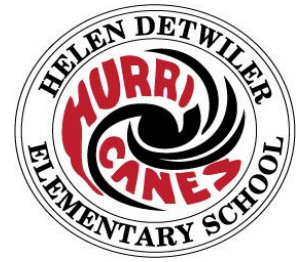




Helen Detwiler School



Hamilton Wentworth District School Board - Respect, Creativity, Excellence, Citizenship

From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk



It's hard to believe that the fall has passed and that we are preparing for November with a change in season. Given the time of year, we can anticipate that November will bring about changes in weather, a time difference and adjusting to daylight savings. With the colder weather approaching we look forward to engaging our students so they continue to strive and enjoy the academic & indoor extracurricular opportunities that are provided to them in the coming months.

With Progress Reports sent home on Monday October 30th, we look forward to welcoming you to our parent-student-teacher conferences that will be held the evening of Thursday November 2nd &/or Friday November 3rd. Classroom teachers communicated their conference schedule with families last week to give you an opportunity to commit to a block of time to discuss your child's progress since the start of the school year. We strongly encourage your child's participation through a parent-student-teacher conference. This collaborative discussion will promote the importance of open communication, building a strong home-school connection and planning for future growth and improvement into the end of the first term.

Extra-curricular activities are well under way at Helen Detwiler with the volleyball season upon us. With four teams, our coaches and teams are spending time practicing to prepare for their games and upcoming season. We wish our athletes the best of luck this year! Our Cross Country team participated in the HWDSB meet at Christie Conservation area and we had many great finishes. Overall our team showed great sportsmanship and continue to be great ambassadors for Helen Detwiler.

In November, Helen Detwiler will be honouring the many brave people who stood up for their beliefs and sacrificed their lives in service to our country. Our upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Friday November 10th at 11:15 a.m. in the gymnasium. Parents are welcome to join the ceremony paying tribute to all those that have devoted their lives for our freedom. We value this day and honour this month by focusing on the Character trait of "Courage" for November. Students are challenged to rely on their inner strength to make appropriate choices in all types of situations demonstrating their courageous attempts to show leadership at Helen Detwiler.

We hope you have an enjoyable month ahead and look forward to your ongoing support for our students.

Sincerely, *Ms. Radojevic & Mr. Oulahan*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 3rd

Professional Activity Day - No School
Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

Sunday, November 5th

Turn your clocks back one hour.

Friday, November 10th

Remembrance Day Ceremony
@ 11:15 a.m. in our gymnasium

Tuesday, November 21st

Photo Retake Day - a.m.

November 20th-24th

Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week

Thursday, November 23rd

School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 24th

Pita Pit Day

Thursday, November 30th

Vision Works Clinic

LOOKING AHEAD...

Friday, December 1st

Professional Activity Day - No School

Monday, December 4th

Character Education Assembly 11:10 a.m.

Character Builds - THE WORD ON THE STREET!



In order to build upon our students Character development, at Helen Detwiler we are focusing on educating our school community on the Character Traits that will support our students success in life and build upon a positive school culture.

Last month our Character focus was Self Control/Regulation This month's Character Focus is Courage where we are sharing its' meaning of having the strength to take on challenges to do the right thing even when it may be unpopular.

Monthly Focus

September - Respect	February - Empathy
October - Self Regulation	March - Honesty
November - Courage	April - Acceptance
December - Caring	May - Integrity
January - Responsibility	June - Citizenship

Students and Medication

For the safety of all of our students, we ask that students not carry any medication on them or in their locker unless it is an Epi-Pen for emergency treatment. Students with Asthma can carry a puffer with their parents permission. The office must be made aware of any student that may require emergency treatment. Other medications are over-the-counter medication, such as cough syrup and pain relievers. These should **not** be brought to school by students of elementary school age, or stored at school. Prescription medication requires signed authorization of a parent or guardian and signed direction by the prescribing doctor before it can be administered by school personnel. These forms are available at the office. Thank -You!



Upcoming Remembrance Day Ceremony



Helen Detwiler's Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on Fri. Nov. 10th at 11:15 a.m. in our gymnasium. Parents/Guardians and other Community guests are invited to attend.



