



Helen Detwiler School



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



From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk

With us now into March and the promise of Spring we are all looking forward to warmer temperatures and some sunshine. Now that our report cards have been sent home, we are well into Term 2 with students having the opportunity to reflect on their term 1 achievement and set goals for the remainder of the year. We value the importance of a team approach to the home-school connection and appreciate all the support our families provide to ensure our students are engaged in their learning and look forward to extra curricular activities.

This past month our middle school students were dedicated to promoting our Plumpy Nut contribution to help save lives in third world countries. Chocolate milk sales have supported this initiative and we look forward to sharing the impact our school community has made by supporting the sales of milk. Thank you for giving your children this opportunity to learn how we can support children on the other side of the world!

During the month of February our staff & students have had the opportunity to join fit club sessions after school to keep active. The Detwiler hockey league also kept many of our students active and our indoor track and field team represented Helen Detwiler at the annual system meet at the end of the month. We also had our checkers team participate in the system annual tournament this past week.

At this time of year, we also look forward to receiving registrations for our Junior & Senior Kindergarten students for September! With full day kindergarten, our youngest learners begin their school career full time with our dedicated FDK team of educators. Please contact the office or drop in to visit us to proceed with registration. Our team is willing to answer any questions you may have regarding the program for your child.

Being the last week before the March break, we are looking forward to the spring and realize that Daylight Savings Time is approaching. Please remember to spring forward your clocks by 1 hour on Sunday March 10th which will bring longer daylight to look forward to.

We hope everyone enjoys the March break beginning next week. For our families travelling abroad, enjoy your getaway and have a safe return home. We wish all of our students & families a wonderful week off to enjoy. Make the best of it!

Sincerely Ms. Radojevic & Ms. Francis

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 1st

P A Day - No School

Wednesday, March 6

Smoothie Day

Thursday, March 7

Grade 8 Grad Photo Day

Friday, March 8th

Tropical Spirit Day

Sunday, March 10th

Daylight Savings Reminder
Set your clocks forward one hour.

March 11th - March 15th

MARCH BREAK - NO SCHOOL

March 18th & March 19th

Dental Screening
JK, SK, Gr. 2 & Gr. 7

March 25, 26 & 27th

Vision Clinic coming to HD!

March 26th

Early Reading Parent Workshop

Thursday, March 28th

School Council Meeting 6:00-7:00

Friday, March 29th

Pita Pit Lunch

Saturday, March 30th

World Autism Awareness Day
Free Family Carnival

LOOKING AHEAD...

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday - No School

Monday, April 22nd

Easter Monday - No School

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 Empathy. This month's Character Focus is Honesty.

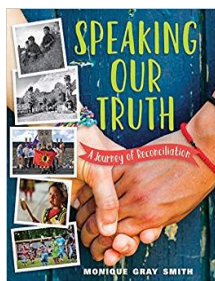
Monthly Focus

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

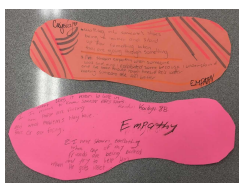
Our Work on Empathy



Gr. 2 students Learned about walking in another person's shoes.



Gr. 8 students learned about the Journey of Reconciliation.



Class 8B talked about walking in the footsteps of another person.

French Immersion Begins in Grade 1

If your senior kindergarten child has been enrolled in the French Immersion program for September 2019, please advise Mrs. Orgar in the office.

Health and Physical Education Curriculum

The HWDSB has a parent guide that has been created to support the Grade 1-8 Health and Physical Education Interim Curriculum. This curriculum is a re-issue of the 2010 curriculum. To access the guide please use the following website:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/healthy-schools/parent-guide-health-and-physical-education-interim-edition/>

For Children Born in 2015 It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration is now open. If your child has or will be turning four or five this year, you are welcome to register to our Full Day Kindergarten Program. Our program helps students get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring educators are with them every step of the way! Please come into Helen Detwiler any time between 9:35 a.m. and 2:55 p.m. to pick up a registration package at the office. Our office administrators would be happy to answer any questions you may have about registering your child. Online registration is now available at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>

We look forward to making Helen Detwiler an exciting and engaging learning environment for your child! Please share this information with others in your neighbourhood.

