

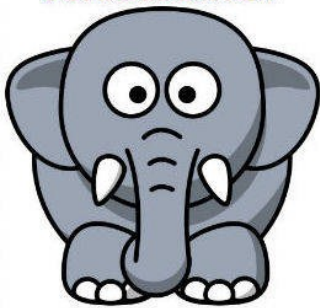
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Principal's Message 1-2

February 2018

From the Principal's Desk
"Good things happening at Central."

**Don't Forget
To Be My
Valentine!**



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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 students are enjoying winter camping at Camp Wanakita. They are having a fantastic time.

At this time I'd like to say THANKYOU and goodbye to Miss Poot. Your enthusiasm and kindness will be missed at Dundas Central. Mrs. Bloom will be back at school on Monday Feb 5th full time with her Grade 2/3 class.

Holly Shanlin

HWDSB Launches Parent Voice Survey to Gather Input for Improvement:

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well, and how might HWDSB improve its education services.

Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion. Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students.

HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential. This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and combined as a group. You can find the survey online at <http://bit.ly/HWDSBParentVoice>. Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback.

Kindergarten registration:

Full day Kindergarten registration begins on Monday February 5th, 2018.

Children born on or before December 31st, 2014 are eligible to register for JK and children born on or before December 31st, 2013 are eligible to register for SK. Registration packages will be available in the office.



Is your child missing hats, scarfs, mitts, coats, sweaters, boots, shirts, water bottles, lunch bags, etc.....

We have bags and bags of these articles and more in the office, please stop by and find your missing items soon as we will be donating **all items by Feb 16th** if not claimed.



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.

When bad weather is expected, Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) carriers check weather reports, road conditions and road clearing, starting as early as 4 a.m. Based on this information, the Director of Education makes the decision in conjunction with Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

We make decisions by 6 a.m. based on the best information at the time.

When HWDSB cancels busing due to inclement weather, we have deemed the roads unsafe and this triggers the closure of schools. Some boards have different procedures.

In extreme cold, buses may not start or run as expected and HWDSB may need to cancel transportation. But this does not automatically mean that schools will close. In 2014, Trustees gave the Director (or designate) the discretion to keep schools open when busing is cancelled due to extreme cold.

We will share this announcement in a variety of ways:

The HWDSB website www.hwdsb.on.ca

HWDSB's Twitter account www.twitter.com/HWDSB

Local media outlets: CBC Hamilton, CHCH TV, CHML, CKPC Brantford, Hamilton Community News, Hamilton Spectator.

Any bus delays will be shared by email with families who have signed up for HWSTS notifications. Delays will also be posted on the www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca website



- February 6th, 2018 - Grade 8 Grad Photos
- February 13th, 2018 - Report cards sent home
- February 19th, 2018 - Family Day
- February 20th, 2018—Dental Screening
- March 2nd, 2018 - P.A. Day
- March 12-16, 2018 - March Break
- March 30th, 2018 - Good Friday
- April 2nd, 2018 Easter Monday
- May 21st, 2018 - Victoria Day
- June 8th, 2018 - P.A. Day
- June 20th, 2018 - Grade 8 Graduation
- June 28th, 2018 - Last Day