

# Dalewood Details

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APRIL 2011

## *From the Administrator's Desk...*

March just seemed to come and go so quickly. Hope everyone enjoyed a fun-filled March Break and unexpected snow day. The month of March was very busy with lots of activities happening both inside and outside the classroom. Many of our students participated in the HWDSB band fest that was held at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School. A special thank you to Mrs. Kortmann for all of her hard work during this three day music festival. Good luck to students who will be attending the music festival in Kitchener this month. A very big congratulations to all of our Dalewood students who participated in the BASEF science fair at Mohawk College. We are very proud of all of our participants and the hard work that went into so many successful projects. On the court both our girl's and boy's senior basketball teams enjoyed successful seasons and have advanced to the play offs during the month of April.

April is also volunteer month and on behalf of all the staff and students I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who enrich the lives of our students every day. If you would like to volunteer your time at Dalewood please contact the school for more information. On Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> the first public meeting for the Dalewood ARC will be held in our very own auditorium from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please visit the HWDSB board website for further information. April is also a busy month with Earth day being on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since we are not at school on this day (Good Friday) we have decided to hold our Dalewood earth day activities on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>. One of our student teachers Mr. Kuipers, has been working alongside Mrs. Coburn and Mrs. Kortmann to create some very interesting earth day activities. We are pleased to be hosting a "Birds of Prey Earth Day Assembly" in the morning as well as an Earth Day video dance in the afternoon. The video dance in the afternoon will be a fundraiser for our school musical "Into the Woods." The dance will run from 11:45 am to 2:35 pm. We have chosen to go with the company Party Rockers this year as their videos are more age appropriate for middle school students than other video companies we have used in the past.

This month our advisor teams will be focusing in on the character attributes honesty and trustworthiness. Honesty is about being sincere and truthful. Trustworthiness is being reliable and honest and can be depended upon in any situation, under any circumstances.



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Principal

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Vice-Principal

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Office Administrator



## **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

*April 1—Learning Community Day, No School for students*

*April 22—Good Friday, No School*

*April 24—Easter Monday, No School*

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Check out the Dalewood website:  
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood>

## Sport Shorts



### Curricular...

Our students have started human growth and development and our badminton units. These units will run until the end of April. After these units, the students will start golf and tennis.

### Extracurricular...

The boys and girls Senior Basketball teams have begun. The regular season will end the last week in March with playoffs to follow.

Swim team and orienteering will be held in late April. Please listen to the announcements for when the tryouts and the practices will be held.

### INTRAMURAL BADMINTON...

Any students who would like to participate in Intramural badminton are asked to listen to the announcements. The season will run from beginning of April to the beginning of May.

## Vow of Silence for Free the Children Dalewood Campaign



### WHAT is Vow of Silence?

The Vow of Silence campaign is an opportunity to raise awareness of the issues concerning children's rights and to stand in solidarity with the youth around the world who do not have a voice.

Through the Vow of Silence, we can raise awareness of these issues and fundraise to support Free The Children's projects.

### HOW does it work?

By participating in the Dalewood Vow of Silence students vow to remain silent for 24 hours beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and ending at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to this date students will collect pledges from friends and family; the people who agree to sponsor that student's participation in the Vow of Silence.

Children are asked to **NOT** do door-to-door fundraising.

Donation Pledge Form: for each donor students are asked to fill out the following information:

Donor's full name	E-mail	Full address
Pledge amount	Phone Number	Whether a tax receipt is required (for donations of over \$10)

Pledge forms will be handed out to students on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Please make donations by cheque payable to "Free The Children".**

The pledge forms and cheques are due on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Thank you for your help and support,  
The Dalewood Vow of Silence Committee and  
Mrs Diacon  
Dalewood 905-528-8631

## Home and School/School Council

Home and School/School Council is looking for volunteers for snack preparation on Fridays at 8:00 am for the month of May. If you are able to volunteer some time for this worthy initiative, please contact the office at 905-528-8631 as soon as possible.

Also a reminder of two presentations taking place on April 12th. A facebook and twitter presentation will be taking place at Chedoke School at 7:00 pm and Thinking with the Teenage Brain presentation will be occurring at Michelangelo's on April 12 from 7-9pm

## Please support our Ongoing Fundraiser!!! Holland Park Garden Gallery



Dalewood has joined the "Grow for Green" fundraising program at Holland Park Garden Gallery on Olympic Drive in Dundas. Dalewood will earn points for every purchase made simply by telling the cashier that you're with Dalewood school—our account number is our phone number 905-528-8631. It couldn't be easier! For every \$400 in purchases, Dalewood receives a \$20 voucher for store merchandise. Tell your family and friends—all purchases apply.