World Autism Awareness Day Free Family Carnival

Saturday, March 30, 2019

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board
20 Education Court, Hamilton, ON (Near Limeridge Mall)



Crafts, Sensory Art, and Games, Community Information Booths, Tim Hortons, Clowns and Balloon Animals, Home Depot Workshop, Fitness Classes, Quiet Games Room, Face Painting, Specialized Product Tables

Special Guests: Autism Service Dogs, Fire & Police Departments
For more information, contact: Sandy Scott

905-527-5092 Ext. 4701 sjscott@hwdsb.on.ca

Early Reading Parent Workshop

We are excited to announce our first Early Reading Parent Workshop for Parents and Caregivers of students in Kindergarten and Grade 1. . This workshop will take place on **Tuesday March 26** from 8:45am-9:30am. Food and drinks will be provided. More details will follow after March Break.

Parent/Guardian Reading Buddies

We are looking for parents/guardians who would be able to give 30 minutes or more a week to read with our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. You would be paired 1:1 with a child to help them with their reading skills. Training will be provided. Please let your child's teacher know if you are available to help out.



Snow Removal Responsibilities

Memory Book



Our middle school's Memory Book is in progress and is on sale now for Grade 7 and 8 students at the cost of \$25.00. It is a great way for grade 7 and grade 8 students to keep the memories of their friends, teachers and their time at Helen Detwiler. Memory book forms and money can be brought to Mrs. Dietrich. There are limited copies so make sure you get your copy now before they are all sold. In the 2018/2019 memory book, we are creating a page of baby pictures for students in grade 7 and 8 so please send a baby picture to school with your son/daughter before the March Break if they would like their baby picture on this page. Finally, if you have your own business and would like to advertise in our memory book, sponsor forms can be picked up from Mrs. Dietrich. The cost for a business card size advertisement is \$25.00. Thanks for your support!

Memory Book Committee

Comics For Grades

Big B Comic gives students one FREE comic for every subject where they receive an A, A- or A+ on their report card and one FREE comic for every grad improvement per subject (example going from a C- mid-year to a C in June). The program runs from now until July 31st.

The closest **Big B Comics** is located at 1045 Upper James St.

EQAO Update

As we look ahead to the Spring and warmer weather, please note the following dates for the **EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments**. These assessments, for Grade Three and Grade Six students, will be administered from May 21st - June 3rd, 2019. Parents, please be mindful of our testing dates to ensure your child's daily attendance.



Yearly, after each assessment, EQAO makes approximately half of the test items (questions) public. These booklets, as well as examples of the students' answers from the past five years are available on the EQAO website - Parent Resources

"A Guide to EQAO Assessment in Elementary School" is another resource available on the EQAO website - Parent Resources. This guide, available in 21 languages, answers commonly asked questions such as "What is on the EQAO assessments? Do EQAO results count towards students' grades?".

With our tough winter conditions, our custodial team clears snow and paths surrounding the school. A contracting company clears the parking lots with the city responsible for sidewalks.

Prom Project Hamilton

An event that gives students a chance to select formal wear free of charge to attend their formals, graduations and special events feeling confident, stylish and proud.



To provide more opportunities the event will be held on two days at two different sites

- ❖ Saturday, April 13th at Delta Secondary School
9:30 - 2:00
OR
- ❖ Saturday, May 4th at Hill Park Learning Centre
9:00 - 2:00

Prom Project is accepting donations at drop-off points across the city. The foundation is also welcoming staff and parent volunteers with their Vulnerable Sector Police checks. The foundation is also always in need of accessories, hygienic products and financial support for Prom Project Hamilton. Find a donation point and more information at www.promprojecthamilton.ca.

Your Space - Exploring Mental Health Issues

Free online sessions for young people & families.

Our Space - Youth Sessions

March 20 - 3:00-3:30 - Handling Big Feelings
(Sadness, Anger, Worry)

Family Space - Family Sessions

March 20 - 7-8pm - Dealing with Ups and Downs

Register Now:

YourSpaceHamilton.ca/register

Explore more at: www.yourpacehamilton.ca

Council Corner

Our next council meeting will be held on March 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend.

The playground committee will be meeting on March 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

We will be selling cookies every Thursday in March during second nutrition break. Monies raised will go towards improving our playgrounds.

Vesey's bulbs will be for sale in April. Please look for more information next month.