

# Dalewood Details

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JUNE 2011

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

Another school year has come to an end, and we are very busy finalizing preparations for second term report cards and our Grade 8 graduation. May was a very busy month with Dalewood students dominating the HWDSB Swim meet and triathlon. Our music students put on two fabulous concerts and look forward to wowing everyone on June 20<sup>th</sup> with our school musical "Into The Woods." As we move into the last month of school there are lots of events happening in school to celebrate another successful year. Music students will be going to Canada's wonderland, Mrs. Crowe and others will be attending a Blue Jays game, our grade 8 students will be off to Montreal for three days and our OELC students will be climbing ropes at high altitude training. As well we will be hosting a soccer day and square dancing party. Please refer to the calendar on the school website and in the newsletter to keep track of all the yearend celebrations. See everyone at our musical and graduation!

### REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC "LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS" FOR YOU CHILDREN

Although some families have requested specific teachers for their children in the past we will not be accepting requests for specific teachers for students this fall. The practice of selecting a specific teacher is contrary to all that we believe in respecting all members of the Dalewood community and learning to work together.

With the current focus on grade team planning and implementation of our instructional program, all classes of the same grade will have a similar curriculum focus and delivery. Given that the curriculum program will be aligned across the classes in the same grade, parents can be assured that the instructional program their children receives will be of equal calibre across the grade team. While we know that parents sometimes have a preference for a specific teacher, we believe it is important for our students to learn how to cooperate and function in an environment with a wide range of personalities and educational philosophies which is a life-long skill that is imperative to meeting with success in any group or workplace. For this reason we will not accept any requests for specific teachers **but will accept any information that you feel is important in terms of the type of learning environment you believe your child may require because of specific needs.**

We have developed a comprehensive process of assigning students to classes based on combinations of students who our staff believe should or should not be together, the learning needs of each student, the balance of male/female ratios, students who present with behaviour challenges, as well as independent workers versus students who require greater teacher support. All of this information is important in developing classes that are balanced and effective and can only be done by staff who work with all of the students.

**Please feel free to put in writing and deliver to the office before June 8<sup>th</sup> any information that you would like us to be aware of in planning class assignments for next year without naming specific teachers.** Any information received after June 8<sup>th</sup> will not be considered during our class building for September. Currently there are no split classes scheduled for the fall at Dalewood.

Mrs. Hall & Mr. Thorne

Mrs. J. Hall  
Principal

Mr. D. Thorne  
Vice-Principal

Mrs. Jobson  
Office Administrator  
Mrs. Stinson  
Office Administrator



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- PA Day—June 10, 2011 NO SCHOOL
- Graduation June 27, 2011 4:30pm
- Last Day of School June 29, 2011
- First Day Back to School September 6, 2011



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

## Sport Shorts



### Curricular...

Our students have finished our tennis and golf units. We will be starting our Ultimate Frisbee and Lacrosse units. Our last swimming unit will take place June 20<sup>th</sup> until June 28<sup>th</sup>. Grades 6 and 7 and F8 will be involved in a games unit. Students will play water basketball, water volleyball and inner tube water polo. Students will also be engaged in their favorite . . . FREE TIME! When others are cooking in their classrooms, PE students will be cooling down. Please help prepare your son or daughter with a bathing suit, towel and a plastic bag.

### Extracurricular...

The Dalewood Golf Team traveled to Flamborough Hills Golf course on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. An overcast and wet course, turned into some fantastic results. Janet Newbigging placed first in the girls and Janet Newbigging and Natasha Lewis place first in the overall team for the girls. The boy's team of Ian MacKinnon, Lucas Drew, Finn Copp and Graydon Campbell placed third in the overall boys. Thanks to all of the players and volunteers for a great day.

