

Dalewood Golden Hawks

NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF: WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE DALEWOOD BETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

November 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The “falling back” of the clock has signaled the move into winter (I know it’s still fall, but a southern Ontario fall is like a Scottish winter) and the need for warmer clothing. Time is moving fast and soon it will be the two-week winter break.

Thank you to the students and parents/guardians who contributed to the Terry Fox day. We raised \$374.60 towards cancer research.

We have started Pizza days every Tuesday and the funds raised will be used to subsidize trips for all students.

Choir has started and sang in this year’s Remembrance Day Assembly. A thank you to Ms. McAuslan for all her hard work on organizing the assembly.

For the past several weeks we have had four McMaster student nurses at the school for the whole day on Wednesdays. They have worked with students on such things as hand washing, safe trick-or-treating, and vaccinations.

This year the school, in line with the school board, is focusing on three areas: mathematics, reading, and school culture. Teachers are putting into place strategies to address what they regard as the students’ skills and needs gaps. As we move further along in the school year, we will provide more information on how this is progressing and the specific goals that are in place.

Assessment and evaluation of students at the elementary level is governed by the Ministry of Education’s *Growing Success* document. This is available online (and a copy available at school if you wish to look at a hard copy). Assessment and evaluation practices in elementary schools focus on three sources of information —student work, conversations, and observations. Using all three “increases the reliability and validity of the evaluation of student learning” (p. 39). While homework does occur, it should not be formally assessed. All assessed work should be completed at school under teacher supervision. Group projects are permitted but each student’s contribution to the project must be evaluated independently and given an individual mark. Also, there are no exams (or study periods) in elementary schools. Exams do not meet the focus in *Growing Success* on on-going feedback/discussion which is used to provide next steps, etc. Assessment and evaluation focus on the most consistent and recent work the student has completed. In this way, assessment and evaluation differ from some of the practices in high school (though changes in assessment and evaluation are occurring there).

Health and Physical Education (H & PE): The Ministry of Education has reissued the H & PE Curriculum for Grades 1-8 (interim edition, 2010) for use in schools. Teachers use their professional judgment to teach and report on student progress based on this direction within a learning environment that is inclusive, accepting, and supportive of our commitment to equity.

As in previous years, families will be notified when the Growth and Development components of the curriculum are to be addressed. Please contact your child’s H & PE teacher with questions or concerns. The curriculum documents and additional resources are available on the Ministry of Education website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html> The Addressing Concerns @HWDSB flowchart provides more information about contacting various board staff if you have questions. It can be found on the board website at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Addressing-Concerns-HWDSB.pdf>

Mr. Grattan

Wash your hands!
Sneeze/Cough into your elbow!

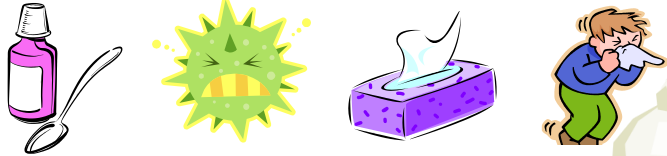
This time of year we see an increase in illness with our students. Students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently at school. Most illness is avoided with proper hand washing technique and proper cough/sneezing protocol (sneeze and cough into your elbow). Please remind your child(ren) about these important prevention practices.



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

With the cold and flu season coming, this is a reminder that the school cannot dispense medications without the signed authorization of **both** a parent/guardian **and** physician. This includes such items as cough syrup, Tylenol and other over-the-counter medications.

Please ask Mrs. Jeffrey for the proper form for your doctor to complete for this purpose. We are sorry for any inconvenience or added expense this may cause; we must however follow HWDSB medical protocols.



Proper Clothing

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom. In the cold weather it is important children come to school prepared. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it is a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

Inclement Weather



Should weather conditions warrant the closure of schools, public announcements will begin at approximately 6:00 a.m. on the following radio stations: KLITE FM-102.9, Y95-95.3FM, CKPC-92.1FM, Oldies 1150-1150AM, CHML-900AM CHAM-820AM
Please do not call the school to find out if we are open. Call the hotline number at the school board **(905-521-2535)** to find out about school closings.

FROM THE ART ROOM



We continue to hold Noon Hour Art Workshops every Day 3 within the Art Room. This weekly event is quite popular and is regularly attended by 40+ students. All budding and enthusiastic artists are welcome! Also, a great number of students are participating in a Community Art Project with both local artist, Nancy Benny, and myself. Over the month of November, students will be working upon dozens of paintings to be displayed upon the facade of a local house currently boarded up in preparation for Hamilton's LRT. Thank you to all the students thus far. Your energy and creativity is, as always, greatly appreciated!

Article copied from Public Health Services

When should I keep my child home from school?

Your children should stay home if they...

- vomit or have diarrhea through the night or in the morning (within the last 24 hours)
- have a temperature of 38° C (100.4° F) or higher. See the doctor if fever continues
- have any discharge from the ear or an earache. Go to the doctor same day
- have pink eyes or yellow discharge from the eyes. See the doctor
- have a runny nose with thick mucous, a night cough, or any continuous cough
- have a stomachache or headache. Go to the doctor if symptoms continue or happen often
- have a sore throat
- have a toothache. See a dentist as soon as possible
- have a skin rash of unknown cause. Go to the doctor.

Be sure your current home, work, and emergency contact phone numbers are on file at the school.

Call the school when your children are absent.

For more information:

call Telehealth Ontario 1.866.797.0000

visit the City of Hamilton, Public Health Services website

www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices.

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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

Pizza
Day

1
Parent/
Guardian
Interviews

2
Parent/
Guardian
Interviews

3

4

5
Volleyball
Tournament @
Westdale

Art Community
Project @
Dalewood

6
Pizza
Day

7

8

9
Remembrance
Day Assembly

Lockdown Drill

10

11

12

13
Pizza
Day

14
Bring your Child
to Work Day

Grade 8s to
Westdale

15
Band trip to
Glendale

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17

18

Computer
Coding Club
begins with
IEC Mentor

19
i-Cubed
Introduction in
Learning
commons at
Lunch [https://
www.thelearning
partnership.ca/](https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/)

20
Westdale Open
House 6:30—
8:00 p.m.
Pizza
Day

21

22
School
Council
Meeting @
7pm

23

24

25

26

27
Pizza
Day

28
All students at
Westdale's
production of
Mama Mia

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30
1:45 Bus
Safety
Presentation



Please also visit our Events page on our website for added dates and events at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood/events/>.