



Janet Lee News– February

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From the Principal's Desk

February promises to be another exciting month with many exciting activities planned for all students. This month we begin our 20 / 20 challenge – incorporating 20 minutes of physical activity for 20 weeks into our days. The challenge will lead up to May where the Grade 5-8 students will be invited to represent Janet Lee at a 5km run to support Start2Finish – an organization that is working towards ending childhood poverty in Canada. We will also be starting

our yearly fundraiser in February. On Feb. 1st all students will bring home a letter outlining our World's Finest Chocolate sales which start on Feb. 2nd. Check out the back of the letter to see all the great prizes that you can win just by selling chocolate and supporting our school community. This month also brings home the Term 1 report card. Watch for your child's report card to come home on Feb. 18th. Report 1 is the

perfect time to set goals and reflect on strengths and next steps for learning and improvement. Please return the parent portion of the report card with your signature, in the report card envelope. If you would like to see your child's teacher (s), please indicate this on the returned portion and your teacher will get in touch to make an appointment with you. Please feel free to connect with your child's teacher at anytime if you have any questions

or concerns about your child's development and learning.

As always, we continue to strive to provide the best learning opportunities at Janet Lee and welcome any questions or suggestions.

Please check the Janet Lee Website often as we continue to update it with current events and planned activities.

Have a wonderful February!

Mrs. J. Anderson

February Events



Please continue to check the Janet Lee Website and follow Mrs. Anderson on Twitter @JanetLeeHWDSB for upcoming events and special occasions throughout the year.

Feb. 1 – K Registration Begins

Feb. 8-11 - Candygrams Sold

Feb. 10 – Gr. 4-6 to Hamilton Bulldogs Game

Feb. 12 - Red, Pink & White Day

Feb. 12 - Grades 6-8 Dance

Feb. 15 – Family Day - NO SCHOOL

Feb. 16 – Sub Day

Feb. 17 – Band to Competition

Feb. 18 - Report Cards

Feb. 19 – Monthly Assembly 8:10 in the Gym

Feb. 22 – Lockdown Practice

Feb. 26 – PA DAY NO SCHOOL

Feb. 29 – Council Meeting

Feb. 29 – Sub Day

Extreme Cold Weather Alerts

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

Depending on the season, preparing for outdoor play in Canada can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wearing mittens and a hat. During winter, it's important that chil-

dren come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it's a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.

Principals can always use their judgment to decide whether to send students outside for recess. However, HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton recommendation that individuals stay

inside when the temperature drops below -15 C without wind chill. If you have any questions or concerns regarding winter outdoor play, please feel free to contact the school office at anytime.



School Council

Next School Council Meeting.....

Monday, February 29rd

6:30

Library

YMCA AFTER-School Program Registration Dates

The YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford provides Before and After School Child Care Program at Janet Lee Public School. This program is licensed by the Ministry of Education. We provide quality care and unique programming for children aged 3.8 to 12 years of age. Parents may enroll their children on a full time or part time basis.

The program incorporates the YMCA core values of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility. The goals of the YMCA SACC program are to provide a positive, safe and nurturing environment where children can develop to their full potential, and family life is strengthened.

The SACC program operates daily, Monday to Friday from dismissal until 6:00PM.

For more information regarding this program please contact the YMCA School Age Child Care office at 905-317-4916.



HWDSB Events

Check out www.hwdsb.on.ca / **Events Calendar** to keep current on upcoming events at HWDSB schools & offices.



Kindergarten Registration

HWDSB schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten 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!

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French Immersion Information Sessions

Families across the Hamilton Board are being invited to learn more about French Immersion as an option for their child. Because every student is unique in their learning, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board staff provides programs that help all students reach their full potential. French Immersion is one such program. French Immersion is a proven way of acquiring excellent French language skills. At HWDSB, French Immersion is specifically designed for parents who do not speak French, but want their children to speak both official languages. The program is open to all students in Hamilton/Wentworth starting in Grade 1. Families can attend an information session to learn about French Immersion as an option for their child: Information Session for A.M. Cunningham and Glen Echo parents 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 3 at A.M. Cunningham (100 Wexford Ave. S., Hamilton) Information Session for Norwood Park, Lawfield, Michaelle Jean and Fessenden parents 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 16 at Norwood Park (165 Terrace Drive, Hamilton) Information Session for Dundana, Guy Brown, Earl Kitchener and Cootes Paradise parents 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 24 at Dundana (23 Dundana Ave., Dundas) Parents may choose to attend the location and date most convenient for them. If you can't attend an information session, you can learn more by contacting the Principal at one of our French Immersion elementary schools, or by contacting the French as a Second Language (FSL) Consultant at 905-527-5092 ext. 2653 or crees@hwdsb.on.ca. You can also learn about French Immersion and other programs for elementary students at hwdsb.on.ca/fi or by talking to your Principal.

Janet Lee Band

The Janet Lee Concert Band has been working extremely hard over the last few weeks on more difficult scores in order to prepare for the Golden Horseshoe Music Festival. We will be performing at Redeemer College on Wednesday, February 17th at 9am to receive a gold, silver, or bronze level of achievement. All are welcome to come and cheer us on! Wish us luck as we continue to work diligently throughout the year. Thank you for your ongoing support. Mrs. Chiasson

School Cash Online

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is pleased to offer School Cash Online, an online service that allows you, as parents/guardians, to pay for your child's school fees and purchase items related to their school experience in a secure and convenient way.

Our school is enrolled with School Cash Online. In order to help us improve the service for families, HWDSB would appreciate feedback from you by completing a short survey, which can be found on our school website.

The survey is *voluntary* and should take about 5 minutes to complete. All survey responses are anonymous and will be reported on in a summarized format.

The survey will remain open until the end of the day on **February 12, 2016**.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Carrie Salemi, Manager of School Support / Compliance, at 905-527-5092, x 2461 or csalemi@hwdsb.on.ca

Please follow the survey link to complete survey
https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6FCuYJF3rJaEj4x

What is MyWallet?

MyWallet is used when you want to load funds from your bank account in advance of paying for items online. **The process of adding funds to MyWallet and paying for items are two separate processes.** It's like buying a gift card and then using it later to pay for items. There may be a slight time delay between when funds are loaded in your MyWallet and when they are available for making purchases.

Funds may be retained in MyWallet over the summer. As students progress to other HWDSB schools, all MyWallet funds follow the student. If necessary, refunds for unused MyWallet balances may be requested via email to mywallet@kevgroup.com. Details on the information requirements to obtain a refund may be found on the "Refund Policy" link on the School Cash Online website.

Reminder

A reminder that smoking is not permitted any where on school board property at anytime.



No Nuts Please

PEANUT AND NUT SAFE SCHOOL
This year we have students with life-threatening allergies to peanuts or nuts. Please do not send your child with any nut products for lunch or snacks. Working together we can help ensure the safety of all our children.