



# THE CHEDOKE CHRONICLE

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**Hamilton-  
Wentworth District  
School Board**

**Thursday,  
September 15  
2016**

MRS. P. MOCHRIE, PRINCIPAL  
MR. J. CORBIN HARPER, VICE PRINCIPAL  
MS. M. GARDNER, SUPERINTENDENT

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

**Thursday, September 22, 2016**

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

**Monday, October 3, 2016**

**Monday, October 10, 2016**

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

**Friday, November 4, 2016**

**Monday November 7, and**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

**Friday, December 2, 2016**

**Monday, December 26, 2016 to**

**Friday, January 6, 2017**

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

**Monday, February 20, 2017**

**Friday, March 3, 2017**

**Monday, March 13 to**

**Friday, March 17, 2017**

**Friday, April 14, 2017**

**Monday, April 17, 2017**

**Monday, May 22, 2017**

**Friday, June 9, 2017**

**Friday, June 23, 2017**

**Thursday, June 29, 2017**

**Friday, June 30, 2017**

School Council Meeting in The Learning  
Commons- 6:00 pm

P.A. Day—No School

Photo Day—JK/SK, Grades 1 to 8

Thanksgiving—No School

Retake Photo Day—JK/SK, Grades 1 to 8

P.A. Day—No School

Grade 7 & 8 Immunization

P.A. Day—No School

Christmas Break—No School

P.A. Day—No School

Family Day—No School

P.A. Day—No School

March Break—No School

Good Friday—No School

Easter Monday—No School

Victoria Day—No School

P.A. Day—No School

Graduation @ Sir Allan MacNab—4:00 to 6:00 pm

Last day of School

P.A. Day—No school



Dear Chedoke Community,

Our Meet the Teacher evening at Chedoke School was a huge success. Thank you to all of our families who came out to the school to celebrate their child's learning. Great things are happening in our classrooms! Our students are happy to come to school each and every day and they are eager to learn and grow. By partnering with our families, we are ensuring that our students are learning and growing both at home and with our school, each and every day. "It takes a village to raise a child."

Mrs. Mochrie Mrs. Corbin-Harper



# Families Worrying Less Together

*A Program for Primary Caregivers of Kids Whose Worries Get the Best of Them*

## Information Session

Tuesday September 27, 2016

10:00 am-11:30 am OR 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

HWDSB Education Centre

20 Education Court

RSVP by

September 21, 2016:

Email: FWLT@hwdsb.on.ca

Call: 905 527 5092 ext 3555

Families Worrying Less Together is an evidenced-informed program based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy



If you are a primary caregiver of a student in Grades 3 – 6 who is shy, or has intense worries and fears, come learn about the “Families Worrying Less Together” program. This program will give you practical strategies to help your child learn to cope differently.

**THIS IS A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND PRIMARY CAREGIVERS.  
CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND.**



*This program is offered by the  
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board  
Social Work Department.*



# HWDSB Strings

**Program Information**  
**September 2016–June 2017**

## About the Program

- The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Strings Instruction Program is offered through Community and Continuing Education. The Strings Program provides an opportunity for children enrolled in grades 4 to 8, attending HWDSB schools, to learn to play the violin or cello. Strings is a fee-for-service program.
- Lessons are taught in the students' home school once a week during the instructional day. Lessons may occur during regular class time, nutrition breaks, lunch or at Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School on Wednesday evenings.
- Orchestra program is an additional opportunity to enhance your child's skills beyond the regular lessons.
- The weekly lessons are 1/2 hour each in length. Orchestra lessons are an additional one hour of instructional time each week.
- **INSTRUMENTS ARE PROVIDED AT NO COST!**
- **FREE MUSIC BOOK!** All students will receive an instructional music book at their own level to use and keep!
- Winter and Spring concerts—All students are invited to showcase their musical accomplishments during each of these performance opportunities.

**REGISTER ON-LINE AT:** [www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/strings](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/strings)

### Weekly Lessons

Includes 30 - 1/2 hour lessons - once per week

**OPTION 1** - Group Lessons with 3-5 students = \$280.00

**OPTION 2** - Private Lessons with 1 student = \$655.00

### Weekly Lessons WITH Orchestra

Includes an additional 30 - 1 hour lessons - once per week.

**OPTION 1** - Group Lessons + Orchestra  
(\$280 + \$190) = \$470

**Early Bird (Group Lessons + Orchestra) = \$440.00**

**OPTION 2** - Private Lessons + Orchestra  
(\$655 + \$190) = \$845

**Early Bird (Private Lessons + Orchestra) = \$815.00**

Early Bird payment deadline is June 10, 2016!

**ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL**





## Registration Information

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- Please complete the on-line application and send your payment to Red Hill Learning Centre, Strings Program by September 12, 2016 so scheduling can be completed.
- A confirmation of lesson dates and times will be emailed by the beginning of October.
- Classes begin in early October 2016 and end in May/June 2017.
- Cello lessons will be on Wednesday evenings only at Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School.
- We will endeavour to accommodate all registration requests and structure group lessons according to students' skills and abilities.

## Musical Instruments

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- Students will be responsible for the care & maintenance of the instrument while in their possession.
- Families will be asked to sign an "Instrument Use Agreement".
- Families may be required to compensate HWDSB for lost or damaged instruments that exceeds normal wear and tear. Should the instrument require repair during the period of use, a replacement instrument will be provided if available.
- Students who are not returning to the Strings Program in the next school year will be required to return the instrument to the Red Hill Learning Centre from Monday, June 6 until Friday, June 17, 2016, or return them the evening of the Spring Concert. Students who are returning, may keep their instrument for use over the summer months. For inventory purposes, please email [lbarbers@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:lbarbers@hwdsb.on.ca) with the instrument size and ID number. Families will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the instrument while in their possession.

