



Helen Detwiler School



Hamilton Wentworth District School Board - Respect, Learning & Innovation

From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk



We look forward to welcoming Spring like temperatures in April and hope that the transition to a warmer climate gets our students moving and more active during our Nutrition breaks!

March has been a busy month at Helen Detwiler with many opportunities to enhance learning and school community. Our checkers team was very competitive at the HWDSB Checkers Tournament. This tournament had over 800 participants and broke a Guinness Book of World Records. Athletics continue to thrive as our Junior Boys Basketball team began games and got their first win, our Detwiler Hockey League (DHL) championships took place and our Cricket team competed competitively. The Ukulele Kids program continues to meet weekly, working on learning more and more music each week. Our Grade 4 and 5 classes all spent a day at Dundas Valley Conservation area participating in Outdoor Education.

We were excited to host our first Early Literacy Parent Workshop and were overwhelmed with the turn out, having over 45 parents/caregivers attend. It was great to share strategies families can use at home to support students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 learning to read. Thanks to all who attended for your enthusiasm. Look for information about more Early Literacy sessions coming soon.

Our April Character Education trait is "Acceptance". Classrooms will be busy learning about what acceptance means and sharing their learning and displays of acceptance at our next assembly in May. Parents are encouraged to attend and join us in celebrating the learning.

Our School Council is also organizing our upcoming Parent Engagement Night open to all of our families. Dr. Pam Struiksma, a child psychologist will be engaging our families on ways to support children with the tools they need to be more successful with their social interactions. We will be providing a light dinner with great door prizes for those that attend!

As a school we also take the time to organize and prepare our schedules for our Gr. 3 & 6 students who will be writing the EQAO assessments focusing on testing skills in the areas of Reading, Writing and Math. Grades 3 and 6 students only write the tests for both Language and Math. Sincerely, ***Ms. Radojevic & Ms. Francis***

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 10th

Day of Pink - Anti-Bullying Awareness

Thursday, April 18th

French Concert - Gr. 4 - 8, 1:30-2:25

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday - No School

Monday, April 22nd

Easter Monday - No School

Tuesday, April 23rd

Grade 7 Immunization

Wednesday, April 24th

Kinder Grad Photos/Gr. 8 Grad Retakes

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, May 1st

Character Ed. Assembly 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8th

Open House

Wed. May 8th, and Thurs. 9th

Book Fair

Tuesday, May 14th

New FDK Parents' Information Night
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tues. May 21st - Mon. June 3rd

EQAO Tests - Gr. 3 & 6 students

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 Honesty. This month's Character Focus is Acceptance.

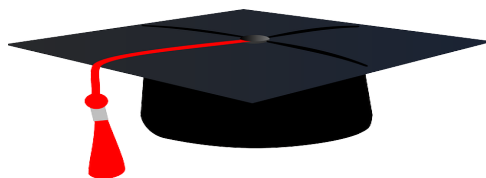
Monthly Focus

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

Kindergarten Registration

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.



Mark you Calendars Now: Grade 8 Graduation is June 19th at 4:30 p.m. at Carmen's.

Upcoming Open House - May 8th



We are happy to announce that we will once again be offering Harvey's at our annual Open House. Parents, students and community guests are invited to visit school classrooms. More details will follow. We look forward to this exciting event for our community to come together and celebrate the learning at Helen Detwiler while sharing some delicious food.



Spring Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair will be held May 8th, and May 9th 2018.

Wednesday, May 8th: PREVIEW Day for students during school hours. Open for purchasing books during Open House
Thursday, May 9th: Open for purchasing 8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.



Upcoming French Café

Mark your calendars now for...
Wednesday May 8, 2019 from 5-6:30pm!
More details to follow in the coming weeks!



Upcoming French Concert for Grades 4 - 8 featuring artist Roland Bibeau Thursday, April 18th during periods 5 and 6!
Find his songs on Youtube and practice singing his lyrics in advance!



All new kindergarten registrants for 2019-2020 school year and their parents are invited to our Welcome to Kindergarten Night on May 14 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Meet educator teams, administration, school council and community-based service reps. A short presentation will be followed by an informal tour and question and answer session.

Parent Engagement Night at Helen Detwiler!

Hold the Date to learn about Social Smarts:

On Monday April 15 we will be hosting an evening for parents/guardians to come and learn about ways to support children/adolescents in learning the tools they need to be more successful in their everyday social interactions. We are very excited to welcome child psychologist, Dr. Pam Struiksma, who will be speaking with families about Social Smarts.



We encourage parents to attend this workshop on Social Smarts. Topics will include:

- Establishing and maintaining friendships
- Taking the perspective of others
- Behaving appropriately in different situations
- Communicating effectively with others
- Adapting to changing situations
- Responding to social cues
- Understanding how his or her own actions impacts the thoughts, feelings, and actions of others
- Thinking too literally. Not seeing the grey in life



Food and drinks will be provided from 5:30p.m -6:00 p.m., Dr. Pam will speak from 6:00-7:30 p.m. including a question and answer period. We will have some great **door prizes**. A letter will be sent home with your child this week with more details and a form for you to RSVP.

Pink Shirt Day

Wearing a pink shirt is more than just a one day thing. It's a commitment to stand together with those who have been bullied and work year round to work towards eliminating bullying and discrimination in all communities. So, this year, on **April 10th** – wear a pink shirt – but remember: the shirt doesn't stop bullying - you do!



Prom Project **HAMILTON**

Prom Project Hamilton is a two day, two site location event that was created by the HWDSB Foundation to assist students in need with formal wear for their proms, graduations, formals and other special events so they can attend their events feeling stylish, confident and proud. Prom Project Hamilton does not require any proof of financial need, and promotes a positive and inclusive environment, created to support those students with formal needs who may choose not to attend their special event because of financial challenges. All items are new or gently used from the private and business communities and are free of charge to all clients. All clients are treated with respect, dignity and are assisted by volunteers who are dedicated to supporting students and making the experience an impactful journey towards their upcoming milestone event.

This year's event locations and dates:

Saturday, April 13 – Delta Secondary School from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 – Hill Park Secondary School from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

To donate clothing or to obtain more information:
<http://promprojecthamilton.ca/>

Families Worrying Less Together

This program is for parents/primary caregivers of kids whose worries get the best of them. It is an evidence based program for parents of students in Grade 3-6 who are excessively shy or have intense worries and fears. This program provides families with practical strategies to help your child learn to cope differently.

Information Night - April 9, 2019 6:30-7:30pm @ Education Center (20 Education Court)

RSVP By: April 5 FHLT@hwdsb.on.ca or 905-527-5092 X3555

Council Corner

Our next council meeting will be held on April 25th at 6:00 pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cookies will be available for sale on Thursdays at second nutrition break for \$1 each. We will also have our pita pit and smoothie days this month. For our big spring fundraiser we will be doing Vesey's again. Look for your catalogs to come home this month! All proceeds from council fundraising will go towards making improvements to our playgrounds.