Let us take the worry out of sending money to school for pizza, sub days, school trips, and just about everything else! To securely register your child(ren) please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option. Help is also available at: Parent Help Desk: 1-866-961-1803 (toll-free) or by Email: parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week November 20 - 20th

To honour the spirit and intention of Bullying Awareness & Prevention, parents we encourage that you take the time to talk to your child about bullying and its definition:
*Bullying is typically a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause fear and distress & or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a **real or perceived power imbalance**.*

Further Information online is available through:

- ❖ www.bullyfreehamilton.ca
- ❖ www.PrevNet.ca
- ❖ www.maccura.ca
- ❖ www.canadiansafeschools.com



Ned Show Success!



We were fortunate to have a Character Education presentation by the Ned Show on Wednesday October 11th for the whole school. The Ned Show focused on teaching students the importance of various character traits to be successful in life and shared their message through the character "Ned" and yo-yo's. We received this presentation at no cost through the "Pay it Forward" principle, and the sales that we generated will honour the Ned Show at no cost to another school. We successfully raised over \$1100 in yo-yo sales with our students relying on yo-yo tricks to remind them of the messages shared by Ned! We have a "Ned Zone" out on the black top for our students to practice their yo-yo tricks during outdoor Nutrition Breaks. Thank you to our parents for supporting the Pay it Forward principle which will provide another school with the Ned Show in the near future. It always feels great to give back when possible!



Vision Clinic



We will have the privilege of hosting the Vision Works Clinic at Helen Detwiler on Nov. 30th and in the first week of December to provide free full eye exams for our students. This service is for students who are not currently seeing an optometrist on a yearly basis and especially for students who have never had their eyes examined by an Optometrist. This service is run by Vision works, which will offer a mobile service to our school. If glasses are needed, Vision Works will make glasses available to your child at a cost of \$20. If the cost poses a challenge, alternate arrangements can be made, please notify the school office. A Parent/Guardian information sheet and consent form went home with your child's Progress report card. If you would like your child to receive this service, please have your child return the consent form to their teacher/advisor by Friday November 10th.

Parking Protocol

A reminder that no one is permitted to park in the roundabout by the Kindergarten classes. This is for pick up and drop off only. All school & board support staff will park at our main staff parking located next to the school. To ensure the safety of our students, the **staff parking lot is out of bounds** to our students & parents. If you are coming into the school for a meeting or to visit the office, we ask that you please park at the Ontario Early Years Community Agency/Partnership Parking lot, located Southeast of the school. By-law signs stating **Employee Parking Only** and **No Parking** are visibly posted as a reminder for you. Please note that by-law officers will be monitoring these areas frequently for ticketing purposes with student safety in mind. We thank you for supporting the safety of our students every day.



Volunteers are essential members of the Helen Detwiler school community. Volunteers make so many "extras" possible. Our team of volunteers enrich the educational experience of our students– Nutrition Program, athletics, classroom help and field trips. If you are interested in volunteering at Helen Detwiler, please follow the procedures detailed below. If you are required to obtain a police check, it is best to do so right away as it can take several weeks for the police department to process the paperwork.

New volunteers -- If you have never volunteered in a HWDSB school, then you will need to complete a Volunteer Application package and obtain a "Vulnerable Sector Screening Criminal Reference Check (CRC)" from Hamilton Police Services. Drop by the office and ask Mrs. Orgar for the necessary forms.

Returning volunteers - All other volunteers must sign an annual offence declaration and should begin updating their CRC's every 3 years.

For sake of convenience, police checks can be completed on line: www.policeresolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton

School Lost & Found

Our school lost & found bin has many articles of clothing that need to get back to their home. We have reminded students to ensure they check the lost & found for their belongings each month. By the end of each month the lost & found bin is emptied to provide room for new articles of clothing that have been found. Please remind your child to check the lost & found regularly. Feel free to check the lost & found bin when you come in for Parent Conferences. Thank you



Inclement Weather

The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. Please check the Board's Website (www.hwdsb.on.ca) or listen to local media (CHML900) for notice of school closure. **School Closure Hotline # 905.521.2535.**

