



Dalewood Home and School Association

The Dalewood Home and School meets the third Tuesday of each month with exceptions generally of December, March and June. As an independent organization, we provide a voice for Parents at the School, Board, Provincial and National levels. The mandate of Home and School is to advocate for “the best for each child”, to encourage and assist individuals in becoming Partners in Education while building skills among our Members.

At Dalewood, we meet in conjunction with School Council sharing many common goals and interests, but there is a difference. Your Membership assists all of the levels of the organization in maintaining a true Parent voice....since 1928 provincially and 1961 at Dalewood. Our Association often writes letters to support the students, staff and administration. But right now, we need your support, whether it be by attending meetings, assisting with a fundraiser or simply purchasing a membership. Listed on the back you will find a detailed list of how we have been involved at the school over the last few years. If you have concerns, questions, suggestions or good news to share....you are always welcome to attend our meetings and participate in discussions, however only Home and School Members may vote on issues or the disbursement of funds.

One of the current topics of discussion is ensuring that Parents feel welcome to become (and stay) involved (sometimes in spite of our children). The transition at each stage can be difficult, with four children of my own I have first hand experience and it is sometimes sharing an understanding that can assist the most. There really is so much that we as Parents can offer and contribute with our own children, the students at Dalewood, within the Board and Provincially. The Board’s often coined phrase that “together we can make a difference” is truly illustrated through Home and School and I hope that you will join us.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

Is still available.....family \$15 or associate member \$5

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Type of membership single _____ family _____

other H&S Association to which you belong _____

Child _____ Advisor _____

Please make cheques payable to the Dalewood Home and School Association. They can be sent to the School Office or brought to the meeting

HOME AND SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Holiday Café and Silent Auction
Trip Subsidy Fund
Nutrition Program
Graduation Award and Reception
Computer Lab Projector
Library and Literacy materials
Partners in Sub Lunch
Staff Appreciation
Backpacks for Secondary Students
OFHSA Citizenship Award Nominations

Representation on School Level Committee

School Council
School Improvement Plan

Representation on Board Level Committees

Special Education Advisory Committee
French Immersion Advisory Committee
Parent Involvement Committee
Partnership Committee
Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee

Hamilton Wentworth Council of Home and School Associations

NEWS FLASH ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER will soon be available.

Register today on the all new Dalewood website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood/>

Thanks to our new IT staff specialist Linda Coburn for all of her work on this.

The Electronic News can be delivered directly to you and by pass that sometimes reluctant courier. Information can also be more current and provided at a significant cost savings. Newsletters will be archived on the website and accessible from any internet service...such as the library. Some hard copies will be available at the office. This pilot project was made available through an application by the Home and School for Special Outreach Funds allocated by the Ministry to the Board for Parental Involvement.

As a pilot surveys will be completed at a later date to gauge the success of the project. To provide more consistency for contacting the Association on any matter we have set up a new email address dalewoodhomeandschool@hotmail.com

Dalewood Home and School Executive Nominations for 2006-2007

President _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

Each person nominated must be a Member in good standing of the Provincial governing body to stand in the election and accept the nomination without duress. Only Members in good standing may nominate or vote in any election.

Nominated by _____

Elections will take place at the October 18th meeting.