



HESS ST HAPPENINGS



MARCH 2017

Principal's Message

As we move into March and the last four months of this school year, it is a good time reflect on the success of our students. You may have noticed a portion of the Provincial Report Card that asked families to discuss your student's strength and possible follow up steps at home. We encourage families to complete the form together and return it to the school for our files. Of course, it is our collective effort that provides the most benefit to ours students.

There will be a Parent Council Meeting on March 7th at 3:15 pm at Hess in the gym. This will be a brief information meeting regarding the upcoming Pupil Accommodation Review Public Meeting. The Public Meeting will be on **March 8th at 6:00 pm at Sir John A Macdonald school.**

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as soccer, Go Girls, Yo Men, volunteering with seniors, breakfast club, lunch room monitors, and basketball. We are extremely proud of our boys basketball team who are competing in the Division A City West Championships! Other agencies also provide opportunities for our students such as yoga, Girls STEM club, a running group, and Wan2Be. There are lots of ways for Hess St students to get involved!

Thank you,
Estella Jones, Principal

Riddles

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Crossing the River

A farmer is trying to cross a river. He is taking with him a rabbit, carrots and a fox, and he has a small raft. He can only bring 1 item a time across the river because his raft can only fit either the rabbit, the carrots or the fox. How does he cross the river. (You can assume that the fox does not eat the rabbit if the man is present, you can also assume that the fox and the rabbit are not trying to escape and run away)



Important Dates

- March 1st: PAR Working Meeting #5 (Earl Kitchener, 6pm)
- March 3rd: PA Day (No School)
- March 7th: Parent Council Meeting in Gym at 3:15pm
- March 8th: PAR Public Meeting #2 (SJA, 6pm)
- March 13th: 17th—March Break (no School)
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- March 22nd: PAR Working Meeting #6 (Hess St. 6pm)
- Late March: Guelph Kiwanis Music Festival
- ***The EQAO assessment will take place for all grades 3 and 6 students between May 23 and June 2017.***



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



Annie Tang, Nirmne Hamadi, Rachel Heska and Mya Stroud
from: Mrs. Beavers JKSK



Yousef Othman from: Mrs. Beavers JKSK

SNR Boys Basketball



The 2017 senior boys' basketball season has been one to remember for the team at Hess. After making the playoffs as the number 4 seed in the city's west division, the Hess Street boys travelled to face the number 1 seed in the city's east division, Adelaide Hoodless. After a frantic comeback, the boys managed a last minute layup to take the lead for a 42-41 victory. This set up a quarterfinal with the number 1 seed of the city's west division, George P. Vanier, and

again the boys managed another dramatic last minute victory with a final score of 47-46. There are only four teams left competing for the city championship, and the boys face Bennetto in their semi-final game on Tuesday February 28th. No matter the outcome of Tuesday's game, the Hess family is very proud of the boys and the progress they have made this season. Congratulations on a great season to coaches, former Hess Alumni, Htoo Nay Moo, Daniel Niyonkuru, and Faisal Mohamed, and players: Suliman Abdo Abdale, Rick Chang, Witny Decius, Zakaria Abdo Abdale, Wilson Moo, Khalid Hassan, Zarif Zaman, Mike Htoo, Hatim Qounbos.

Kindergarten Registration is Open

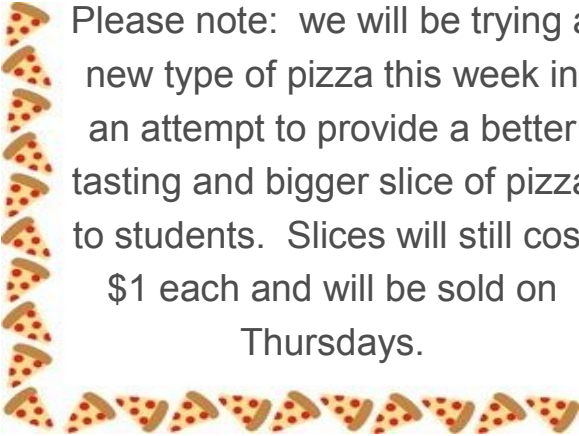
Kindergarten Registration Documents

can be found online at:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten/#Register

Pizza

Please note: we will be trying a new type of pizza this week in an attempt to provide a better tasting and bigger slice of pizza to students. Slices will still cost \$1 each and will be sold on Thursdays.



We are selling frozen yogurt to support the music program. Students may order frozen yogurt on Mondays, and they will receive their delicious frozen yogurt on Wednesday. The cost is \$2.00.



March Break programs at Hamilton Public Library

- [Tween Book Club](#) - Thursday March 2, 2017 @ 4pm
- [McMaster Children and Youth University Workshop](#) - Saturday March 11, 2017 @ 10:30am
- Storytelling with LEGO – Monday March 13, 2017 @ 2pm
- Let's Talk Science – Tuesday March 14, 2017 @ 10:30am
- Maker Cart – Tuesday March 14, 2017 @ 2pm
- Northern Lights Art – Thursday March 16, 2017 @2pm
- PS4 Gaming - Friday March 17, 2017 @ 2pm
- Book Explorers: National Engineering Month – Saturday March 18, 2017 @ 10:30am

[http://www.hpl.ca/events/2017-03?](http://www.hpl.ca/events/2017-03?title=&field_branch_nid=5981&field_event_audience_tid=81&field_event_category_tid=All)

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EQAO

EQAO is a large scale assessment for all students in grades 3 and 6 in Ontario. Questions align with the Ontario curriculum in reading, writing and mathematics. The assessments student achievement objectively and in relation to a common standard. Please go to eqao.com for more information and/or check out the following links for examples of past questions in mathematics. Families and their students can review or try the questions to get more comfortable with the format and types of questions that may be asked.

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/junior-division/assessment-docs/G6-math-bklt-2016.pdf>

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/primary-division/assessment-docs/q3-math-bklt-2015.pdf>

Please share with your School Council and Home and School.

In support of communicating with parents and partnerships, the HWDSB Parent Involvement Committee is hosting a **Summer Student Experiences Showcase** on March 21st. Members of Board Advisory Committees, Schools Councils and Home and School Associations are invited to engage in this learning with the hope they will share back with other families. Following a “storefront” format, HWDSB staff and community partners will be sharing what free learning/ experience opportunities exist for children and youth in our community during July and August.

HWDSB Summer Experience Showcase

- Tuesday, March 21st
- Event is 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- HWDSB Education Centre (20 Education Court, L9A 3B9)
- Main lobby area
- For childminding, please contact Kathy Macdonald at x2333
- Feel free to bring a friend

Filing taxes may not be your idea of fun, but it can make a big difference to your family's income. New financial supports such as the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) can mean hundreds of extra dollars per month for low and middle income families who have children up to the age of 17. The only catch is, you must file your taxes in order to access this extra money!

For example, a family with 2 children and earning \$28,000 a year could be eligible for a tax free benefit of \$900 a month through the CCB – that's \$10,800 per year! Families receiving social assistance are eligible for the benefit too, and it isn't deducted from Ontario Works or

Ontario Disability Support Program.

The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, City of Hamilton and community partners want to make sure everybody who is eligible can access the money to which they are entitled.

There are plans in the works to expand free community tax clinics in Hamilton

In the meantime, please visit www.cra.gc.ca/getready to find out more about filing your taxes and receiving the Canada Child Benefit