Congratulations to all participants at the Track and Field meet on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Our students represented Dalewood extremely well with their leadership and sportsmanship. Our Junior boys team won their division overall. A special thanks, goes out to Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Crowe and Mr. Martindale for their help coaching, as well as our parent volunteers. Specific winners were:

Name	Event	Place
Finley Adams	Bantam Girls 1500m	1 and new meet record
Owen Opie	Bantam Boys 1500m	3
Olivia Rogers	Junior Girls 1500m	2
Emma Waddington	Junior Girls 1500m	3
Ian Mackinnon	Junior Boys 1500m	1
Maddy Kennedy	Senior Girls 1500m	2
Jessica Lewitzky	Senior Girls Shot put	2
Rohin Abdul Rauf	Junior Boys 100m	1
Rohin Abdul Rauf	Junior Boys 200m	2
Jamila Abrams	Senior Girls 100m	2
Brendan Power	Junior Boys Shot put	2
Chloe Hewitt	Junior Girls 200m	2
Chloe Hewitt	Junior Girls 400m	2
Ian Mackinnon	Junior Boys 400m	1
Andrew Pacheco	Senior Boys Shot put	1
Harrison McCann, Anand Sergeant, Cavan Farquhar, Aidan Chassie	Bantam Boys 4x100m relay	2
Sophia Stavropoulos, Kathryn Webb, Olivia Rogers, Megan Sutton	Junior Girls 4x100m relay	2
Rohin Abdul Rauf, Brendan Power, Marcus Emery, Greg Gordon	Junior Boys 4x100m relay	2
Maddy Kennedy, Sierra Robertson-Roper, Ashley Jang, Chloe Hewitt	Medley	2
Ian Mackinnon, Finn Copp, Brendan Opie, Noah Jones	Medley	1

## Character Education / Student Leadership

### Family Fun Night

Thanks to all who attended our 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Fun Night / Open House. It appeared that both the young and those a little older enjoyed the student run activities. Many thanks to students in Me to We, OELC Athletics and OELC Music who again demonstrated their ability to organize and prepare successful events under the guidance of the many staff. We raised \$800 for City Kidz. Many thanks to the many parents who donated items for the Silent Auction, food for the Food Bank and baked goods for our bake table.

### Altitude

On Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>, paperwork was handed out to interested students who held leadership positions this year; Me to We, OELC, Pizza Group, School Store, IT etc. A year end trip has been arranged for June 17<sup>th</sup> as a way of continuing to build leadership capacity as we move forward to next year. We are going to walk the students over to McMaster and put them in groups to do initiative tasks, swimming, the climbing tower and a picnic lunch. We will walk back and be at Dalewood in time for school dismissal and the busses. If your son/daughter is joining us and you would like to help supervise, please contact Mrs. Pratt. Again space is limited so please get all paperwork (and there is lots) and money back to Mrs. Pratt ASAP. An information night for this event will be on Thurs. June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 in the auditorium. A representative from Mac will be in attendance that evening.

### True Sport Breakfast

Currently we have 15 recipients of a True Sport award. These students have demonstrated one or more of the True Sport Values: Excellence; Fair play; Respect for opponents, team mates, officials; Inclusion; Fun. Consequently their actions have made Dalewood known as a fierce but fair competitor. We encourage you to go on to our school website and view our recipients' bios. We will be honouring each of these individuals on June 24<sup>th</sup> in the gym at a True Sport Breakfast. Students will be receiving their invitations that will welcome their parents as well. We ask that students respond immediately so we know how much food to order. The True Sport breakfast is set for Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am.

### Soccer Day

Soccer Day is yet another OELC athletic initiative. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, students who have completed the necessary paperwork and pledged \$10.00, will be involved in a full day soccer tournament on our Dalewood fields. Students will need parent permission to be excused from their regular scheduled classes. Only a limited number of students can be accommodated, so please make sure money and forms are sent back quickly. Students are expected to bring water, sunscreen and a hat in preparation for the June sun (Will we ever see it?) Winning teams in grades 6, 7 and 8 will receive prizes. The majority of our proceeds will go to Dalewood's Nutrition program for 2011-2012.

### Square Dance

On June 21, the OELC Athletics have scheduled a square dance. Students can buy tickets for \$2.00 which will offset the cost of the caller. Tickets go on sale June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This activity is an extension of the dance unit and should be a great way to finish up the school year. So find that cowboy hat and get ready for a little Do-Si-Do.

### OELC Luncheon

It is through the efforts of our OELC students that many of the activities are able to run and to run smoothly. We are closing another chapter of significant contribution made by these students and wish to acknowledge their efforts in an OELC luncheon. The luncheon will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and students will be getting notice of this in the very near future. Thanks to all of these students for putting forth a great effort this year and we wish them much success in their future endeavors in high school.

