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**Hamilton-
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School Board**

**Thursday,
February 10,
2017**

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MS. L. ROMANO, SUPERINTENDENT

MRS. G. MILOVANOV, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
MRS. E. PINTO, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
MR. D. WARDELL, HEAD CARETAKER

Friday, February 17, 2017
Monday, February 20, 2017
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Friday, March 3, 2017
Monday, March 13 to
Friday, March 17, 2017
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Friday, April 14, 2017
Monday, April 17, 2017
Monday, May 22, 2017
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Friday, June 9, 2017
Friday, June 23, 2017
Tuesday, June 27, 2017
Thursday, June 29, 2017
Friday, June 30, 2017

Term 1 Report Cards go home
Family Day—No School
School Council Meeting—6:00 pm
P.A. Day—No School

March Break—No School
School Council Meeting—6:00 pm
Good Friday—No School
Easter Monday—No School
Victoria Day—No School
School Council Meeting—6:00 pm
P.A. Day—No School
Graduation @ Sir Allan MacNab—4:00 to 6:00 pm
Term 2 Report Cards go home
Last day of School
P.A. Day—No school



Attendance Matters

What we know about the impact of persistent absenteeism

- Studies show that better attendance is related to higher academic achievement for students of all backgrounds, but particularly for children with lower socio-economic status.
- Beginning in kindergarten, students who attend school regularly score higher on tests than their peers who are frequently absent.
- Chronic truancy (frequent unexcused absence) is a strong predictor of undesirable outcomes in adolescence, including academic failure, dropping out of school, substance abuse, gang involvement, and criminal activity.
- However, chronic absence (regardless of reason) is increasingly identified as an important “early warning sign” that a student is at risk for school failure and early dropout.

Source: childtrends.org

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



2017 Chedoke Elementary Fund-raiser; Parents we are looking for your support....

On February 10th we will begin a major fundraising effort. The main focus of this fundraiser is to purchase additional digital technology for our classrooms (iPad, robotics, speakers, licensing fees, etc...) Our teachers all agree that these items are valuable tools in education, helping to engage the students and improve learning. If we want these things (and we absolutely do!) we have to come up with the funds..

We will be selling a peanut-free variety pack from World's Finest Chocolates. Assorted boxes contains chocolate covered almonds; mint meltaways; caramel whirls; milk chocolate crisp bars and chocolate almond bars. **A number of assorted totally nut free boxes are available for those who require them – please indicate nut-free below if required.** Each item sells for \$3.00. We chose the \$3.00 products because they offer the highest return to the school - **\$1.50 from every item sold remains at the school as our profit. That's \$45.00 profit / box sold!** As a plus, the cases are personalized just for our school and this year. Each item has a free access code to 'Three Winners' discount website (a \$28.00 value), where you can find lots of savings coupons you can use at home and when traveling.

Starting February 10th the chocolate will be sent home with each student who has returned the attached permission slip. Our sale will run until March 1st so everyone can take advantage of both Valentine's, and the Family Day weekend to sell. Please return **\$90.00 CASH for your box** as soon as your chocolates are sold, or return any bars you are unable to sell so someone else can sell them.) We do appreciate sell outs – your efforts may be very well rewarded - thank you! Additional boxes will be given out upon request when **\$90.00 CASH** has been returned for the first box. Please label your envelopes clearly with your child's name when sending in money.

*****We have some terrific incentives for our sellers.*****

Each complete box sold will earn the seller a ten inch solid chocolate Bunny, plus they will qualify for a chance to win Movie passes for 4 with popcorn and drinks!

Our top sellers (no ties!) will be rewarded as well.

Our top Seller will be awarded a Flying Squirrel family pass for 10 hours

2nd place seller- a Vtech Actioncam

3rd Seller a sports gift basket

Early Bird Draw February 21st- a World's Finest Chocolate gift basket – stocked full of goodies!) We will hold lots of weekly draws from our treasure chest of prizes, so return CASH payments as soon as your case is sold.

