

Dalewood Details

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FEBRUARY 2012

From the Principal's Desk...

It is official, Warton Willie predicts an early spring. The weather this past month has been unbelievable but also a challenge. Students are reminded that even though we have not had much snow it can still be cold and wet outside. Hats and gloves need to be brought to school as the temperature is constantly changing within the day. You can leave in the morning to nice sunny and warm conditions but go home with below zero temperatures and snow. Students are reminded to please bring a pair of indoor shoes for Physical education class. The gym floor becomes very slippery when outdoor shoes are worn inside. As well we have to be mindful that we share the change room with the City of Hamilton and try our best to keep it clean during the day. Students are being asked to remove their muddy shoes before they enter the change room.

In January the Dalewood staff spent time working on learning goals, success criteria and descriptive feedback. We will continue with this focus on our upcoming P.D. day on February 17th. On February 15th the first of two provincial report cards will be sent home. This report card reflects your child's achievement of the curriculum expectations as well as the development of learning skills and work habits. Please ensure that you and your child complete the response sections on pages 3 and 4 and send them back to the school. Home and school communication is a vital part in academic success.

The week of February 13th is Staff Appreciation week. On behalf of all students and parents, I would like to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work in providing our students with remarkable classroom instruction, a caring and inclusive learning environment as well as all the other extra-curricular opportunities that are available to our students. The community is grateful for all that they do and the dedication they show to our students.

Grade 8 students attended an assembly on January 26th regarding completion of the Westdale option sheet. They received their option sheet package to bring home. For students living out of catchment or attending another school for program the office has been receiving option sheets and information for other schools as well. This information will be given to those students to ensure a smooth transition for all. If you have any questions regarding option sheets please contact the grade eight core teachers or myself at the office.

Mrs. J. Hall
Principal

Mr. D. Thorne
Vice-Principal

Mrs. Jobson
Office Administrator
Ms. Beaudoin
Office Administrator



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Friday February 17, 2011—PA Day, No School*
- *Family Day February 20, 2011, No School*
- *Option Sheets due February 10*
- *Report Cards home February 15*

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

Sport Shorts



Curricular...

Our students have finished the basketball and Substance Use and Addiction and Related Behaviours units in January. The next units are dance and gymnastics.

Test Dates

Substance Use Addiction and Related Behaviours

61/62	Thurs. Feb 2, 2012.
F6A/B	Thurs. Feb 2, 2012.
71/72	Fri. Feb 3, 2012.
73/G67	Thurs. Feb 2, 2012.
F7A/B	Thurs. Feb 2, 2012.
G78/F8	Thurs. Feb 2, 2012.
81/82	Fri. Feb 3, 2012.

Extracurricular...

The junior basketball teams have started their seasons. The season will run until the middle of February and the championship game will be at the end of February. Please listen to the announcements and check the schedule board to see when your practices will be running.

The senior basketball teams will be having their tryouts early February. Please listen to announcements for times and dates.

INTRAMURAL FLOOR HOCKEY...

Intramural Floor Hockey will begin in February. Please listen to the announcements in the morning for times and dates. All are welcome, every student is encouraged to come out and participate.

REMINDER FOR BAD WEATHER FOR GYM CLASSES...

With the changing weather, we are asking students to please bring an indoor pair of running shoes to participate in Physical Education class. As we share our facilities with the Recreation Centre and for the safety of our Dalewood students, we must take pride to keep our area safe and tidy for all. Parents, if you or your child has any reasonable second hand running shoes, can you please donate them for students to use, this would be greatly appreciated.

Science Fair

Several of our grade 7 and 8 students are in the midst of preparations for the Dalewood Science Fair. Our school fair will be held at Dalewood, on **Thursday, February 16th, 2012**, from 3 to 7 pm. The students who receive the mark of 80% or over at the Dalewood fair are eligible to participate in BASEF (up to 12 students per school are permitted). Like BASEF, the Dalewood Science Fair is open only to Gr. 7 and 8 students.

Dalewood Science Fair participants are asked to make transportation arrangements after the school fair, if needed. Please don't forget to bring a water bottle and some food. Last year the school fair ended after 6:30 p.m.

Science Fair is a wonderful opportunity for students to expand their Science horizons. Have fun and best of luck.

Mrs. Diacon and Mr. MacLean

Character Education and Student Leadership

The character attribute for February is HONESTY. Students will have an advisor lesson facilitated by Me to We student leaders.

On Thursday, February 2, 2012 HWDSB will host the **Junior Empowerment Conference**. This younger generation is truly the generation that will have an impact on our community and world. It is the generation that, by its very nature, brings families together to make a positive change. They are the generation that is still excited about the world around them. They want to make the world a stronger more positive place and just need the permission and conversation to use their voice to make the difference. Imagine the possibilities when these young students have the education and the tools to change. Ten grade 6 students with representation from all 5 classes, will accompany Mrs. Pratt to Westmount for this conference. Students will hear a keynote speaker and engage in several workshops.

