



Highview Bulletin

November 2017

From the Vice-Principal's/Principal's Desk:

We would like to take this time to say goodbye to Mr. Gould and thank him for doing such a great job getting Highview started up and off to a good start. It is sad to see him go but we know that he is now enjoying time with family and friends.

With October now behind us, we wanted to express our thanks to so many parents/guardians for not only attending our "Meet the Teacher Night" but also "Parent-Educator" interviews. We look forward to your ongoing support throughout the school year!

Ms. Corbin-Harper
Mr. Pellizzari

At this time, I would like to say a personal thank you to all of the Highview students, community and staff members for making me feel so welcome at the school in my first few days. I am certainly excited to be here and am looking forward to a great year as Principal at Highview. A special thanks to Ms. Corbin-Harper for all of her efforts and support in helping to make my transition into Highview a smooth one.

Mr. Pellizzari

Changing Weather:

We hope you are enjoying the fall as the temperatures start to get cooler.
A reminder that daylight savings time ended on November 5th!



School Council

Highview School Council, encourages parents to join us at council meetings throughout the year. Everyone is welcome at all meetings, it's never too late!

The scheduled school council meeting date for this month is **Thursday November 15, 2017.**

We look forward to seeing and hearing from as many parents/guardians as possible!



Lunch Days

Pizza Days occur every Thursday.
(Nov. 9, 16, 23 & 30).

We will be introducing Pita Pit on December 8th

Our Sub Day will be on Dec. 15.

Parking:

We understand that finding parking around the school can be a challenge. Having said that, in order to keep all of our students safe, we ask that you please avoid entering the staff parking lot off of Queensdale Ave. as this is creating a very dangerous situation for all, especially the students who are exiting vehicles.



In Remembrance:

In November, we will be honouring the many brave people who stood up for their beliefs and sacrificed their lives in service to our country. Our upcoming Remembrance Day Assembly (grades 2 – 8) will be held on Friday, November 10 at 10:35 a.m. in the gym.

Parents are welcome to join the solemn ceremony paying tribute to all those that have devoted their lives for our freedom.

We encourage all families to take part in Remembrance Day ceremonies in the community on Saturday, November 11 (such as at the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph in Veterans' Place at Gore Park or the Hamilton Military Museum).

A special thanks to Ms. Clark and Ms. Martin for facilitating this assembly!!

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to all the family and friends who donated to our Terry Fox Run. As a school we were able to raise \$608.90.



News From the Library



The book fair was a HUGE success! Thank you to all the families who came out to support our book fair. Over \$5000 of merchandise was sold which means that we earned close to \$3000 to use at Scholastic to help improve our library. Congratulations to the Barlow family for winning the Family Event draw and to

Emily G in grade 3 for winning the Goldfish contest. Her guess of 192 was one away from the actual number of 193.

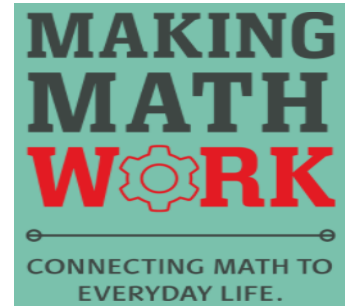
School Trip & School Cash Online

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board has once again partnered with the Hamilton Bulldogs to offer students in grade 4 – 6 the opportunity to attend a school game day with a literacy theme. These games days have become very popular with schools in the HWDSB. This event takes place on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, starting at 10:30 at the FirstOntario Centre (formerly Copps Coliseum).

Thanks to all our families who have signed up and use School Cash to help us with collecting funds. Please remember that we must all follow the “due date” on the excursion forms. Trips are automatically removed from School Cash at midnight on the due date. As of the due date, staff tally the numbers and then confirm busing arrangements and submit final numbers to the destination. Once the due date passes, parents will not be able to submit forms and money for a trip. If you need help signing up for School Cash, please visit the support link on the School Cash Online website or talk to Mrs. Bowman in the school office. <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

Academic Focus:

Highview's academic focus for school planning continues to be Early Reading Skills in Kindergarten and grade 1 and Improving our Math Skills for grade 2 through 8. We will be including some parent resources in these areas in many weekly/monthly updates. This week is regarding looking for opportunities to "talk math" in everyday situations.



Everyday Mathematics: Daily Decisions

We all use mathematics daily in what we do.

Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make those everyday decisions with you. For example:

- "Do we have enough plates and utensils for all the guests coming for the birthday party?"
- "We are doubling this recipe. How much of all the ingredients will we need?"
- "We are fertilizing the lawn. The fertilizer bag covers three square meters. How many will we need?"
- "This store is selling the game you want for 20% off of \$27.00. That store is selling the same game for \$19.99. Where should we shop?"

Volunteering at Highview

Whether it is helping out in a classroom, on an excursion or in our school library, volunteers are important to us at Highview.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please request a volunteer package from our office. As per HWDSB policy, a volunteer package must be completed annually and a Vulnerable Sector Screening every three years. This screening can be obtained either by visiting the King William HPS location or applying online. [http:// www.policiesolutions.ca/checks/ services/Hamilton/](http://www.policiesolutions.ca/checks/services/Hamilton/)

Please stop in at the office if you have any questions.



Photo Retake Day:

Please note that Photo Retake Day will be on Thursday, November 16th. Students requiring retakes should come prepared for photos on this day. Parents/Guardians are asked to communicate with homeroom teachers where photo retakes are being requested.

Safe Welcome Protocol:

As you know, the HWDSB has initiated a Safe Welcome Program. The program supports a welcoming learning environment by ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors can access elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe. At our school, all exterior school doors will be locked during the instructional day, and visitors must access the school via the main entrance. Please be reminded that the front entrance is equipped with a video/intercom access system which is to be used to gain access. Once granted entry, **all visitors must report directly to the office**. Anyone needing to travel beyond the office will be asked to sign in and to wear a visitor's sticker. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in keeping all of our students and staff safe!

Hamilton Public Library-Tumblebooks:

Did you know that your Hamilton Public Library card will grant you access to a very large collection of online, narrated and animated stories for children. In order to access this incredible collection, please visit the HPL Kids page and find Tumblebooks via HPL Online > Digital Media > Tumblebooks. Enter your library card number and read away. A great alternative to engage your child in reading.

<http://kids.hpl.ca/digital-media/tumble-books>

Homework Help for Students Grade 7 to 10:

Homework Help is free online math help and resource for students in Grades 7-10. Homework Help provides free, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers Sunday to Thursday from 5:30pm – 9:30pm ET. The program is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO's Independent Learning Centre. To log in, students will need to register with their Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of their report card near their name. (Your child's OEN never changes so any of their Ontario report cards will have it.) <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

November Happenings:

- November 9th – Grade 7 Immunizations
- November 9th – Pizza Day
- November 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly (Gr. 2-8)
- November 13th- Junior Swim Meet
- November 14th-17th – Grade 4 CCAT Testing
- November 15th – Hamilton Bulldogs Game Excursion (Gr. 4-6)
- November 15th – School Council Meeting
- November 16th – Photo Retake Day
- November 16th – Pizza Day
- November 21st – School Bus Safety Presentations (K-8)
- November 23rd/30th – Pizza Days