



# Wing Tips

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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:**

Happy New Year to our Green Acres School Community and welcome back to a new year of learning!

## **Staff Updates:**

Please welcome to the Green Acres Staff, Ms. Cree, an Educational Assistant who will be working with our primary students in the afternoons starting on January 8th.

## **Report Cards:**

Report Cards will be going home with students on February 13. As a school we continue to work with parents to make sure your child is progressing well in school. If at any time you have questions about how your child is doing in school please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers. You do not need to wait until after the report card comes home.

## **Student Leadership**

Many thanks to our Student Leadership Group for their work in promoting this year's Food Drive for Stoney Creek Food Bank. Through their daily announcements regarding the importance of the Food Drive, their colourful posters throughout the school and the generous donations at the holiday concert our students were able to meet their goal of 600 food items and were able to present a cheque for over \$250. Many thanks to our students and their families for helping the Stoney Creek Food Bank this year.

## **Save the Date-January 25th**

Once again our Student Leadership Group will be running our **Snuggle Up and Read Day**, this year it will be on January 25th. Our primary students. This is a day to celebrate the love of reading for all our students!

More information to go home later this month!

## **Cold Weather and Outdoor Play**

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.

Depending on the season, preparing for outdoor play in Canada can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wearing mittens and a hat. During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats. It's also 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 for recess. 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.

## **Newsletters**

To receive the Green Acres Newsletter and other HWDSB information online all 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.