Our 3 top selling classes will be rewarded with a special treat too!

As a special bonus, each box sold qualifies the seller for a chance to win our World's Finest Chocolate representative's regional draw prize – a weekend family getaway to the Great Wolf Lodge, Season's passes for 4 to Canada's Wonderland, or an Apple iPad – winner's choice!

Good Luck with your fund-raising efforts. With the support of all our families we can make this a very successful fund-raising effort and all of our children will benefit! Thank you for your support!

(Return this permission slip tomorrow to be entered in to a draw for a free chocolate treat!)

Yes, we wish to help with the chocolate bar sale. Please send home a box of chocolate

*We require the totally nut-free selection

No, we do not wish to support the fund-raiser. Do not send home any chocolate bars.

Student's name _____ Teacher _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____





YOU'RE INVITED TO THE MARZ HOMES FAMILY CONCERT EXPERIENCE

Saturday, February 18, 2017
McIntyre Performing Arts Centre at Mohawk College
Pre-concert Activities start at 11am
Concert starts at 2pm

Songs and Stories of Canada

The young and young-at-heart will enjoy this full-day of symphony-themed fun! Learn about Canada's past and present through orchestral music that highlights the Anglo, Franco and First Nations elements of our history. Join HPO's full orchestra at this one-hour concert designed with families in mind.

Arrive early to take part in musical activities including the create-your-own instrument station and instrument petting zoo, to name a few. *Concert and musical activities are designed for children ages four and up.*



FREE TICKETS
for Chedoke Elementary
School students

History & Music

Live Orchestra

Spectacular Visuals

Designed for children
age 4+

To reserve your
complimentary tickets
please contact the HPO
Box Office

905-526-7756

boxoffice@hpo.org

Support provided by



Westmount News

Option Sheet selection support session at Westmount on February 15th in our Learning Commons. This will be from 3:15-4:30.

May 18, 2017

9:00 am- 11:00 am New Wildcat Orientation Day

A fun filled morning that will highlight our program and some of the great things that are happening at Westmount. A great opportunity for students to become more familiar with their new school.

August 30, 2017

10:00 am- 12:00 pm Grade 9 Welcome BBQ

This orientation day will include timetable pick up, locker assignments, Ipad distribution, picture day and an opportunity for students to navigate their classes before the first day of school.

- HWDSB Tier 3 - International Baccalaureate (IB) program

Students in Grade 8, 9 and 10 and their parents/guardians are invited to learn more about this challenging program.

LOCATED AT ANCASTER AND WESTDALE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a challenging two-year curriculum for Grade 11 and 12 students. It includes studying up to six challenging subjects at the same time, that provide a global perspective with cross-cultural understanding. IB leads to a qualification recognized by the world's top universities. IB students graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma as well as the IB Diploma.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Inquiry based learning
- Sense of social responsibility
- Independence
- Critical thinking skills
- Preparation for a successful transition to post-secondary
- Learning and growing in self-awareness
- Ability to ask challenging questions
- Development as a leader outside of the classroom

GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION:

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**
TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: HWDSB Education Centre, 20 Education Court, Hamilton

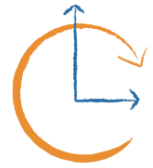


*Bus tickets are available upon request.
Childminding is also available by registering more than 48 hours before the meeting.
Please contact Kim Wilson at 905-527-5092 ext.2376 or kwilson@hwdsb.on.ca.*



Community Involvement Hours

@HWDSB



40 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS – Fact Sheet

The following guiding principles are intended to assist students, parents/guardians to determine whether a planned activity is within an approved area. **IF THE ACTIVITY YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN DOES NOT APPEAR ON THIS PAGE, YOU MUST GET WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM YOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL BEFORE COMPLETING ANY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS.**

ELIGIBLE:

- An event or activity designed to benefit the community in general.
- An event or activity to support a not-for-profit agency, institution or foundation that meets ethical standards of the Board and the Ministry of Education.
- Any program that promotes tutoring, mentoring, visiting or coaching, or assists others in need.
- Participation in an event or activity that supports ethical work of a global nature or that promotes positive environmental awareness.
- Participation in an event or activity that contributes to the health and well-being of others.
- That is affiliated with a club, religious or political organization, arts or cultural association that seeks to make a positive and ethical contribution in the community.