### Transitions

Time for others to move in, while others move out. As we lose our grade 8's to Westdale, Westmount, Waterdown, Parkside, Highland etc., we will be gaining a new group of eager grade 6's ready to make their mark at Dalewood. In order for their transition to be positive and exciting a Transition day is being planned for our grade 5 students on June 15<sup>th</sup>. OELC students (2011-2012) will be assisting in running programs and guiding our students to these programs.

### Character Attribute

The character attribute we are recognizing this month is Acceptance.

### From the Music Department:

As the school year is almost over I would like to take this time to thank all the parents and students for your patience (parents) and dedication (students) to this year's music program. What a successful year with two golds from our senior concert band and senior jazz band, a gold from stage choir with a cash prize of \$100 at the Kitchener-Waterloo Kiwanis Music Festival, and two silvers from our choir and stage choir at HWDSB Choirfest.

Our musical "Into the Woods" is well under way with a date finally set for June 20th at Westdale High School at 7pm. There will also be an understudy performance that parents can attend but will be during the school day June 23rd starting at 10am. Space is limited so we would ask that parents interested in coming to school on that day please contact the office or myself. [pamela.kortmann@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:pamela.kortmann@hwdsb.on.ca)

If you are currently not signed up and would like to help in any way please email me as well. I am currently looking for help with backstage make-up and hair, publicizing our musical, ticket making, ticket collecting on night, program making, prop collection, set builders? (maybe)

Is your son or daughter in grade 6 or 7 and very active in the music program? Sign up in September and join the Music Parent's Council. They will work in conjunction with Home and School council but will focus its efforts in fundraising for the music program. Our goal is to create a new music room in the auditorium on the stage with locking storage.



Thanks again,  
Mrs. Kortmann



### Our 2011-12 Information Technology Team

Vivian Dao, Crystal Cai, Andy Zhang, Caitlyn DiBartolo, Quiana Harris, Daniel Bradley, Jack Leightner, Kelvin Xu, Jordan Tennant, Kaden Hawley, Matthew Thompson and Neve Doyle-Davis.

They are now trained and working independently with all staff and students. We will be looking for new members at the end of June and beginning of September. Please see Ms. Coburn. The IT Team will be organizing the following for next year:

- Managing computer AV bookings
- First Class conferencing
- Learning and teaching new software > Maintaining hardware and software
- Evaluating and Organizing our monthly Educational Websites folder in Desktools
- Creating a Computer Lab Survival Kit for Dalewood Staff
- SmartBoard In-services for Staff and Students
- Developing a website booklet based on curriculum for Dalewood.
- Photography (Photoshop, transferring images etc.)
- Assembly setup for special guests, contests etc. (SmartBoards, microphones, speakers, projectors, laptop slide shows and videos etc.)

I would like to personally congratulate our team on taking on a proactive and personal commitment to this position. Well Done!

We would also like to wish our Grade 8 Team members who will be graduating this year. Good luck in your future technology endeavors. Thank you for all your hard work here at Dalewood: Valen Varangu-Booth, Ryan Feltham, Breanne Hyslop, Finn Copp, Harry Twyford, Alex Lamarche, Andrew Crowther, Emmett Vanson, Filip Rakic, Nick Waters and Tatum Malcolm.

Ms. Coburn

**From the Library:****MS Read-a-thon:**

Our MS Read-a-thon was very successful this year, almost tripling our donations from last year. A huge "Thank You!" goes out to the following students:

- from Class 62: Jason W., Adam B., Juliette D., Samara M.
- from Class 63: Luca S., Marwa A.
- from Class F6: Paige G., Noah B., Sabreina D., Sofia L.
- from Class F67: Jordan E., Liam K., Carah M., Emily B.
- from Class 81: Maddie G., Sheila Y.
- from Class 82: Scotia B., Abbey J.
- from Class G78: Julia B.

As well as logging thousands of hours of reading, these 19 students raised an amazing \$1127.99 to help those battling MS. Incredible!!

**Scholastic Book Fair:**

Thanks to all who visited the Scholastic Book Fair during Open House/Family Fun Night. Our sales for the evening totaled \$598.20, which gave us a commission of \$138.93 to spend on Scholastic books. These new additions to our collection will be processed and sent off for cataloguing. Watch for them on the shelves!

A special thank-you to the multi-talented Julia K. and her trusty assistant Nicole W. who looked after the sales desk that evening. Great job, ladies!