## Withdrawals and Refunds

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- Families that wish to withdraw a child from lessons should inform Lorraine Barberstock, Strings Administrator via email [lbarbers@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:lbarbers@hwdsb.on.ca) or call (905) 561-2190, ext 236 for assistance.
- All instruments and accessories are to be returned immediately to the Red Hill Learning Centre.
- Withdrawals from the program prior to October 31st, 2016 – fees will be refunded less a \$25 administration fee and fees for lessons up to the withdrawal date. **No refunds will be processed after October 31st, 2016.**
- Refunds will be returned by cheque. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.
- If HWDSB is unable to accommodate your child for lessons, a full refund will be processed.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

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## Community and Continuing Education—Red Hill Learning Centre

300 Albright Road, Hamilton, Ontario, L8K 5J4  
Phone: 905-561-2190 Fax: 905-561-2582



School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. School Cash Online is available at all HWDSB schools.

School Cash Online is an on-line payment service offered through the KEV Group. The KEV Group is Canadian owned and operates its head offices in the Province of Ontario. There are over 9,000 schools using KEV's solutions for managing school bookkeeping across North America.

The School Cash Online website is certified compliant with Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards. School Cash Online does not share personal information with any third party. They do not store credit card information on their own web servers, computers or other devices. With the exception of funds loaded into MyWallet, your payment information must be entered every time you checkout.

The KEV Group uses Moneris as the payment processor. Moneris is Canada's largest payment processor, processing over 3 billion credit and debit transactions every year.

To participate in using this service, your child must obtain a one-time PIN code from the school for our secure registration process. If you require a PIN code, please contact the school office. Newly registered JK/SK students will receive their PIN codes a few weeks into the school year.

Website: <https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com>



EARN A CREDIT

REACH AHEAD

FUN FOR EVERYONE

# SIR ALLAN MACNAB

## Grade 8 ORCHESTRA

EVENING MUSIC PROGRAM

- WHEN:** Thursdays, from September 15, 2016 to June 15, 2017
- WHERE:** Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School
- WHAT:** REACH AHEAD and earn a high school credit
- TARGET:** Grade 8 students (September 2016) from Chedoke, G.L. Armstrong, Gordon Price, R.A. Riddell and Westview Elementary Schools.



### information:

#### *Who is eligible?*

- This program is designed to meet the needs of our Grade 8 students with Brass, Percussion, Strings and Woodwind experience.
- Students must be approved by their Elementary School Principal. Students must demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity.

#### *Program Details:*

- Students will learn exciting new band music, perform at festivals and participate in music concerts.
- There will be a small fee to cover a uniform shirt.
- Thursday evenings, 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Register ON-LINE at: [www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/reach-ahead](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/reach-ahead)



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# Combined Classrooms



## Why is my child in a combined class?

Principals and staff create combined classes as an organizational tool to meet the Ministry of Education's standards for class size. A variety of other factors are considered when grouping children into classes, including:

- Learning styles
- Social skills
- Academic strengths and needs
- And many other factors



All classrooms, whether single-grade or combined, include students performing at a range of achievement levels. Example: a single-grade class of Grade 4 students may have students ranging in ability from multiple grades.

## How can the teacher teach more than one grade at a time?

Teachers in HWDSB use many different strategies to meet students needs at various levels. Teachers use various strategies to meet expectations related to the students Grade Level in the Ontario Curriculum. These may include:

- Introducing a common topic then giving each grade a different task or problem
- Organizing students into flexible groups depending on student interests and skills
- Differentiate instruction based on students' individual strengths and needs

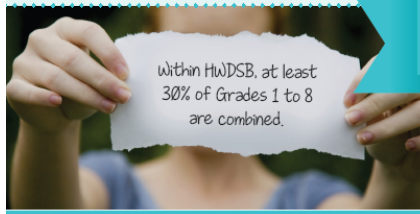
## An Introduction to Combined Grades



**For more information contact:**  
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## How will a combined class affect my child?

### Academically

Several studies have found that students in combined classes achieve at the same level as students in single-grade classes.

### Socially

Canadian studies also show that children in combined classes have the same opportunities for emotional and social growth as single-grade students.

The social environment helps students:

- Learn how to work on their own and as part of a team
- Build leadership abilities as they work together and help each other
- Develop decision-making skills, and become more self-motivated and responsible
- The diverse ideas and opinions of classmates help expand students' perspectives and help them learn in an environment that reflects the real world
- Combined grades provide more flexibility for classroom composition



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Combined classes group children from two or more consecutive grades in one classroom. This type of classroom is very common. Within HWDSB, at least 30% of Grades 1 to 8 are combined.

Schools combine classes for a variety of reasons. This includes organizing classes to meet student learning needs and combining grades to balance class size.

Over the years, HWDSB has found that using combined grades as a strategy, has reduced the number of timetable reorganizations that occur in late fall.

All classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students' academic and social development needs.

## Will my child get enough individual attention?

Teachers teach students and address each individual's strengths and needs, regardless of the grade level.

Every day, in both single-grade classes and combined grades, teachers work with large groups, small groups, and individual students.