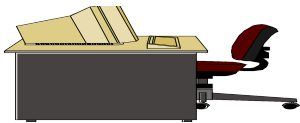




# Helen Detwiler School



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



## *From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk*

We would like to thank the staff, students and the community for a great start up in September. It's hard to believe that the first month of school is behind us. Our students have settled into their classrooms and have adjusted to school and classroom routines. We are happy to announce that our school organization remained intact with the number of classes for this school year. With systemic changes to the organization of schools we have been staffed with our new Grade 2 teacher, Ms. Murphy who started with us on Friday September 29th. We welcome Ms. Murphy to the Helen Detwiler team as she transitions into her new role.

We are also saying farewell to Ms. Bielak and Mr. Wiltshire, members of our caretaking team who will be moving on to support the system. We thank them both for their dedication to Helen Detwiler and wish them all the best as they move on to support the system. We also have a retirement to share with our school community. Mrs. Allan retired as our Learning Resource teacher supporting the Junior/Intermediate division. She spent many years dedicating her career to Helen Detwiler being a teacher on staff when the school officially opened in 1992. On behalf of the staff & school community, we thank Mrs. Allan for her dedication and years of service to our community and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board. We wish her all the best in her retirement! On Sept. 29th, our school wide Terry Fox event was held outside on our back playground. Students had an opportunity to walk, jog, or run around our school back field. It was fantastic to see our students showing great participation for the fundraiser by bringing in their donations on the day of the event to support such a worthy cause. Well done Helen Detwiler! We started early this year, with our first school fundraiser launch in September supporting Vesey's Bulbs. We hope your child enjoyed the opportunity to fundraise for Helen Detwiler to support our future School Improvement Plans. On behalf of the school, we thank you for supporting your child in raising funds to improve our school and appreciate all your efforts to connect your child to the community when fundraising. Extracurriculars got off to a great start in the month of September with our four Junior & Senior boys and girls teams competing at our system 3-Pitch tournaments. We received positive feedback from our coaches and volunteers on how well Helen Detwiler was represented by our students. We are very proud of our student athletes and their accomplishments. Go Hurricanes! Thank you to our coaches for dedicating their time to our teams. With our Character Education program guiding our students to build upon their traits we look forward to welcoming "The Ned Show" to Helen Detwiler on Wed. October 11th in our gymnasium. The Ned Show will focus on Character Development for the entire school with a Parent Information Sheet sent home with all of our students providing you with information about the show and product sales that will follow for a week after our presentation in our front foyer. Wishing you and your families a lovely long Thanksgiving weekend honouring the importance of being thankful & appreciative for all that life has to offer. Monday Oct. 9th is a holiday and our school will be closed to honour Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely, Ms. Radojevic & Mr. Oulahen

## OCTOBER 2017

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, October 9th

Thanksgiving Day - No School

#### Tuesday, October 10th

FDK to Footog Orchard

#### Wednesday, October 11th

The Ned Show 11:15 - 12:15 p.m.  
Cross Country Meet- Christie  
Conservation Area

#### Friday, October 13th

Mad Science Registrations Due

#### Thursday, October 19th

Photo Day

#### Thursday, October 26th

Mad Science Begins

#### Thursday, October 26th

School Council Meeting  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Library

#### Tuesday, October 31st

Special Event Day - Halloween  
K-5 - Halloween Parade 9:00 - 10:23a.m.  
Gr. 6-8 Halloween Dance 12:59 - 2:55  
p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 1st

Character Ed. Assembly @11:15 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 Respect. We are proud to announce that in the month of September, our students received 337 Caught Ya's. We are confident that we will surpass this amount for the month of October! This month's Character Focus is Self Control/Self Regulation where we are sharing its' meaning of being accountable for our choices, finishing what we start, practicing self-control, and doing our best and keep trying.

### Monthly Focus

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

### Lost and Found

Parents, if your child is missing an article of clothing, please have them check the Lost and Found located at the back of the school by the gymnasium.

We would encourage you to label all your child's belongings. If an item makes its' way to the Lost and Found it could easily be identified and returned.

### Scent Free Environment



There are working staff and students in the building that have medical allergies and conditions to strong scents,

perfumes/colognes & scented sanitizers have health effects for some of our staff & students. We ask that these scented items stay at home, and are used before students arrive at school. We appreciate your support to ensure the health & well-being of everyone at Helen Detwiler.

