



# HESS ST HAPPENINGS

**February 2017**



## Principal's Message

It has been a great start to 2017! Students have been engaged in various classroom activities and our grades 1-5 students had the opportunity to go to the theatre to watch the musical, "James and the Giant Peach". One of the highlights of January, was our annual Family Literacy PJ Day. Students were invited to wear their pajamas to school for the day and participated in an assembly with Police Chief Eric Girt, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Dan Milovanovic, (a former Hess Street student), Courtney Stephen, (#22 for the Ti-Cats), School Trustee Christine Bingham, Mike Daly, (#35 for the Ti-Cats), and Councillor Jason Farr. Each of our special guests read a story to the students and shared their personal stories about school and their love of reading. We ended the day with milk and cookies and more reading. It was a wonderful way to celebrate literacy!

Report cards will be distributed to students on February 17th. Families are encouraged to review the report card together with their children, and to discuss ways to support learning at home. Daily reading or simple math questions and puzzles can be a great way to support classroom learning. Together, we can make the greatest difference.

From: Mrs. Jones

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## Important Dates

- Feb. 6th —Kindergarten Registration Begins
- Feb. 8th—advisory committee working group meeting #3 for West Hamilton
- Feb. 14th—Valentine's Day 
- Feb. 17th—Report Cards Go Home
- Feb. 20th—Family Day (No School)
- Feb. 21st—Grade 8 Grad Photos & SK Grad Photos
- Feb. 28th—Secondary Option Sheets Due
- March 3rd—PA Day (No School)

### Contact Us

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school and let us know.

**(905) 527-1439**

# Hess Street's Talented Students

Our World.

In a world of reality and no immortality,  
A place of redemption and dimension.  
With hearts of gold and some that are cold,  
We seek Forgiveness or our very own Weakness.

There are some here for the money or just to be funny.  
Some that are unloved and are being shoved.  
Some that are alone and feel like stone.  
What kind of world are people in starvation, with no habitation?

A world where people kill like they're popping pills.  
With people in pain slipping down the drain.  
People going off the rails and ending up in jails.  
How could we do nothing when people are suffering?

In a world spread with negativity and only a bit of positivity,  
Is there hope or are we holding onto a ripping rope?  
I want to make a change but one voice wouldn't fit the range.  
In what kind of world are people hateful, have you forgotten what  
it feels like to be grateful?

— Judy Nguyen Le

## After School Scholar's Program

This program will be teacher recommended for grades 3 & 6 students .

Begins the week of March 6th. Focusing on Numeracy to support classroom learning.

More info to follow.

## Volunteers Needed!

We are asking our Parents for some assistance with our Breakfast Club Program & Field Trips.

- a Vulnerable Sector Police Check is required to volunteer at a HWDSB school.
- Please ask the office for further details.



-Jenny Ly, gr. 1

***Join Us!***

**Are you a parent, caregiver or legal guardian of a student with Special Needs.**



**Parents as Partners invites you to an evening with Vangi Ryan Boose, System Social Worker for**

## **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

5:30pm: Light Supper

6:00pm to 7:30pm: Presentation

Where: **20 Education Court, Room 181A**

Upcoming Talks: April 5, 2017 Collaborative Pro-active Solutions.

***Join Us!***

**To Register: Contact Karen Accardo at 905-527-5092 x 2904 or by email [kaccardo@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:kaccardo@hwdsb.on.ca)**

**Kindergarten Registration starts Feb. 6th**

**Kindergarten Registration Documents**

can be found online at:

**[www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten/#Register](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten/#Register)**

**Kindergarten Survey Link:  
<http://bit.ly/HWDSB-Child.Care>**

## **Pupil Accommodation Review**

The advisory committee working group meeting #3 for West Hamilton is on February 8, 2017 at Ryerson beginning at 6 pm. The public is welcome to attend and observe while the committee works.

## **WINTER WEATHER—SCHOOL CLOSING**

We are now at that time of year where we may start to experience bad weather conditions. Severe winter storms may mean that schools are closed. The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, not the school, makes the decision. If schools will be closed, public announcements will be made on the radio starting at 6:30 a.m. You can hear the announcement on any of these stations: **KLITE 102.9 FM—95.3 FM—OLDIES 1150—CHML 900 AM—CHAM 820 AM—or on TV CHCH.** Listen for an announcement that Hamilton Public city schools are closed. It is wise to listen to one of the radio stations on any winter day that has severe weather.

