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Principal's Message January 2019

Welcome back everyone! As the calendar turns to January, we want to remind everyone of the importance of being on time for school. The bell rings at 8:50 and students are expected to enter promptly at that time. Students that are late miss important work and disturb the learning of others. With the cold weather please ensure that your student leaves early enough to arrive on time. Thanks for your help with this issue.

Winter is upon us and I would ask that you please remember to ensure an ample supply of hats, mitts, dry socks and scarves for your children, in case of emergency we do have some extras in the office. Please put names on the clothing so that lost items can be returned to the rightful owners. If the temperature is above -20 degrees Celsius we will be going out doors for recess.

Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Christine Bingham and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 1 and 2.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our wards. I can be reached by email at cbingham@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 289-339-6902



Upcoming Events

January 25

PA Day – No School

February 18

Family Day – No School

March 1

PA Day – No School

Important Announcement

As the Chocolate Bar fundraiser comes to an end, I want to thank everyone who helped out and sold these chocolates. Our top seller sold 10 boxes, way to go! The money raised will help offset the cost of our year end trips.



DID YOU KNOW???

Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registration for the upcoming
2019-20 School Year

If your child was born in **2015**

Registration starts February 11th and continues until the end of June.

Registration forms are available to fill out at your area school. Parents **must** provide the necessary documentation when they are registering. Please bring the following:

- Immunization * Immigration status * Proof of age * Confirmation of home address (lease, hydro bill, etc.)
- Check in at the main office for more registration information

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If at any time you or your Emergency Contacts change cell phones or update home phone numbers, please contact the school ASAP. We require this information in order to be able to get in touch with you in the event of any Emergency situations.

More Important News

The First Term Report Cards will be given to our students in grades JK to 8 on **February 17th**. The report card covers your child's progress from **September until January**.

There are now two sections that need to be filled out and returned to the school. There is a section on Page 3 for students to fill out. This will be most effective if it is done with a parent. Students been setting goals when conferencing with their teachers. The second section on Page 4 is for the parent to fill out. It has an area where parents can comment on their child's progress. Thank you for taking the time to discuss the report with your child. Please remember to fill out and return the designated sections.

Snow Removal

Staff from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand the following areas:

- The walkways from the City sidewalk to the school
- The school steps and portable steps
- Walkways to the portables
- Ramps to schools and portables
- An area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors



Religious Days of Significance

FEBRUAR 5, 2019

Lunar New Year

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Vasant Panchami

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Louis Riel Day

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Family Day - ON

- Fire Exit stairs and ramps

When there is an accumulation of 5 cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as needed basis.

Playgrounds will not be plowed or otherwise cleared. Head Caretakers will check the condition of the grounds early in the morning and during the school day to sand and/or salt isolated slippery areas that may occur due to changing temperatures.

Students should take extra caution when walking onto and leaving from school grounds. Caution must also be taken when playing on school grounds when conditions are slippery. "Particular caution must be used on our play structures when conditions are wet or icy".

Principals may decide, dependent on weather and playground conditions, to have indoor recess and lunch/nutrition breaks.

Head Lice - The Facts: Tiny Ugly Creatures But Nothing To Be Afraid Of!

- Lice are transmitted as easily as the common cold
- Head lice are transmitted mainly through close head to head contact.
- Children working or playing in small groups are all at risk for transmitting head lice: - elementary school day cares- play groups- parties
- Head lice may also be transmitted by sharing personal items such as: - combs- brushes- towels- earphones- hats- stuffed toys- pillows- clothing (especially sweaters or fleeces with hoods)
- Parents, care-givers, and siblings may acquire head lice from younger children through sharing or pillows, beds, towels, and brushes or combs.
- Head lice are not related in any way to cleanliness and anyone can become infested by them.
- To look for lice examine the head for lice or nits by parting the hair in narrow, vertical sections with a comb or toothpick. Look carefully behind the ears and in the nape of the neck.
- Home remedies have not been clinically proven to work
- There are a number of lice products on the market. Pharmaceutical treatment shampoo or crème rinse products are the most proven method for getting rid of lice.
- Home remedies or frequent washing with regular shampoo are **not** effective in getting rid of head lice.
- Only treat people with live lice, not just people who have been exposed to lice.
- Product choices: - R&CTM 2in 1 Shampoo - Conditioner (a single-step product) - Kwellada-P® Creme Rinse- Nix™ Crème Rinse
- Follow the treatment instructions exactly. Some lice products are applied to dry hair and others to wet and/or washed hair.
- Leave the product on the hair for the exact length of time indicated in the instructions, no more and no less.
- Remove the nits. This is a time-consuming task but must be done.
- It can take up to 24 hours for lice to die following treatment.
- Apply a second application of the lice product 7-10 days after the first treatment to kill any newly hatched lice.

"If you want something you've never had, then you've got to do something you've never done."