Thank you to all of our Dalewood families for supporting our fundraising efforts!

## National Volunteer Week April 10-16, 2011

National Volunteer Week, the biggest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in our country is coming soon. The 2011 campaign lands on the week of April 10-16.

Volunteering is the most fundamental act of citizenship and philanthropy in our society. It is offering time, energy and skills on one's own free will. It is an extension of being a good neighbour, transforming a collection of houses into a community, as people become involved in the improvement of their surroundings and choose to help others. By caring and contributing to change, volunteers decrease suffering and disparity, while they gain skills, self esteem and change their lives. People work to improve the lives of their neighbours and, in return, enhance their own.

Every day, thousands of people voluntarily give their time and talent to thousands of organizations across Canada. They give their time freely and with no expectation of monetary reward. Their hours of service ensure that many activities are accomplished and many people are helped. They build houses for the homeless, care for the elderly, and provide counseling and support services. They are youth group leaders, program coordinators, coaches and fundraisers. They represent every walk of life – professional, homemaker, student, and retiree – as well as every age and cultural group.

HWDSB thanks our volunteers for all they do for our students.



## Video Dance/Earth Day Activities April 21, 2011



- Earth day activities will take place in the morning with a Birds of Prey assembly
- Video Dance in the afternoon with Party Rockers
- Students who choose to not attend the dance will be participating in planned earth day activities



## Character Education / Student Leadership

### Me to We

Many initiatives are being planned for the near future by the students in the Me to We group. With each initiative the intent is to make the Dalewood student community aware of issues that affect boys and girls in their community or in other countries. Our students hope that by creating this awareness other students will involve themselves in other school or community activities that will serve to enrich the lives of someone less fortunate. Under the guidance of Ms. Diacon, our students are going to participate in a Vow of Silence. **Please see the newsletter for further information.**

### Pink Shirt Day

Students at Dalewood have organized a day to show support in the fight against bullying. They are asking students and staff to wear pink on April 14<sup>th</sup>. When someone who is being bullied doesn't want to speak out with their voice, they can take comfort in the fact that everyone wearing pink will be using their "visual voice" to SPEAK OUT. A host of lunch hour activities have been planned: nail painting, banner making, pledge bracelet making and pink volleyball to name a few. Prior to this day announcements and posters will inform students of alarming statistics on the frequency and magnitude of bullying. Again, education creates awareness, which often evokes empathy and generates action. This event parallels others at schools across the HWDSB.

### Food Drive

Me to We students at Dalewood have been working with our Students' Council to collect food on the days of dances. Incentives have been given to students who bring in non-perishable food items; their dance tickets are reduced. We are planning a blitz week for a food drive. We are asking students to bring in food items from April 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. All food will then be taken to Delta High School's walk in closet on the afternoon of April 21<sup>st</sup>, just in time for the holiday long weekend. The walk in closet was established to support the many secondary students who are living on their own or need outside support to sustain their basic needs. Again this initiative is our students helping other students within our own school board.

### Advisor Lesson – Honesty and Trustworthiness

Selected grade 7 and 8 Me to We members have been busy organizing and planning the lesson they will deliver to classes on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The character attribute lessons delivered by students to students become meaningful and engaging for both the student facilitator and the students in class.

### Family Fun Night

Closer to the date you will receive a notice for Dalewood's Open House – Family Fun Night. Family Fun Night is an evening to visit our school and showcase both student achievement and student leadership. Many activities are planned for full family FUN! We intend on offering many of last year's favorites: Minute to Win it, Piano Café, Latin Dance workshop, Cup Stacking, Cupcake Decorating, Flower Planting, Art Workshop, Silent Auction, Bake Sale and Scholastic Book Sale. We combine this evening with a fund raising initiative to raise money for City Kidz, our chosen charity this year. Hope to see you there. IT IS THE EVENT TO ATTEND!

We need your help to make Family Fun Night a huge success. Here's how you can help:

- Make a donation to the Silent auction—it can be an item or a service—be creative, everything is welcome!
- Donate a pretty cup and saucer or an interesting coffee mug—our students will be planting pansies in them and selling them during the event.
- Bake something! We need wonderful goodies for our Bake Table—loaves, cookies, pies, squares and cakes are welcome.

If you can help with any of the above, please let us know. Simply email [dalewood@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:dalewood@hwdsb.on.ca) and we'll get back to you with details on where to drop your items off. THANK YOU!

### Dalewood Student Success at BASEF 2011

On Saturday, March 26th, 2011, cash, prizes and scholarships worth almost \$140,000 were awarded to student participants in the 51st Annual **Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair** held at Mohawk College. More than 350 students in grades 7 – 12 from Hamilton, Halton, Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk spent months preparing more than 230 science and engineering projects.

