



Principal Weekly Apr 7th , 2017



Dalewood is in full swing and there is a lot of fantastic activities happening around the building. Please take a moment to review the various activities happening below. There is even more happening around the school and students are always encouraged to follow the announcements; these announcements are also listed on our foyer TV and web site. Keeping up with what is going on around the school is a full-time job!

In addition to all the extra-curricular activities, there are many wonderful things happening in the classroom every day. This work can be overshadowed by the success of the extra-curricular activities. Remember to talk to your son or daughter about the work they are doing in the classroom. Have them take you through examples of work on a regular basis. Always feel free to connect with the class teacher if you have any questions.

Just a reminder that there is no school on Friday April 14th and Monday April 17th.

Take care,

Simon Goodacre
Principal

Parents can always contact me if you have any questions, email is an excellent way to reach me sgoodacr@hwdsb.on.ca you can also follow me on Twitter @sgoodacreHWDSB

Activities Around Dalewood

Conflicts – It is something of a “good news, bad news” problem to have. For the size of school, Dalewood runs a huge amount of activities for students. These opportunities exist due to the hard work and dedication of our staff and they provide students with rich learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Unfortunately having so many events within a small school can result in conflicts. Within the school conflicts can arise due to the same students and teachers being involved in same events. Other conflicts occur because the opportunity is being organized by a third party; in these situations, we often have no control over the dates or the timing in which we find out. Every effort is made in organizing school-wide planning to avoid these conflicts but, in a busy building, they are inevitable. Please feel free to contact the staff member organizing an activity if you have specific concerns.

BASEF Award Winners – Amazing number of Dalewood students won awards at the Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair. The awards are list by project title (no student names for privacy)

Canadian Nuclear Society Award: Radioactivity in Your Home

Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature, Science & Art da Vinci Award: HLA: A Map for a Road Less Traveled

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Nicola Tesla Honourable Mention Award: Effect of Humidity on Electrostatic Levitation

Dr. Tunks Innovations Award: Road's Wet, Benches Dry

Bronze Medals: Taste Vision, Power of Music, Natural Thermal Insulators from Household Waste, Liquid vs. Liquid; a Battlefield of Heat, Radioactivity in Your Home

Silver Medals: Air and Water: Pollution and pH, Nanosilver: Investigating the Effects of Nanosilver

Gold Medal: HLA: A Map for a Road Less Travelled

Mama Mia – Unfortunately Mama Mia conflicts with the recently announced Orienteering tournament. We have rebooked the date to Wed May 3rd. A separate letter has gone home with students who have signed up for the trip.

Open House –The Dalewood Open House will be on Tuesday May 2nd from 5-7pm. Come and celebrate the renewed Dalewood building. There will be food trucks, so plan on coming for dinner and not having dishes to do that night. Come see some of the amazing activities that are currently happening along with a celebration of the history of the building.

Student Council – Our Student Council is planning some upcoming events: an activity day as a fundraiser, a spring dance, and a multicultural day. Information will be provided over the announcements and through presentations to individual classes.

EQAO Administration Dates – Thurs May 25- Fri June 2 The administration dates for the EQAO test for grade 6 students. Please avoid having appointments and absences booked during this time.

Ancaster High Duathlon – Dalewood students have been active participants in the Ancaster High Tri-a-Tri event in past years. Due to some renovations at the Ancaster Community Centre, some adjustments have been made to the event [hopefully] for this year only. The event is a Duathlon only and the date has been pushed back a little later than normal. Unfortunately the event is during the EQAO timelines; as such, it will only be available to students in grade 7 and 8.

iCubed presentations - i-Cubed – Investigate! Invent! Innovate!. (Students identify problems in their daily lives and invent products or processes to solve those problems based on concepts they learn in class.) This is a board focus similar to Chase the Future 2041. <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/chasethefuture2041/> Various classes at Dalewood are working on these projects and will have a presentation on **April 24th 12:30pm-1:30pm**



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Brought to you by the Industry-Education Council of Hamilton

Hamilton Code Club

The spring session of the Computer Coding Club is starting soon. See Ms. Coburn for details.

Athletic Time Frames – Announcements and meeting regarding permission forms and tryouts are usually held approximately a week before activities. Students should listen to announcements for information.

Orienteering team – May 26th
Golf team starts early May.
Track and field starts early May.
Soccer starts early May.

