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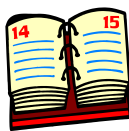
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February 2019 Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 4 - Kindergarten Registration Opens
- February 4 - Pizza Orders & Money due
- February 6 - Wear Yellow & Walk to School Day
- February 7 - Pizza Day
- February 8 - Beach Day
- February 11, 12, 13 - Candy-grams for sale
- **February 12 - Report Cards Go Home**
- February 13 - Pita orders & money due
- February 14 - Grades 6 - 8 Dance
- February 14 - Valentine's Day - Class Celebrations
- February 15 - Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
- **February 18 - Family Day (No School)**
- February 21 - Pizza Day
- February 21 - Trip to Conservatory for Arts (Grade 7/8)
- February 22 - JK/SK Trip to RBG (morning only)
- February 25 - Pita Day
- February 28 - High School Option Sheets due for Grade 8's
- **March 1 - P.A. Day (No School)**
- March 4 - March pizza orders & money due



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children who were born in 2015 (who are 4 or will turn 4 before Dec. 31, 2019) and will attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2018 may register beginning **Monday, February 4th.**



Registration packages will be available in the Main Office between the hours of 9:30 - 2:30.

WEAR YELLOW AND WALK TO SCHOOL

Don't Hibernate ... Participate! Calling all students, parents, and staff! Winter Wear Yellow Day is on Wednesday, February 6th. Wear yellow and walk or wheel to and from school. Let's show the world that Hamilton cares about the environment and our health! To learn more and to register: <http://smartcommute.ca/hamilton/schools/wear-yellowday/>. Don't forget to send your pictures to Kelly.Scott@Hamilton.ca



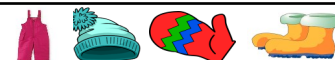
VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY-GRAMS



Want to surprise your friends on Valentine's Day? Send them a candy-gram! Student Voice will be selling candy-grams on February 11 and 12 (both breaks) and February 13 (morning break only) with delivery on February 14. For only \$1 you can send someone a gourmet lollipop along with a personal message. Choose from the following flavours: Cotton Candy, Sour Watermelon, Root Beer, Blue Raspberry, and Kiwi-Strawberry.

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. HWDSB policy states that Principals decide whether to send students outside for recess. HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton guideline that people stay inside when it's at or below -15C, or -20C with wind chill.



Please note that we cannot make exceptions for any student to stay indoors while the rest of the class is outside.

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.