note that supervision on the playground begins at 7:55 am until the entry bell and ends at 2:45 pm after dismissal.

Breaks

9:50 – First Break

12:10 – Second Break

Please note that students may not leave the school property unless parents have provided a note to their classroom teacher, with the date and parent signature.

Bussing

If you have a question if a bus is running late please contact the transportation department, please refer to your child's route number and school.

HWDSB Transportation Department:905-523-2318

HWDSB 2017-2018 School Calendar The 2017-2018 school year calendar is available at:
<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

Upcoming Dates for 2017-2018

Sept. 22 nd – PA Day – no classes	Feb 13 th – Report Card 1 send home
Oct. 12 th – Wever Celebrates (Meet the Staff Night)	Feb. 19 th – Family Day – no school March 2 nd – PA Day – no school
Oct. 9 th – Holiday – no school	March 12-16 th – March Break
Oct. 17 th – School Pictures	March 30 th April 2 nd – Holiday – no school
Oct. 23/24 th – Immunization Day G7s	April 23/24 th - Immunization Day G7s
Oct. 30 th – Progress Reports Sent home	May 7 th – Open House
Nov. 3 rd – PA Day – no classes – interview day	May 21 st – Holiday – no school
Nov. 14 th – Photo Retakes	June 8 th – PA Day – no school
Dec. 1 st – PA Day – no classes	June 21 st – G8 Grad
Dec. 25 th – Jan. 5 th – Holiday Break	June 25 th – Report Card 2 sent home
Jan. 8 th – Classes Resume	June 28 th – Last day of Classes
Jan. 26 th – PA day – no classes	June 29 th – PA day
Feb 5 th – FDK Registration Begins (2018/19)	

Please see Cathy Wever’s Web site <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cathywever/> for additional dates throughout the school year.

Nutrition Policy Non-Compliance Days for 2017-2018

Nutrition Free Event	Date
Rotary Christmas Dinner	December 14, 2017
December Holiday Party	December 22, 2017
Valentine’s Day	February 14, 2018
Easter	March 29, 2018
Pink Day	April 11, 2018
Year End Celebrations	June 28, 2018
PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL DAYS WILL BE ADDED	

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Trips

Please note that forms for trips will not be accepted after the due date as supervision ratios need to be determined prior to the trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

Morning Routines

Getting kids moving in the morning can be hard. Our school has an early start time. Here's some suggestions to make your mornings a little bit easier.

1. Have your child pick out their clothes before going to bed at night
2. Once a week cut up a large amount of fruit or vegetables or portion out snacks so it's easier for kids to help make their own lunches
3. Pack lunches the night before
4. Have your child pack their backpack the night before and leave it by the door
5. Make it a game. Turn on some music or challenge your child to a race to see who can get ready the fastest
6. Lend a hand. We want our kids to be independent but first thing in the morning when everyone's in a hurry might not be the time to teach your child how to tie their own shoes. Find other times throughout your day to work on skill building and don't feel bad about giving them some assistance when you're in a rush.

Staff 2017-2018

Grade	Staff 2017-2018		Ext	Rm
JSA(A)	A. Mussner/T. Kukulj		109	128
JSB(B)	L. Draper/T. Slade		112	121
JSC(C)	K. Vidler /P.Sparks		113	120
JSD(D)	A. Maclachlan/S. Breckon		108	129
JSE(E)	C.Schinkel/A.Mina		111	122
1A	L.Steeves		106	131
1B	L.Lisco		105	132
1C	A.Parker		104	137
12A	M.Bellavia		107	130
2A	C.Jaggard		209	235
2B	J.Delle Monache		208	236A
23A	M.Siltamaki		210	233
23B	S.Rasmussen		103	138A
3A	E.Wilson		207	236B
34A	A.Skinner		203	250A
34B	P.Shahid		206	237
4A	M.Cecilioni		205	239
4B	S.Sirkett		204	249
45A	T. Brujic		202	251
5A	D.Pantitis		201	253
5B	C.Wilson		220	204
56A	K.Owen		219	208
6A	M.Fong		222	202
6B	M.Gerritsen		218	209A
6C	L.Robinson		221	203A
7A	M.Cantwell		215	215
7B	K.Kelly		217	210
7C	S.Parker		216	214
78A	J.Urbanek		213	224
8A	P.Zadvorny		212	226A
8B	J. Nijse(0.8), L. Williams (0.2)		211	228
68	C.Fazzari		102	139
HPE/Dance	K.Grace & C. Foreman		115	123
Music	N.Minotti		214	216
French	E.Hall, M.Nazi, T.Munisteri		161	243
Lib/Media	C.Carrothers		116	103
LRT (K-2)	M.Tansley		223	206
LRT (3-5)	D.Wallace		223	206
LRT (6-8)	K.McCambridge		223	206
ESL	B.Woods			
ESL	T.Opie (Day 1,3,5) (0.6)			
ESL	D. Del Conte			
ESL	D. Martin			
ESL	M. Wiseman (0.5)			
Educational Assistants	C. Owens R. Szocek M. Colvin A. Rivers	C. Day L. Roussell S. Brillinger L. Gardner	V. Raposo G. Piazza E. Coffee	A. Morrison J. Cotton T. Cowan-Johnson
Reading Spec.	J. Burlanette			
Office Admin	S. Langille, L. Milmine, J. Gates			Office
Vice-Principal	J. Ngan			Office
Principal	S. Johnston			Office