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January 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome 2019! As we were ringing in the new year, I was thinking about how the education world has focused heavily on “twenty first century learning skills” with our students. We’re 19 years into this century now and these learning skills have been around much longer than our students have lived. The education sector, and our school staff specifically, continue to work through how to best provide students with learning opportunities that will match the skills and knowledge that they will need in our world. We continue to guide students to learn through inquiry, problem solving, and innovative and diverse thinking. We challenge students to recognize and question bias. We encourage students to collaborate, create and be mindful consumers. We model the need for, and strategies to support, mindfulness and whole body well being. We balance the use of technology and media with the need to understand the pitfalls of these very tools. This is all coupled with the enormous responsibility of teaching a large number of curricular expectations in a wide range of subjects while assessing student ability to independently demonstrate knowledge and understanding, communication, thinking and application. Our twenty first century learners work so hard on all of these areas every day. I hope you had a wonderful break and are recharged and ready to learn again with us. We still have a lot to learn.

Winter Weather Warnings

We are now into winter which can mean weather delays and cancellations. Please see the board’s information here about possible effects to our system: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Severe-Weather-Handout-for-Schools-1.pdf>

As well, please remember to continue sending students with appropriate outdoor clothing. Unless we are below -15 (or -20 with windchill), all students will be going outside for fresh air and physical activity daily.

Beach Day in January

January’s Spirit day is going to be a day at the beach! On Friday, January 11, students are welcome to bring in beach clothes to wear – t shirts, sun hats, sun glasses – to wear as we think warm thoughts and dream of a beach get away. Remember to bring lots of warm clothes to wear during outside time.

Lost and Found

As students have more items to juggle in the colder weather, we often find lost or misplaced items around the school. Please check the lost and found (box in the front entryway) regularly for missing items. We also encourage you to clearly label clothing/personal items. The box will be emptied at the end of each month and unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



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Introduction to Our New Trustee



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Paul Tut and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 13.

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 ward.

I can be reached by email at ptut@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-515-2473.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

Calendar of Events

January 7	Welcome back!
January 7	School Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28	Lunch Lady days
January 11	Spirit Day: Beach day
Jan 11, 18	Pizza days
January 25	PA Day – no school for students
January 31	Celebration Assembly, 9:10