**Forest of Reading Programs:**

The votes have been counted and the Forest of Reading groups have made the following choices. The **Dalewood winners** were as follows:

- Silver Birch Fiction: Dunces Anonymous and Giant-Slayer (tie)
- Silver Birch Non-fiction: How to Build Your Own Country
- Red Maple Fiction: Haunted
- Red Maple Non-fiction: Guardian Angel House

The **Provincial winners** were as follows:

- Silver Birch Fiction: Neil Flambe and the Marco Polo Murders
- Silver Birch Non-fiction: How to Build Your Own Country
- Red Maple Fiction: Not Suitable for Family Viewing
- Red Maple Non-fiction: Bite of the Mango

Thanks to all who read and voted!

Ms. Dockrill

**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!



The Dalewood accommodation review committee (ARC) has now held two of the four scheduled public meetings. The first public meeting on April 6th served to present an overview of the criteria and process of an ARC. This meeting addressed the existing challenges facing Dalewood, Prince Philip and George R. Allan in relation to declining enrolment, increasing operational costs and the ability to offer quality programs for current and future students. The second public meeting, held on May 19, was a presentation of the Board's current option, followed by a public discussion and question period.

The current proposed option, by HWDSB, is to close Prince Philip and renovate G.R. Allan to accommodate all of the Prince Phillip JK-5 students. Dalewood would remain open as a grade 6-8 school, and also undergo renovation. This proposed option was meant as a "starting point" for discussion and is not a final recommendation. From this starting point the ARC committee will explore and evaluate this option, along with other proposals; mindful of their effect on students and the broader community.

In fact, at the recent public ARC meeting there was significant momentum, from parents in attendance, to support the consideration of two K-8 schools, in the respective Prince Phillip and G.R. Allan communities, which would mean closing Dalewood school. The ARC committee members will look at all of the information gathered and create their own proposal(s) to be presented at the next public meeting this fall.

Community input and involvement is an **essential** part of this process. Let's keep informed.

The best way to make good decisions is with good information. We need your input!

Your questions and concerns can be voiced in a number of ways:

The School Board website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/arcelementary>

Your Dalewood parent ARC representatives Anita McGowan and Kim Newcombe: [Dalewoodparents.arc@gmail.com](mailto:Dalewoodparents.arc@gmail.com)

Attend a public ARC meeting in the Fall: Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

You are also welcome to attend any of the ARC working group meetings: June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

To better communicate and represent the Dalewood parent community, please take a moment to complete the following brief survey, to help us gather some of your thoughts and ideas.

Click on the following link to complete: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DNZ5GKS>

If permitted, we will also add your email to a Dalewood ARC email distribution list, to promote communication in the Dalewood school community and to keep you informed.

Thank you for your time and your thoughts.

Anita McGowan and Kim Newcombe  
Dalewood ARC Parent Representatives

### **Dalewood Snack Prep & Pick-Up**

Dalewood students – we need your help! To date, there are only a few students signed up for snack prep for the 2011/2012 scholastic year. Without more help, snack prep will suffer and we won't be able to provide a much needed service to the Dalewood students. Please see Mrs. Keddy or Mrs. Miller before the end of June.

On behalf of Dalewood Home & School Council, thank you for your support and assistance. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with snack prep and snack pick-up and to the students who showed up and worked diligently to provide snacks every Wednesday and Friday throughout the school year.

Dear Dalewood families, please feel free to call the school in September if you are able to help with the Dalewood Nutritious Snack Program. The students need you! Have a great and safe summer.

**Dalewood Home & School Council**

DALEWOOD



We have teamed up with the **Hamilton Ticats** to offer **bronze level** seats (Reg. \$45) for **\$35**. **Bronze level includes section 5, 9, 22A, 23, 23 L and 29**. The ticket vouchers can be redeemed for any 2011 Ticat home games (excl. **Labour Day Classic Sept.5**) please see schedule below for game dates and times. If you would like to purchase tickets please return the tear off order form to Ms. Miller or Mrs. Keddy in Rm. 2A with payment by **Monday June 13, 2011**. Please make cheques payable to **Dalewood Middle School**. Students will receive a ballot for every two tickets they sell and there will be a draw for a pair of Ticat Tickets at the end of the fundraiser. All proceeds from the sale of the tickets will help increase technology at Dalewood to support our students in their learning.

