

March 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

Before and after-school programs provide children with more opportunities to learn and grow. Many schools already offer before and after-school programs for children in Kindergarten to grade 6 operated by not-for-profit agencies from the community. The attached survey will help us to see if more families need before and after-school programs. Some schools do not have before and after-school programs, and we may be able to offer a program at these schools if there is enough interest based on the information we receive from this survey.

Before and after-school programs are for families who need a program outside of regular school hours. These programs are optional programs, and children are not required to attend these programs. These programs are a fee-for-service program. The before and after-school programs for Kindergarten children will be led by Early Childhood Educators, and the grade 1-6 program will be led by staff with qualifications like recreation as an example.

We understand many families have before and after-school arrangements that work for their family, and we encourage families to remain with these programs if they are meeting your family's needs. School-based before and after-school programs are not intended to replace existing before and after-school arrangements families already have in place.

For more information about HWDSB school-based before and after-school programs, and a list of current fees, please visit the before and after-school programs link at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/earlyyears/childcare/> Choose your child's school from the drop down list provided. The average cost of a before and after-school program is \$18.00 per child per day.

Families who need help with before and after-school costs may be eligible for assistance (subsidy) through the City of Hamilton. For details of current eligibility criteria you can check the city's website at: <https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/child-care/applying-child-care-fee-subsidy> or call 905.546.4870.

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) for a before and after-school program during the 2017-2018 school year, **please complete this survey and return it to the school office by March 31st**. You can also complete this survey on line at <http://bit.ly/HWDSB-Child-Care>

If you would like more information about school-based before and after-school programs within HWDSB, please call Kathy MacDonald, Early Years Department, by telephone: 905.527.5092, x 2333 or email: kmmacdon@hwdsb.on.ca

Before and After-School Survey 2017-2018

School Name	
Parent/Caregiver/Guardian	
Telephone Number	
Email	

Please indicate with a check (✓) in the box that applies:

<input type="checkbox"/>	My child(ren) is currently registered in a school-based before and after-school program, and will continue in this program for the 2017-2018 school year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My child(ren) is not currently registered in a school-based before and after-school program, but I need this program for the 2017-2018 school year.

Child(ren)'s Name	Grade in September (eg. Kindergarten, grade 1)

Please indicate with a check (✓) in the boxes below the days of the week that your family requires services:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school (7:00 a.m. to bell time)					
After school (Bell time to 6:00 p.m.)					

I am interested in the following optional full-day programs for my child(ren). Please indicate with a (✓) all that apply:

PA Days	
Winter Break (December-January)	
March Break	
Summer 2017	

What types of activities would your child(ren) like to participate in during a before and after-school program. Check (✓) all that apply.

Play-based learning activities	
Physical activities or sports	
Arts, music or drama	
Homework or reading	
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)	
Other options	

Do you give permission for your contact information to be shared with the not-for-profit before and after-school program provider in your school? Please indicate with a check (✓) in the box with your choice.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes , you can provide my name and contact information with the not-for-profit agency offering a before and after-school program in your child(ren)'s school.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No , you cannot provide my name and contact information with the not-for-profit agency offering a before and after-school program in your child(ren)'s school.

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