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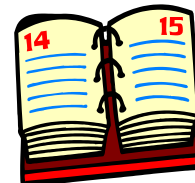
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children who were born in 2014 (who are 4 or will turn 4 before Dec. 31, 2018) and will attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2018 may register beginning **Monday, February 5th**.
Registration packages will be available in the Main Office between the hours of 9:30 - 2:30.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 5 - Kindergarten Registration Opens
- February 6 - Pizza Orders & Money due
- February 7 - Grade 8 Graduation Pictures
- February 8 - Pizza Day
- February 9 - Crazy Hat / Hair Day
- February 13 - Bus Safety Presentation
- February 13 - Report Cards Go Home
- February 14 - Grades 6 - 8 Dance
- February 14 - Valentine's Day - Class Celebrations
- February 15 - Last day to return Vision Works form
- February 19 - Family Day (No School)
- February 20 - Pita Pit orders and money due
- February 22 - Kindergarten classes to Fire Station #7
- February 26 - Pita day



PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS

Great job Bagshaw in collecting plastic bags to support the Good Shepherd! Our overall winner was Mr. Soucie's class with a total of 1549 bags! Many thanks to all staff and students for supporting this worthy cause.

PARENT VOICE SURVEY

Families, please take a moment to let HWDSB know what the board is doing well and what it can improve through our online survey. <http://bit.ly/HWDSBParentVoice>

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza days are coming! In order to raise funds to offset some of our grade 8 graduation expenses, our Intermediate Teachers are running pizza days on Thursday, February 8, Thursday, March 8 and Thursday, April 12. We will be selling slices of plain cheese and cheese & pepperoni on a whole wheat crust for \$2 a slice. Orders and money will be due 2 days before the pizza day. Our preferred method of payment is School Cash Online, but cash is also accepted.



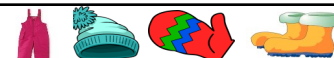
PITA DAYS

In addition to pizza days, we will also be having monthly pita days courtesy of Parent Council. For \$5 students will be able to order a whole wheat pita from Pita Pit with their choice of fillings. There will also be a gluten-free option for \$6. Forms will be sent home 2 weeks in advance, with orders and payment (preferably School Cash Online or else cash) due 1 week prior. Money raised will go towards items needed in the school.



OUTDOOR PLAY

Time spent outdoors is an important part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. In order to enjoy their time outside, children need to come to school prepared for the cold. Please make sure that your child has boots, snow pants, mittens/gloves, and hats.



HOW DOES SNOW-CLEARING WORK AROUND HWDSB SCHOOLS?

With winter in full force, parents may be interested in some of the following information about snow clearing around schools in Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB). Note that the staff, contractors and the City of Hamilton share this responsibility. We urge all visitors to our schools to use caution when grounds may be slippery.



The City of Hamilton is responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools. Clearing sidewalks in front of schools is a top priority for the City. It may take up to 24 hours after a snow event for the sidewalks to be cleared. To report a sidewalk fronting a school that needs to be cleared please call 905-546-CITY (2489).

HWDSB staff will clear, salt and/or sand walkways from the city sidewalk to the school; school steps and portable steps; walkways to the portables; ramps to schools and portables; and area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors; and Fire Exit stairs and ramps.

Facing more than 5cm of snow, approved contractors will plow parking lots and sidewalks. Before schools starts, contracted staff will salt and sand the parking lot when HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary. If required, Head Caretakers may also salt or sand parts of the parking lot.

Note that playgrounds will not be ploughed or cleared. However, Head Caretakers will inspect playgrounds and will sand and/or salt isolated areas that have become slippery due to changing temperatures.

As always, we urge students to take extra caution when walking or playing on school property that may be slippery. Principals may decide, dependent on weather and playground conditions, to have indoor recess and lunch/nutrition breaks.