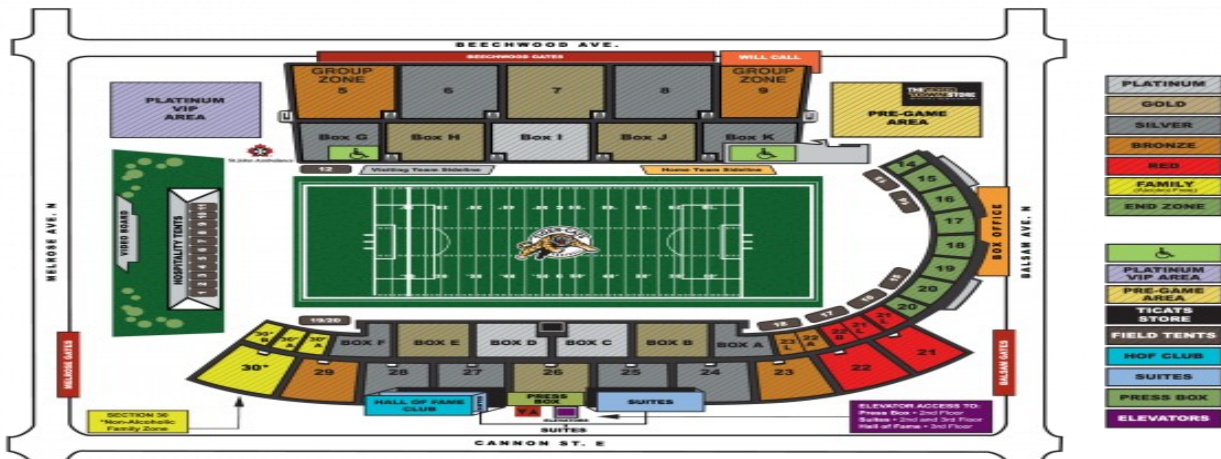
2011 TICATS HOME SCHEDULE

Date	Visitor	Time	Date	Visitor	Time
WED • JUN 22* <small>*Pre-season game</small>	VS	7:00pm	MON • SEP 05	VS	1:00pm
FRI • JUL 01	VS	6:00pm	FRI • SEP 16	VS	7:30pm
SAT • JUL 16	VS	4:00pm	SUN • SEP 25* (Moncton)	VS	1:00pm
FRI • JUL 29	VS	6:30pm	FRI • OCT 07	VS	7:30pm
SAT • AUG 13	VS	7:00pm	SAT • OCT 22	VS	7:00pm

FOR TICKETS: 905.547.CATS OR TICATS.CA


TICAT TICKETS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_



Please visit [www.ticats.ca](http://www.ticats.ca) for larger seating map

# June 2011

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Hot Lunch	2 Pizza	3
6 Pitas	7 Pizza	8 Hot Lunch ARC Committee Mtg. 6-9pm at Education Ctr.	9 Pizza Grade 5 Parent Night 6-7pm Altitude Parent Mtg. 5:00pm	10 PA Day NO SCHOOL
13 Pitas Wonderland Music Trip	14 Pizza Gr. 7 Needle makeup day Montreal Trip	15 Hot Lunch Montreal Trip Gr. 5 Transition Day 9:30-2:15	16 Pizza Montreal Trip Field Trip to Blue Jay Game	17 Leadership Trip
20 Pitas Into the Woods Play at Westdale 7pm Soccer team to Dundas Central	21 Pizza Square Dancing P 3,4,5 Soccer Tournament at Dalewood Music students to GR Allan and Prince Philip	22 ARC Committee Mtg. 6-9pm at Education Ctr.	23 Pizza Grad Rehearsal 12:30 at Westdale OELC Luncheon 11:25	24 True Sport Breakfast 7am
27 Pitas Graduation at Westdale 4:30 Sharp!	28 Pizza Report Cards go home	29 Last Day of School	30 PD Day	
				

## SOME FUTURE EVENTS:

- Grade 8 Graduation—June 27, 2011 4:30pm at Westdale; dance to follow at Dalewood at 6:30pm.  
**CHECK SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**
- First day back to school September 6, 2011



Hot Lunches June 1, 8 and 15



Pita Lunches June 6, 13 and 20



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