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From The Principal...

We hope that everyone enjoyed the wonderful weather and sunshine this summer. All the staff are excited to welcome you back to the 2017-18 school year. With the start of a new school year we would like to extend our welcome to new staff, students and families to Dr. J Edgar Davey and hope you have a great experience as we get back into the routines and events planned for September. The start of the school year is very exciting, one that we as a school staff very much look forward to. With the start of the school year, we recognize that the focus will be on setting good work habits and routines both at home and at school. We ask that you please go over all the material that was sent home by your child's classroom teacher ensuring that the necessary paperwork is reviewed, signed and returned to aid in a smooth start up to keep the tracking of student information organized and current. We look forward to meeting parents and extended family members. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks once details are finalized!

Mrs. M. Finstad, Principal, Dr. J Edgar Davey



Upcoming Events

September 5

First Day of School

September 22

PA Day

October 5

Open House 3:30-5:00 pm

October 10

Picture Day

October 9

Thanksgiving

Important Announcement

Staffing Update: We would like to welcome Mrs. M Finstad, Principal and the rest of our new Staff to the Dr. Davey team. Mrs. Wells (JKSKC), Ms. Moorhead (JKSKC) Ms. Shupe-Bowen (Gr. 1) Ms. Archer (Gr 1/2A), Ms. Greco Learning Commons, Mr. Ozimkovic (5A), Ms. Garcia (ALPHA), Ms. Duncan SSEA, Ms. Birkby – Reading Specialist, Mr. Merkus (JKSKB), Ms. Babin (ECE), Ms. Abu Shaera (ALPHA)

School Website: Just a reminder that Dr. J. Edgar Davey has a website where parents and students can access school information. The website address for Dr. J. Edgar Davey is: www.hwdsb.on.ca/drdavey In order to get email notifications about important updates, weather alerts, school closures, monthly newsletters, calendar of events, access to class blogs, homework tips, etc. you must subscribe on the Dr. Davey website. Parents and guardians please click on the word “Subscribe” (on the top right hand side of the toolbar) and enter your email address.

Student Pick Up: Please do not use the parking lot for drop off and pick up. We share the facility with the Community Centre and there is not enough parking and space when parents park in the lot. Please do not block the driveways out front of the school. Our neighbours have been very patient but have requested that we remind parents.

School Council: Thank you to all members of the 2016-2017 School Council for their efforts and support. We welcome all parents and guardians to join this year’s Council. School Council plays a vital role in the life of a school. It is an opportunity for parents and guardians to provide guidance and input on the School Vision and Plan. Voting information is included at the end of this newsletter. Forms are due to the office September 29th, 2017. All Parent Council members need a police check.

Safe Welcome Program: As you may know, HWDSB initiated a safe welcome program last year. The program supports a welcoming learning environment by ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors can access elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe. All exterior doors will be locked during the instructional day, and visitors will access the school during school hours via the main entrance. Please do not use the Community centre doors at any time to access the school. The main entrance is equipped with a video/intercom access system and signage. The access system allows staff to see and talk with any visitors requesting entry to the school. The system also allows school office staff to electronically release the lock on the door. Please note that we will continue to ask visitors to report to the office for sign-in.

Peanut & Nut Allergies: We have several students with peanut/nut allergies. We do not want any peanut/nut products in the school. If a food item says that it may contain peanuts or nuts or may contain traces of peanuts or nuts or have come in contact with peanuts or nuts please do not send them to school. Peanut nut allergies can be life threatening.

Pediculosis: The Board's Policy Statement regarding head lice is as follows: The control of pediculosis is a shared responsibility within the community. The community includes the school. Each school shall have a pediculosis program in place designed in accordance with its needs. It is the primary responsibility of the parents/guardians to check and treat their child. Pediculosis is a common nuisance and is easily transmitted. Pediculosis is not caused by lack of cleanliness. It does not cause disease. It can be controlled. Nevertheless, it remains a common concern. The School Board requests that parents take responsibility to check the hair of their children; everyone cooperate by administering effective treatments recommended by a pharmacist or medical practitioner when needed.

Crossing Guard Safety: Always walk to the crossing guard to cross the road. Learn what the crossing guard's signals mean and obey them.

Medication & Medical Conditions: In order to ensure accurate records, we ask that you complete the Emergency/Health information form and have your child return it to their advisor teacher as soon as possible. This went home on the first day.

Allergy: Dietary Restrictions; medical conditions and medication information is important to communicate to the school for staff awareness. The information you provide will allow us to send home the required medical paperwork that is to be filled out in cases where you child has a medical condition; allergy/ anaphylaxis. These medical forms along with your child's photo are posted in the office. If you child requires an Epi-Pen, please ensure that an extra is sent to school with your child to ensure central access in the event of an incident. One will remain at the office at all times. If you child has a life-threatening allergic reaction to bees, other insects stings or anything that they can be exposed to while outdoors, it will be expected that you child

carry their Epi-Pen (i.e. in a waist pouch) all outdoor activity and school trips. Likewise, if your child is allergic to a certain type of food(s) it is also expected that they carry their Epi-Pen with them at all times when exposed to food. Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic-reaction that may require immediate attention. We want to ensure immediate access to your child's Epi -Pen in the event of a potential reaction. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us ensure your child's safety at all times.

Emergency Procedures and Fire Drills: As you may recall from your own days in school, fire drills are conducted regularly throughout the year to help ensure that students and staff understand clearly, how to respond in the event of a real fire. In addition to these practices, we are now required to practice Emergency Procedures (i.e., shelter in place, hold and secure, and lockdown). These procedures will be reviewed with students and practiced over the course of the school year. Should your child have any questions or concerns, please reassure them that these practices are intended to help keep everyone safe, and we hope to never need them. Volunteers will receive information about these practices in their orientation session in October. Should you have any further questions regarding these procedures please contact Mrs. Finstad, or speak to your child's teacher.

Important Links:

School Website:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/drdavey

School Calendar

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

Weather Updates

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/severe-weather/>

Hamilton Public Library

<http://www.hpl.ca/>

Public Health

<https://www.hamilton.ca/public-health>

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION
PARENT CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS

The Ministry of Education and Training requires all Ontario school boards to have School Councils.

At Dr. Davey, our school council will enhance our current efforts to improve partnerships and two-way communication with parents and community, providing increased opportunity for meaningful involvement in the education of our students.

Our School Council elections will take place on October 6th, 2017. Our School Council requires five parent representatives. To qualify as a parent candidate, you must have a child registered at the school and you must nominate yourself and have a valid police check. The nomination forms must be sent to the school before **September 29th, 2017**.

If we receive five or less nominees the positions will be acclaimed. An election will not be necessary. If we receive more than five nominees, an election will be held on October 6th, 2017. At that time Dr. Davey parents will be entitled to vote for the parent candidates.

If you have any questions about this or any other aspect of School Councils, please contact your school Principal, Mrs. Finstad. **Please fill in and return by Friday September 29th, 2017.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Nomination Form Receipt

The nomination form for _____ Parent Representative on the School Council for
(Parent's name)
Dr. J. Edgar Davey School has been received.

(School Official)

(Date)

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM FOR DR. J. EDGAR DAVEY SCHOOL

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (one student's name) whose date of birth is _____ and is currently registered at this school.

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent representative on the School Council. I understand the role and responsibility of a member of the School Council.

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: RECEIVED BY: _____ DATE: _____