On February 23rd, Me to We subcommittee is running our annual **Soup Day**. Students are encouraged to bring a toonie and get a cup of homemade soup for lunch. We will be serving chicken noodle and pasta fagioli. We are encouraging parents to help us out and for this reason the recipes have been included and put on Dalewood's website. We would appreciate if you could make a pot of soup we could sell. Please leave a message with Mrs. Jobson if you are able to do so. All money raised from the soup sales will be given to City Kidz, our local charity that we are supporting this year. This initiative is a win-win...a hot nutritious lunch for our students and a chance to support local needy youth.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

6 boneless chicken breasts...oven roasted and then chopped in small cubes

Combine: 1 cup powdered chicken broth

10 cups water

Bring to a boil and add

450 grams of fettuccine noodles broken into 1 inch lengths in advance

Optional ingredients

Sautéed onions, celery, fresh parsley, season to taste

Add chicken and serve hot

PASTA FAGIOLI

Combine: 1 can diced tomatoes

1 can thick pasta sauce

½ cup powdered vegetable stock

10 cups of water

Bring to a boil and add

450 grams of penne or fusilli

Once pasta is tender add 1 can kidney beans

Optional ingredients

Sautéed celery, onions, fresh parsley, frozen vegetables

These recipes are meant to be easy and healthy with a definite appeal to kids. Both recipes should make approximately 20 servings and be ready in about 30 minutes.

In May (I know that seems like a long time away, especially when we really haven't seen winter yet) during Education Week, Dalewood will be having their annual open house –

Family Fun Night. I am asking early for donations to our silent auction. Please let Mrs. Pratt or Mrs. Jobson know if you are able to help us out with that. Many thanks!

East Africa is experiencing their biggest drought in 60 years. Children, parents and elders are starving and thousands are dying each month. You can help by purchasing a "rafiki chain". A rafiki chain is a long beaded chain that can be worn by men and women as a necklace or a bracelet and are made by the women in East Africa. If you purchase a rafiki chain, you are feeding a child in East Africa for a month. Imagine not having to worry where your next meal is coming from, for a whole month. You can purchase your rafiki chain online now for just \$10.00 @ www.metowe.com/shop

February is Black History Month

Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, during Black History Month.

This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

For more information check out this Virtual Museum exhibit - Black Canada and the Journey to Freedom.

<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/blackhistory/index.html>

Check Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's website in February for information on Black History Month events going on at HWDSB schools and the community at large. www.hwdsb.on.ca

ONLINE PAYMENTS AT DALEWOOD - PILOT PROJECT

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. Some school related expenses will be available online for you to make payments. Presently, second installment for Ottawa trip can be paid on line along with Pita orders for February and March

Benefits to Parents:

- Convenient** - parents can make purchases 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Control** - eliminate lost cheques or cash
- Timely** - payments are reflected online immediately
- Secure** - ensures private and secure transmissions
- Accessible** - view historical purchases and payments online

Important Information to remember: **website: <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com>**

To Register:

- Step 1:** Please go to <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com>
- Step 2:** Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following steps
- Step 3:** After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

February 2012 Days of Significance

1st & 2nd	Secondary PA Day
4th	Mawlid an Nabi
7th	Magha Puja
8th	Tu B'Shevat
8th	Nirvana Day
13th	Lincoln Alexander Day
14th	Valentine's Day
15th	National Flag of Canada Day
17th	P.A. Day
20th	Family Day
22nd	Ash Wednesday

MANDATORY Muskoka Woods Meeting

Thursday, February 2nd at 11:45 in the Auditorium. If students do not attend this meeting they will be placed in a cabin and with a bus partner.



Valentine's Dance—February 14th

Tickets \$3, all proceeds going to purchase new chairs for the music room, ones with the desk part that flip down so they can have 'classes' and transition to their playing easily.



Parent School Council Corner

The next Dalewood Parent School Council meeting is on **Tuesday, February 21st** from **7:00-9:00pm**, in Room 8.

Lunch club volunteers – we are looking for parents who might be interested in volunteering some time to help support and supervise lunch club activities from February 6 to March 9, 2012.

Please contact: Wendy Leadbetter & Kim Newcombe
leadbet@mcmaster.ca peter.margetts@sympatico.ca

School Council Co-Chairs

At the request of parents a conference to learn more about meeting your teens emotional needs.



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Public Health Services

Do you know which of the five love languages your child speaks?

Every one of us shows and receives love in one of five ways. These five ways are known as love languages. Are you showing your love in a language your child understands? Learning which of the five languages your child uses to communicate will help you make your child feel secure, loved and more willing to be open with you. The City of Hamilton Sexual Health Network is sponsoring a workshop, by **New York Times best selling author Dr. Gary Chapman**, to assist parents and caregivers in speaking the same love language as their children. There is no charge to attend.



Date: Tuesday April 17, 2012

Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

**Location: Michelangelo Banquet Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa**

R.S.V.P.: 905-546-CITY (ext. 2489)

February 2012

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Pita Day	2 Pizza Parent Engagement Evening with Ray Zahab at Westmount Secondary School	3
6	7 Pizza	8 Pita Day	9 Pizza	10 Option sheets due back
13	14 Pizza Valentine's Day Dance 12:35-2:35 \$3/ ticket 	15 Pita Day Reports go home	16 Pizza Science Fair 3-7 pm Room 4 	17 PA Day— No school
20 Family Day No School	21 Pizza Parent School Council Meeting 7-9 pm	22 Pita Day	23 Pizza Soup Day \$2 per bowl	24
27 Muskoka Woods Trip - - -	28 Pizza -----	29 Pita Day -----		

SOME FUTURE EVENTS:

March 8th - Grade 7 Meningococcal Needles
 March 8th - Grade 8 Second Dose HPV
 March Break — March 12-16, 2011
 Grad Photos March 22, 2011
 Grade 8 Graduation Monday June 25, 2011 4:30pm at Westdale



Pita Lunches February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29



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

