



Dundas Central School News



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From the Principal's Desk

"Good things happening at Central."

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Happy February! The sun is shining! Yippee, I'm so happy!

Let's hope that Wiarton Willie does his job tomorrow and spring arrives in 6 weeks.

This week our Grade 6 and 7 classes have been off enjoying winter camping at Camp Wanakita and skiing and experiencing French culture in St. Donat. All updates from staff indicate that everyone is having a great time.

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Nutrition Program:

Nutrition helpers are wanted to assist with our Nutrition Program. We are looking for a few parents who can help us with the prep work for our Nutrition Program. We could use help on Monday and Wednesday anytime during the day approximately 30 minutes to an hour, depending on the prep that needs to be done, or Tuesday and Thursday mornings from approximately 8:00 am to 9:00 am. If you are interested in helping us out please call the school and let us know.

Thank you,
The Nutrition Team



Information:

Full day Kindergarten registration begins on Monday February 6, 2017. Children born on or before December 31st, 2013 are eligible to register for JK and children born on or before December 31st, 2012 are eligible to register for SK. Registration packages will be available in the office.



This is a friendly reminder that Dundas Central is a nut free school. Please refrain from sending nuts and nut products to school as we have many people who have very serious allergies. Similarly, we ask that students not use their Axe body spray

or other fragrances in the hallways as this can cause breathing difficulties for people who have allergies and sensitivities.



Information

As we endure these final winter months, we will continue to play outdoors at different times throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots, mitts or gloves, hats and winter outerwear are necessary for students to be able to enjoy their time outdoors. It is also a good idea to send extra socks and mittens in an event that they are needed. Parents, if you could please support the school by reminding students that upon dismissal for recess they are expected to go outside immediately, even when it is cold! As always, Principals can use their professional judgement to determine whether students remain inside for the Nutrition Breaks. The City of Hamilton and the HWDSB recommends staying indoors once the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without the wind chill.

As per the HWDSB website:

The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. In the event of inclement weather, our Transportation Department advises our carriers to drive predetermined routes to assess the condition of the roads. This is done between 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. The drivers report back to the carriers and HWDSB begins to receive reports between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. In the meantime, our Transportation Department is verifying the weather forecast through our local media outlets as well as contacting the City of Hamilton Works Department to determine where possible what roads have been cleared or when they are expected to be serviced. The decision to close our schools is made in conjunction with our colleagues at the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board based on relevant information at that time. Please remember, as a parent/guardian you always have the choice on whether or not to send your child to school.

Inclement Weather Hotline # 905.521.2535

CHCH TV 102.9 K-Lite (fm) 900 CHML (am) 95.3 Y95 (fm)

HWDSB will NOT post a weather alert on its website to signal that schools are open.

Save the date

February 8th, 2017 - Grade 8 Grad Photos
February 17th, 2017 - Report cards sent home
February 20th, 2017 - Family Day
March 3rd, 2017 - P.A. Day
March 13-17, 2017 - March Break
April 14th, 2017 - Good Friday - April 17th, 2017 Easter Monday
May 22nd, 2017 - Victoria Day
June 9th, 2017 - P.A. Day
June 20th, 2017 - Grade 8 Graduation
June 29th, 2017 - Last Day



February Home and School News



HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING : THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 6:30 PM

New day! New time! Our next Home and School meeting is THURSDAY, February 9th at 6:30 pm in the Staff Room. We're trying a new day of the week and a slightly earlier time because we want to see some new faces! If you haven't had a chance to make it out to a meeting yet, we'd love to welcome you at this meeting. We have lots planned for the coming months so please come out to help shape the rest of the school year. Let us know by Tuesday, February 7th if you require child-minding at the meeting.

FEBRUARY CAKE RAFFLE

The Home and School traditionally donates money to the Grade 8 Graduation to help make this milestone a memorable one for our students. We will be holding a cake raffle in February to help raise these funds this year. Here's a chance to show off your baking skills – or just have some fun creating a unique culinary delight! Please contact Kim Preston at dcps.hsa@gmail.com if you would like to donate a cake!



MOVIE NIGHT : FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 6:30 PM

Movie Night! Don't miss our next Movie Night on Friday, February 24th. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Bring a toonie admission to cover the gym rental fee and donate personal hygiene products (toothbrushes, shampoo, etc.) for chances to win VIP seating! Volunteers are needed to set up. Let us know if you can help.

Coming Up!

One of my favourite Home and School initiatives is our annual Book Swap. Bring in your old books and trade for up to three new ones! A great way to refresh your child's reading library just in time for March Break. We need helpers to sort and display the books before and during the event so please contact us at dcps.hsa@gmail.com to ensure this fabulous event happens this year.

Special Event Alert! Anxiety Seminar with Ellen Crump, Clinical Social Worker/Therapist, MSW, PhD. Learn how to recognize the symptoms, what to do when it hits and how to build up your child's mental resilience. This **free event**, organized by Home and School and funded by a grant from HWDSB, is on **Thursday, March 9th from 6:30-8:00**. Please RSVP to dcps.hsa@gmail.com to ensure your seat. Refreshments and babysitting will be available.

Pub Night Two! It was so much fun last year, we're doing it again. A big part of the fundraising success of this evening was the Silent Auction. We will be soliciting items soon. If you have an item or a service you can donate or you can lend an organizational hand to this fabulous event, please contact Andy Johnson at dcps.has@gmail.com.