



A Message from the Principals:

WEVER CELEBRATES – THURSDAY OCT. 12TH

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – visit classrooms

4:30 PM - Cathy Wever Parking Lot – community activities

We have had a wonderful start to our 2017-2018 school year. Students have adjusted well to their new classrooms and there is learning going on everywhere. Thank you to all of our staff who have made this September great.

Many activities have started at Cathy Wever from sports to clubs, we encourage all of our students to listen to announcements for upcoming events.

Thank you to all of our parents/guardians who have been checking in at the office to sign in and get a visitor sticker. Please remember not to bring any pets to the school grounds as this can be a safety issue for some of our students

Just a reminder that school starts at 8:10 so please ensure your child(ren) are arriving on time.

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<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cathywever/>

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. Therefore no trip forms will be accepted on the day of the trip. Thank you for your cooperation

Wever School Council

We had our first School Council meeting in September and voted in Co-Chairs for the 2017-2018 school year. I am pleased to announce that the co-chairs of Cathy Wever's School Council are:

Michelle Wood

Louise Noel

We are welcoming new members and all parents /guardians are welcome to attend any meeting. Here are the tentative dates for upcoming meetings (all meetings will begin at 1:45 at Cathy Wever):

Monday, Oct. 30th @ 1:45

Monday, Nov. 27th @ 1:45

Monday, Dec. 18th @ 1:45

Monday, Jan. 22nd @ 1:45

Monday, Feb. 26th @ 1:45

Monday, March 26th @ 1:45

Monday, Apr. 30th @ 1:45

Monday, May 28th @ 1:45

** Please note these are tentative dates that are subject to change, please check the school's web site for further information.

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. **Student may only leave during the 2nd break with parent permission.**

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

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

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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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.

Spirit Days at Cathy Wever

Sept 29	Crazy Hat Day	Mar 9	Green Day (St Pats)
Oct 31	Halloween	Apr 11	Pink Day
Nov 30	Jersey Day	Apr 30	Wacky Hair Day
Dec 22	Red and Green Day	May 31	Super Hero Day
Jan 31	Pajama Day	June 28	Crazy Socks
Feb 14	Pling Day		



Children's Opportunities in Recreation & Education

CORE KIDS PROGRAMS

OBJECTIVES

Planting the seeds of aspiration that will empower children & youth to be the best they can be and to seek post-secondary education, gain workforce readiness skills and provide leadership development.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Core Kids Programs are offered free to local children & youth. Core Kids Programs offer a wide variety of activities that make their transition from school-time to home-time as pleasurable and diverse as possible. These include on-site activities like sports and crafts, as well as off-site to parks and playgrounds, educational outings to museums and local tours, and nature outings to local wildlife hotspots. All of the activities are chosen specifically for the group. CORE Kids offers a variety

of camp style programs and special programming.

Forming Positive Attitudes

- Experiencing Post Secondary life
- Economics of Staying in School
- Career Development
- Character and Skill Development
- Have FUN!



A NEW PROGRAM IN A NEW HOME!

REPLACING THE WAVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

CORE Kids Programs will be offering grade specific programming at the Powell Park Club House and Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre. Programs will be grade/age level appropriate and include a nutritional snack. Check out our schedule for program information and times.

Wevercore.ca

CORE
kids

Unique educational experience.

A+

Empowering youth to realize their full potential.

Developing leaders

Expanding the range of learning opportunities

Rotary Club of Hamilton

Fall Program Session

The CORE Kids Programs will take place at the Powell Park Club House. Children will register at Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre, have a healthy snack and then be guided to the Club House for activities by our CORE Kids Staff.

CORE KIDS PROGRAMS START OCTOBER 16TH, 2017

CORE KIDS PROGRAMS:

An amazing variety of recreational, social and educational activities are offered in a supportive, structured environment. Activities include swimming, basketball, soccer, hip-hop dance, jazz dance, computer training, floor hockey, arts and crafts, music and leadership development. There is also homework help, tutoring and literacy workshops. All CORE Kids Programs are free and are geared towards grade and age levels. Check in at 2:30pm.

TUESDAY	GRADE 2, 3 & 4	POWELL PARK CLUB HOUSE
WEDNESDAY	GRADE 4 & 5	POWELL PARK CLUB HOUSE
THURSDAY	GRADE 5 & 6	POWELL PARK CLUB HOUSE

(Check in at Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre first. Activities will take place at Powell Park Club House till 4pm)

MONDAY & FRIDAY	ALL AGES	COMPUTER LAB & OPEN SWIM
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Two great activities! The Computer lab will be open 2:30-3:30pm and Open Swim 3pm-4pm at Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre. Bring your bathing suit & towel.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS – CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

October 12th – 5pm Wever Celebrates –Outdoor Festival for the community!

October 23rd – Little Rocks Curling Program Starts – Register for this free program. Grade5-8

October 31st – Special Halloween Event – All are welcome! Trick or treat early.

FOOD 4 THOUGHT! MISSION SERVICES & CORE KIDS PROGRAM

After our CORE Kids Program we can gather and enjoy a meal together thanks to our partners at Mission Service. CORE Kids Program Staff and participants will enjoy ² **Food 4 Thought** at 4:15pm!



CORE Kids HALLOWEEN Event

October 31, 2017
Powell Park Clubhouse
2:30 – 3:30pm

**Please join us for some
ghoulish games, freaky fun,
and frightening food!**

**Have some Halloween Tricks & Treats
before nightfall**

Wear your costume!

Happy Halloween!