## Emergency Health Information/ Permission Forms

Your child brought home an "EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS: Emergency/Health Information" form along with several other forms for you to fill out at the beginning of September. These forms are necessary for trips, photographs and internet access. Please be sure that you have returned them all to your child's teacher. Thank you.

### A Message About Halloween from the Heart and Stroke Society

October means Halloween! Here's some tips on how to have all the fun with a little less candy! While sugar-laden treats are a big part of the occasion, there are ways to reduce the amount of sugar kids consume. These tips from our registered dietitians will help your family enjoy a healthier Halloween:

Make sure trick-or-treaters fill up on a healthy meal before they set out. Set a strict rule of no sampling on the go. Walk with kids rather than drive them. The activity is good for you too! Managing the stash- Take control over the candy after arriving home. Sort through it and discard any questionable items. Create a "least favourite" pile and toss those too. In some families, the "Switch Witch" visits after kids are asleep to take away excess candy and leave a toy or trinket in its place. Allow your child to make daily withdrawals from a "candy bank" so you can monitor their intake. Put an expiration date on the haul – for example, two weeks – and throw the rest away.

### School Cash Online

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.schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option. A detailed information sheet to help you set up an account!

Help is also available at

Parent Help Desk: 1-866-961-1803 (toll-free) or by

Email: [parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com)



### Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox Run date took place on Friday September 29th. Classes ran the perimeter of the backfield throughout the day and students were encouraged to bring in their "Toonies for Terry." Thank you to those families that donated to Toonies for Terry at our on Meet the Teacher Night. Every little bit counts, and we appreciate any and all donations to this very worthy cause!

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### Mad Science

Information was sent home regarding the Mad Science Program offered on Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:00 at the school for students in Grades 1 - 6 and a new program for our kindergarten students. New for this year, all registration is being done online. Due date October 13.

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### EQAO Update

Every year, students in Grades 3 and 6 write the provincial EQAO test which assesses their skills in Reading, Writing and Math. The results of these tests will be sent home along with a Guide for Parents of students in Grade 3 & 6. If you have a child who attended our school and was in Grade 3 or 6 last year, your child will receive their results from their classroom teacher/advisor.

If your child wrote the test but did not attend Helen Detwiler School last year, their results will be forwarded to us by the previous school and we will send them to you. If you have not received them by the end of October, you can contact the previous school or let us know and we will follow up for you. Remember that the EQAO test is only written by students who attended school in Ontario. Additional information and a detailed report can be found at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

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### Transportation Parent Portal



The Parent's Portal tool on the HWSTS website ([www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca)) allows parents/guardians to create a secure online account where they can access transportation details for their

child(s). Parents with accounts can choose to receive email notification when their bus is delayed by more than 10 minutes.

As part of the Parent's Portal Tool, parents/guardians of JK & SK students can provide names of individuals (including siblings 12yrs+) whom they wish to designate as authorized to receive their child. This list of authorized individuals is made available to the appropriate bus operator to assist with allowing the kindergarten students to leave the bus.

### The NED Show is Coming to Helen Detwiler on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 11:30 am

The NED Show is a character education program that centers around 3 important messages that have life long relevance: \*Never give up \* Encourage others \*Do your best During the assembly, students will learn about NED's three messages while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-top tricks.

Have a look at the flyer that has been sent home to read more about the NED Show, and our great Pay-It-Forward NED Gear sale for 5 days following the show.

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### Nutrition Policy



HWDSB's Nutrition Policy guides school communities in the development of healthy school nutrition environments in which

everyone is encouraged to make nutritious food choices and beverage choices. Schools are entitled to 10 Special Event Days in which food & beverages sold or served in schools are exempt from the nutrition standard outlined in the Policy. Our first Special Event Day will be Halloween held on Tuesday Oct. 31st. Sweet Treats are welcome to celebrate!

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### Parent Drop Off & Pick Up

With close to 550 students entering and exiting the building on a daily basis, we ask that you are patient and cautious when driving down Brigade Drive. Setting a designated area that is off school grounds will make for an easier drop off and pick up routine for you and your child. Parents, if you plan to drop off or pick up your child, you must determine a meeting point location that is off school grounds to ensure the safety of our bussed students & families exiting the building in front of the school. 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. We thank you for relying on the Southeast parking lot and supporting the safety of our students every day.

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### Parent Volunteers Needed!!

With many extracurricular events taking place throughout the school year, we are looking for the support of parents as volunteers on Pizza Days, extracurricular trips and as drivers to help our students get to their events. If you are interested, please contact the office and our office administrators will share the process involved to have you a part of our volunteer support team!