NOT ELIGIBLE:

The following defines Ineligible Activities:

- An activity that is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled (e.g., co-operative education portion of a course, job shadow, work experience).
- Any activity that takes place during regular class time on a school day. However, an activity that takes place during lunch breaks or a “spare” period is permissible.
- An activity that takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under sixteen years of age.
- An activity that takes place in a factory, if the student is under fifteen years of age.
- If the activity takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under fourteen years of age and is not accompanied by an adult.
- Any activity that would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace.
- Participation in an activity that involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding.
- Activity that involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons.
- An activity that involves handling of substances classed as “designated substances” under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- An activity that requires the knowledge of a trades person whose trade is regulated by the provincial government.
- Any activity that involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewellery, works of art, antiques or other valuables.
- Any activity that consists of duties normally performed in the home (i.e., daily chores) or personal recreation activities.
- Any activity that involves a court-ordered program (e.g., community-service program for young offenders, probationary program).

Examples of Eligible Activities

- *Supporting Sports e.g. timekeeping, managing a team or coaching*
- *Fundraising*
- *Charity Walk-a-thons or Runs*
- *Community Events, Festivals or Fairs*
- *Community Projects e.g. tending a community garden*
- *Environmental Projects e.g. a community clean-up*
- *Youth Programs or Mentorship Programs*
- *Volunteer Work with Seniors*
- *Camp Leader or Counsellor*
- *Office Work for a non-profit organization*
- *Committee Work e.g. the Literacy Committee at your local library*
- *Advisory Board*

Community Involvement Hours are:

- A requirement for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- A total of 40 hours of unpaid community involvement activities (see eligible activities).
- An activity that benefits the community.

When Can I Complete Community Involvement Hours?

- Starting on July 1st the summer before grade 9.
- Outside scheduled class time; e.g., during lunch breaks/during spares.
- In the evenings, on weekends, during the summer months.
- Completed community hours can be submitted to the Student Services office in your school as you complete them.

Roles and Responsibilities of Students

- To select an activity or activities that meet the criteria for eligible activities.
- To obtain approval if the activity is not on the list of eligible activities.
- To complete the Community Involvement Hours form and return to their Student Services office as the hours are completed.

Roles and Responsibilities of Parents

- To provide assistance to their child in the selection of his/her community involvement activities.
- To communicate with the community sponsor and school representative with any questions or concerns.
- To sign all the necessary forms if the student is under 18 years of age.

Parents are encouraged to purchase Student Accident Insurance. The application forms are available through the schools.

Note: Boards expect that all community sponsors will provide students with appropriate instructions, put in place safety precautions, and train and supervise student volunteers.

Benefits For Students

- Enhances self-confidence
- Enhances self-esteem
- Reinforces civic responsibility
- Strengthens the community
- Allows students to learn new skills
- Students gain valuable work experience
- Provides networking opportunities for future employment

SCHOOL STORE PRODUCT LIST

Open Daily during First Nutrition Break — 12:53 to 1:05 p.m.

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	COOKIES	\$0.50
	APPLE SAUCE (pineapple, peach, apple, field berry, grape)	\$0.50
	FRUIT TO GO (berry mania, strawberry watermelon, wild berry, strawberry)	\$0.50
	GRANOLA BAR	\$0.50
	MILK (chocolate and white)	\$0.75
	FROZEN YOGURT	\$1.00
	YOGURT TUBES	\$1.00
	FRUIT CUPS	\$1.00
	POPCORN	\$2.00

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