**Dalewood students did very well at BASEF this year and deserve special recognition, our admiration, and congratulations for their hard work, originality of their projects and the scientific merit of their work.** The awards are listed in the same order in which they were posted on the BASEF webpage (<http://basef.ca/BASEF2011awardwinners>).

*Susan Joyce Memorial Award - Physical and Mathematical Science*

**WAAS With The GPS** by Yvonne Alama and Sierra Robertson-Roper

*Susan Joyce Memorial Award - Life Sciences*

**The Invisible Threat?** by Valen Varangu Booth and Louis Garber

*Canada Wide Science Fair Trip Award*

**WAAS With The GPS** by Sierra Robertson-Roper and Yvonne Alama

*Canada Wide Science Fair Trip Award Alternate*

**Ice Cold Rockets** by Andrew Crowther and Jack Leighninger

*Canada Wide Science Fair Trip Award Alternate*

**The Invisible Threat?** by Louis Garber and Valen Varangu Booth

*Gold Medal:*

**WAAS With The GPS** by Yvonne Alama and Sierra Robertson-Roper

*Silver Medal:*

**The Invisible Threat?** by Valen Varangu Booth and Louis Garber

**The Fear Factor** by Yajur Iyengar

**Ice Cold Rockets** by Jack Leighninger and Andrew Crowther

*Bronze Medal:*

**Musical Memories** by Julia Bryson and Dana Nickerson

**Do You Remember?** by Lily Wu

**Turn that Frown Upside Down** by Rudi Barwin

*Acquired Brain Injury Award*

**Do You Remember?** by Lily Wu

*ArcelorMittal Dofasco Hot Mill Award*

**WAAS With The GPS** by Sierra Robertson-Roper and Yvonne Alama

*Nicola Simmons Award in Cognition Studies*

**Turn that Frown Upside Down** by Rudi Barwin

*Primary Fluid Systems Physical Sciences Awards - First Award*

**WAAS With The GPS** by Yvonne Alama and Sierra Robertson-Roper

*PUGWASH Science for Peace Award Junior*

**Turn that Frown Upside Down** by Rudi Barwin

Congratulations to all the participants of the Dalewood Science Fair and BASEF. We are very proud of you; we congratulate you for your hard work and enthusiasm.



### **Attendance**

If you have a child that will be attending the OELC Camp, can you please call the school to let us know your child will be attending. This trip is NOT a school sponsored trip and therefore we won't know if your child is attending unless you call to let us know.

Thank you!



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# Leadership and Learning Special Education OPEN HOUSE



*Every child can achieve their full potential.*

Join us to learn how to better access special education services at HWDSB.

SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee ) invites all parents and community service professionals to a SPECIAL EDUCATION / STUDENT SERVICES OPEN HOUSE:

**Thursday, April 28, 2011**

**4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Open House**

Education Centre, 100 Main Street West, Hamilton

- Childcare provided
- Bus Tickets available
- Pizza Dinner

**RSVP**

For attendance, dietary restrictions and childcare needs, please RSVP to [joanne.mann@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:joanne.mann@hwdsb.on.ca) or call 905-527-5092 ext. 2345 by Thursday, April 21, 2011. Please let us know if you require a cultural or sign-language interpreter or additional supports related to accessibility.

*Let's Work Together!*

**Chat with HWDSB's friendly specialists about:**

- Social and behavioural needs
- Autism
- The Identification Placement Review Process
- Programs serving a variety of disabilities
- And much more!

# April 2011

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1 Learning Community Day—No School for students
4 Pitas	5 Pizza	6 Hot Lunch  ARC Meeting 7-9pm Dalewood Auditorium	7 Pizza  Brain & Spinal Cord Assembly	8
11 Pitas	12 Pizza	13 Hot Lunch	14 Pizza	15
18 Pitas	19 Pizza  Home and School/ School Council Mtg. 6:30pm	20 Hot Lunch	21 Pizza  Earth Day Activities am Birds of Prey assembly Video Dance pm	22  Good Friday—No School  Earth Day 
25  Easter Monday—No School  	26 Pizza	27 Hot Lunch	28 Pizza	29  

## SOME FUTURE EVENTS:

- Grade 8 Graduation Monday June 27, 2011 4:30pm at Westdale; dance to follow at Dalewood at 6:30pm **CHECK SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**
- May 24, 2011—2nd dose Hep B Grade 7 and 3rd dose HPV Grade 8 girls immunizations
- 2nd Public ARC Meeting May 19th, location to be determined



Hot Lunches April 6, 13, 20 and 27



Pita Lunches April 4, 11 and 18



Pizza Lunch available on Tuesdays and Thursdays \$1.50 per slice