



Flamborough Centre School News

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From the Principal's Desk...



The last few months have certainly been busy! Our school Dance-a-thon was a huge success and all of our students had a great time showing off their dance moves in the gym. A huge thank you to our community members for their generous pledges as we raised \$2390 towards subsidizing school trips, purchasing new books for classroom libraries and additional classroom technology!

I was once again blown away by our Grade 8 student leaders who put together a beautiful Remembrance Day Service in November. Our student presentations were poignant, insightful and meaningful. I was moved, as were many of our community members, beyond words!

Congratulations to all of our student athletes who demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship both on and off the court. From three-pitch, to cross country and most recently volleyball, our students continue to impress! Many thanks to our dedicated staff for taking the time to coach our various sports teams and providing our students with these valuable athletic opportunities!

It's hard to believe that it is already December! This time of year brings lots of excitement and energy to the school. There are so many activities going on as we take the time to celebrate. We are looking forward to our Holiday Concerts on the 19th of December and hope to see many of you there. On behalf of the staff of Flamborough Centre School, Happy Holidays and all the best for the upcoming year!

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Principal

Holiday Concerts

Flamborough Centre's Annual Holiday Concerts will be taking place on **Tuesday, December 19th, 2017.**

School Day Concert begins at 10:30 am

Evening Concert begins at 6:30 pm



Please join us in the school gymnasium! All are welcome!

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School Website...

Please Subscribe to our School Website to take advantage of our electronic subscriptions for weather alerts, school closures, HWDSB's monthly newsletter the Virtual Blackboard, as well as school website updates. **All future Newsletters will only be posted electronically, on our school website.**

Cold Weather

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it's a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed. Principals can always use their judgment to decide whether to send students outside during Nutrition Breaks. However, HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton recommendation that individuals stay inside when the temperature is at or below minus 15 degrees Celsius or minus 20 with wind chill. Questions or concerns regarding winter outdoor play should be directed to the school Principal.



Winter Dress

A reminder to our families to ensure your child dresses for the weather. Outdoor time is an important part of the school day and students are more comfortable when they are dressed appropriately! We appreciate your support in reinforcing appropriate dress with your children. We tell our students that they must wear what their parents sent them to school in!

Students should also have an extra pair of indoor shoes to change into at school. Boots must be removed once students enter. Boots carry in snow and ice and cause floors to become wet and slippery when left on. Please help us avoid unnecessary injury by assuring that your child brings an extra pair of shoes to school.



FC School Food Drive

Our annual Holiday Food Drive has begun and will run until Tuesday, December 19th, 2017.



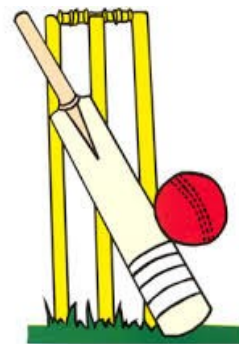
We are proud of our past accomplishments and would like to continue to support our local community during the holiday season.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items such as breakfast bars, applesauce, pudding cups, pasta, rice, juice boxes, baby food and canned goods.

Food items sent in will be donated to the Flamborough Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support!

Cricket at FC

Cricket is one of the fastest growing sports in Canada, and Flamborough Centre has a cricket club. Grades 6 to 8 students who are interested in learning to develop their bowling, fielding, and batting skills participate in our cricket club on Fridays, in the school gym, from 2:30--3:30 pm.



FC School Council Corner

Upcoming fundraisers/initiatives for 2017-18:

- * Dieleman Fundraising Sales (DFS): Orders will be delivered the week of December 11, 2017.
- * Bulldogs Game and Family Skate: Family Day (February 19, 2018). Online tickets on sale now (visit the school's website for more information).
- * JD Sweid Foods (Elmira chicken): Order forms to go out week of January 29, 2018; delivery week of February 26, 2018.
- * Save the date for a Boston Pizza dinner on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 between 5 – 8 pm. 10% of all sales go to support our school.
- * Theme Baskets to raffle in the spring during Open House.
- * Spring Flowers will be back . Forms will go out in April; delivery for the Victoria weekend.
- * Fuel for Kids BBQ to be held at Fortino's in June.

Every Child Reading By the end of Grade 1

At Flamborough Centre, we're committed to supporting a goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, where developmentally appropriate.



A child who is reading by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success.

In September 2017, HWDSB celebrated the deployment of 48 Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms.

Reading Specialists are working with children within classrooms, alongside classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and/or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs.

We're pleased to welcome a Reading Specialist in our school this year.

If you have any questions about the Reading Specialists and their role in your child's class, please contact the school.