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Green Acres School
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Ms. T. Gasparik, Principal

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Arrival Check Program Please call the school to let us know that your child(ren) will **not** be attending school for the day or will be arriving late. For your convenience, the answering machine is available 24hrs/day & 7days/week.

Principal's Message:

We are very proud of all of our students after participating in anti-bullying week. Our primary students are showcasing their random acts of kindness which have been displayed on the kindness tree outside the office. Our junior and intermediate students have been "choosing kind" by participating in activities relating to R.J. Palacio's novel Wonder. Our students are learning about empathy, passion and kindness and applying them on a daily basis.

Cold Weather and Outdoor Play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom.

With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

As always, Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill.

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board asks Principals to follow this recommendation and ensure children are not outside when it is that cold. Questions or concerns regarding outdoor activities in the winter should be directed to the school Principal.

Orchard Park Band

On Friday, December 8th, at 9:00 a.m. the Orchard Park Band will be at Green Acres for their annual Holiday Concert. Staff and students always look forward to watching this performance and seeing our former students in the band. Parents are welcome to join us.

Winter Concert

Green Acres will hold their Winter Concert on Friday, December 15, 11:15-12:15, parents are welcome to attend. Thank you to Mrs. Holden and the staff for organizing the concert, we look forward to showcasing our students through the Arts.

School Council Fundraiser

Thank you to our parents for supporting the Green Acres School Fundraiser at Indigo on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Student Leadership Message:

Thank you to everyone that donated and helped organize Animal Day. We were able to raise \$220.75 and donated all proceeds to the World Wildlife Federation. The winner of the stuffed toucan was Atis in Mrs. Carter's class, congratulations!

Green Acres Holiday Food Drive is underway and runs until December 8. All items will be donated to the Stoney Creek Food Bank. All donations are appreciated, but items of great need are: toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, shampoo, canned potatoes, peanut butter, jam, rice and condiments. Lets choose kind and support those in need. Thank you to Student Leadership for organizing this important initiative.

Cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operations

Severe Weather Conditions – Severe weather across the District or in any part of the District may result in the cancellation of transportation services to the entire District. If the weather is severe enough, the General Manager of the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System will advise the Director or Designate of the road conditions and weather conditions. The Director of Education or Designate will then decide whether or not to cancel all school and board administrative operations. If the conditions are determined to be unsafe, The Director of Education or Designate will then inform Corporate Communications and the General Manager of Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System of the cancellation of all school and board administrative operations. Corporate Communications will inform the community by contacting the media, the City of Hamilton, school-based child care providers and by posting cancellation information on the website and on a School Cancellation "Hotline". The Director or Designate will make every effort to cancel all school and board administrative operations by 6:00 a.m.

For more information on the Cancellation of School & Board Operations visit our Policy page at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/inclement-weather/>

Newsletters

To receive the Green Acres Newsletter and other HWDSB information online parents must go to <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/greenacres> and enter your e-mail address. Due to anti-spam legislation HWDSB is not allowed to renew parents subscription to the newsletter and website. A paper copy can be requested by contacting the office.

Green Acres Staff would like to wish all of our students and their families a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year!

We will see our students back at school on January 8, 2018.



Important Dates:

- Dec. 4-8 Food Drive
- Dec. 8 Orchard Park Band Concert
- Dec. 15 Green Acres' Winter Concert
- Dec. 21 Student Success Assembly
- Dec. 22 Last day before Winter Break
- Dec. 25 - Jan. 5 Winter Break