



Wing Tips

Green Acres School
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Ms. T. Gasparik, Principal

December 2018

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.

Holiday Assembly

Green Acres will be having their Holiday Assembly on Wednesday, December 12, at 11:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend. Thank you to Mrs. Holden and the staff for organizing the assembly, we look forward to all of our student's performances.

Orchard Park Band

On Friday, December 14, the Orchard Park Band will be here from 11:40-12:40 to perform their Annual Holiday Concert for the students at Green Acres. We always look forward to this performance and watching our former students in the band. Parents are welcome to come.

Collegiate Avenue Information Meeting

As part of the Lower Stoney Creek School Consolidation Plan, HWDSB and the Ministry of Education will be investing over \$10 million to build an addition and update Collegiate Avenue School. This addition and renewal work will increase the capacity at Collegiate Avenue to accommodate students following the closure of Green Acres and R.L. Hyslop.

In order to begin the addition and renewal work, Collegiate Avenue school will close at the end of June 2019. An information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Collegiate Avenue School** to review the transition plans.

Families from Collegiate Avenue, Green Acres and R.L. Hyslop are encouraged to attend to learn more about transition plans following the closure of Collegiate Avenue. For more information about school consolidation plans, please visit the School Renewal-Construction section on HWDSB website.

The [Collegiate Avenue Information Meeting Letter](#) was sent home with your child at the end of November.

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.



Hat & Mitten Drive

This year the Student Leadership Group held a Hat & Mitten Drive the last two weeks in November. Hats and mittens were collected and donated to Interval House. Thank you to our Student Leadership Group for organizing the Hat & Mitten Drive this year.

Newsletters

Please subscribe to our school newsletter by visiting www.hwdsb.on.ca/greenacres/ and clicking SUBSCRIBE. This will also give you updates when something has been updated on our website/calendar. You will need to subscribe each school year. Please call the office if you would like a paper copy of the newsletter each month.

School Council Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Dance-a-thon. We had two grand prize winners who both won a free night at the movies for all of their fundraising efforts. Overall we were able to raise over \$1200 to help the school purchase new early literacy resources for the Kindergarten and Grade One Home Reading Program and to help purchase more supplies and activities for the Student Success Room. Also a thank you to all of our bakers and to the Student Leadership Group for another successful bake sale.

We will be launching another round of spirit wear with more options this year. Order forms will be going out soon. Orders will be expected to arrive at the school in early January.

With the HWDSB announcement of the consolidation of Collegiate Avenue students with Green Acres starting in September 2019, our School Council will be actively reaching out to Collegiate to include them in future events and ensure that they feel welcomed at our school. Board updates are always discussed at our School Council meetings so attending these is a great way to stay informed. Also please come out to the Information Night at Collegiate on December 19, 2018. Unfortunately Green Acres has been under represented at these in the past and it is important for our voice to be heard as well.

We are starting to prepare for our largest event of the school year that coincides with Open House in May. This year we will be featuring a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Event with lots of hands-on activities and community involvement. If anyone has any ideas for this event or would like to help plan, please do not hesitate to contact School Council or attend a meeting in the new year.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday break and will see everyone in the new year. Our next School Council meeting will be on Monday, January 14, 2019 in the staff room. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

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 Services 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 Services 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/>



Green Acres Staff would like to wish all of our families a Safe and Happy Holiday and New Year! We will see our students back at school on January 7, 2019.