For a calendar of major school dates, please visit <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood/events/>

Information

Ward One Participatory Budget - The following shortlist is grouped according to the project idea categories found on the submission form. In many cases, the ideas listed are the result of combining several ideas that had a similar theme or location. All ideas that were combined and that received funding will be forwarded for implementation with all details of each individual idea submitted.

10 Outdoor Space for Dalewood Middle School and Recreation Centre

Add a natural outdoor classroom space and a natural playground at Dalewood Middle School, including benches and shade trees. This would be done in dialogue with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) and must comply with the HWDSB Outdoor Design Manual.

<http://forward1.ca/2017-shortlist/>

Homework Helps – Is a free online math tutoring program offered by TVO. Students in grade 7 to 10 can access live certified teachers online to assist with math instruction. <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/> Students can login through the HUB with some of the account permissions already signed up.
<http://home.hwdsb.on.ca/students.php>

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Proud to be profiled in the HWDSB Virtual Blackboard: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/chase-the-future-dalewood-students-pursuing-smart-school-technology/>

Chase the Future: Dalewood students pursuing “smart-school” technology

Posted on Wednesday, March 29, 2017



Ms. Coburn and Dalewood Grade 8 Students Sadhana Jeyakumar, Rand Amer, Betty Er and Daisy Li

Students at Dalewood Elementary School are making Hamilton a better place to live with Chase the Future 2041.

Chase the Future 2041 is a year-long project partnership between Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the City of Hamilton that encourages students to answer the question, ‘How might we make Hamilton a better place to live?’ The initiative motivates students to think about what they would like to change by the year 2041.

“As educators, one area we truly focus is our own instructional practices and where they can effectively deepen learning tasks,” says Linda Coburn, Dalewood’s teacher representative for the initiative. “Chase the Future 2041 meant the opportunity to become curious, creative, and make a difference within our own educational community.”

The project is linked to six City of Hamilton priorities: Community Engagement and Participation, Economic Prosperity and Growth, Health and Safe Community, Clean and Green, Built Environment and Infrastructure, and Culture and Diversity.

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One of the projects Coburn's class is working on is turning Dalewood into a 'smart-school' by using piezoelectricity to generate energy from footstep vibrations. The students explained that turning Dalewood into a 'smart-school' engages students and the public to lessen pollution, and will also be a beneficial start to healthier, happier, and safer communities.

Coburn's students say that Chase the Future 2041 has provided them with real-life experiences and has helped them improve their teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking skills.

"The ultimate goal of Chase the Future 2041 is moving our students forward and being in control of their own learning," says Coburn. "We are beginning to see enriched and deep learning embedded into our everyday learning framework."

To learn more, visit the [Chase the Future 2041 website](#).

Ainslie Wood Community Association Message

The Ainslie Wood Community Association is holding its community clean up day on Saturday May 13th from 1-3. The meeting place is the playground at Alexander park on Whitney Ave. (Riffle Range and Whitney is the closest intersection) All supplies will be provided. High School students can earn volunteer credits. For more information please email awcacleanup@gmail.com

Hamilton Community Foundation – Adolescent Brain Under Construction Dr Jean Clinton

<http://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/event-list/apr19/>

Join us as renowned expert Dr. Jean Clinton shares her recent findings on adolescent brain development and how environment and experience play key roles during the formative teenage years.

April 19th 7-9pm Hamilton Spectator Building.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Will using TipOff cost me money?

It depends on your phone plan. Standard text messaging rates apply.

What should I report?

We hope you will share anonymous tips on bullying, student safety and crime to make your school safer.

What number do I text?

You can text 905-963-0066. You can also use web chat at <http://goo.gl/kq4snT> or download and use the smartphone app. This creates what we call a 'conversation.'

Can I also call that number?

Yes, but TipOff will not engage in phone conversations. The automated prompts allow you to connect via text, or to contact emergency supports.

Will TipOff provide counselling?

No. TipOff's operator will never offer counselling. It is an information service. It will refer you to 911 if you are in crisis. Your school can provide the full support it does every day.

Download the TipOff App!





How will my tip be used?

TipOff labels each tip according to the type of incident and where it occurred. (e.g. #bullying, #theft, #onschoolproperty).

Labels help HWDSB learn more about the needs of our students and schools. It also helps staff understand how TipOff is being used.

Your tip will always remain anonymous in the TipOff system. School officials may ask for your identity if your tip is of an urgent nature that requires face-to-face conversation.

HWDSB staff review conversations frequently to understand how tips are handled, how many tips are being received and how satisfied users are with TipOff.



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The anonymous reporting service at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

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