



Janet Lee News – February

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Welcome February!

This month brings home Provincial Report Card 1. Please take a moment to go over your child's report card with them, talking about strengths and next steps in their learning. There are two sections that provide the space for you and your child to work together on setting some goals for further learning. Please send these sections into your child's teacher as soon as possible. As always, our doors are open and we would be happy to meet to discuss any questions or concerns regarding your child's education. If you would like to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher please indicate this on the tear off section of the report card.

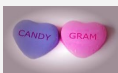
Keeping with HWDSB 5 Ways of Mental Well-Being, we have many events planned that will continue to enhance and maintain mental well-being at Janet Lee this month. We hope that you can join us for our upcoming Community Movie Night on February 9th- movie nights are a great opportunity for you to connect with many families in the JL school community! Oh, and you get to wear your pajamas, how cool is that? We also have various school spirit days coming up including a Jersey Day on Feb. 9th, and Red/White/Pink Day on Feb. 14th to celebrate Valentine's Day. Of course, don't forget about our February celebration assembly on Feb. 23rd in the gym- another great way to come join us to celebrate all of the great things happening at JL! To learn more about 5 Ways of Mental Well-Being, visit www.hamilton.ca/5ways.

We are excited about all of the events that we have planned for the month. Please make sure you are checking our calendar often on the Janet Lee website for any updates!

Enjoy the month,
Mrs. J. Anderson

Valentines Candy Grams will be sold this month!

Details to follow in morning announcements.



Please continue to check the Janet Lee website and follow Mrs. Anderson on Twitter.

@JanetLee_HWDSB for upcoming events and special occasions throughout the year.

Stay tuned-in for additional Janet Lee events, by checking our School Website and Calendar regularly!
www.hwdsb.on.ca/janetlee/events

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb. 2- Celebration Assembly (Jan. celebration), 8:10- Gym

Feb. 5- Kindergarten Registration Begins

Feb. 8- Puppet Show, Grades K-6, 1:00 pm- Gym

Feb. 8- Gr. 6 Trip to Ontario Science Centre- 9am-3:15 pm.

Feb. 9- School Spirit/Jersey Day!

Feb. 9- Movie Night (Coco)

Feb. 13- Report Cards go Home

Feb. 13- Mrs. Ritchie's class visit to the Salvation Army Adult Services

Feb. 14- Valentines Day! **Red, Pink & White Day.** Valentines Dance, Grades 6-8

Feb. 19- Family Day! **NO SCHOOL**

Feb. 20- MADD Assembly, Gr. 7/8- 1:00 pm

Feb. 20- McMaster Coding to visit the following classes: (Ms. Ritchie, Ms. Lewington, Ms. Wilson)

Feb. 23- Celebration Assembly (Feb. celebration), 8:10- Gym

Feb. 26- School Council Meeting, 6:30 pm



Extreme Cold & Inclement Weather Process



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

Parents are encouraged to go to hamiltonschoolbus.ca to check for any potential transportation delays.

Depending on the season, preparing for outdoor play in Canada can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wear mittens and a hat. During winter, it's important that children 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 is at or below minus 15 degrees Celsius or minus 20 with wind chill. Questions or concerns regarding winter outdoor play should be directed to the school Principal.

SPRIT DAY!

Don't forget to wear your School Spirit Wear/Jersey!



February 9th!

Follow the link *below* to keep up-to-date on the HWDSB Weather Cancellation procedures.

("Ctrl + Click", to follow the link below)

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Weather-Cancellation-Infographic.pdf>

School Council

Next School Council Meeting...

Monday, February 26th

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Kindergarten is a two-year, full-day program that helps children get the best possible start in school. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do their very best. Our caring team of educators, including a teacher and an early childhood educator, are with them every step of the way! They are also a great resource for you to talk with.

When is Kindergarten Registration?

Kindergarten registration begins *Monday, February 5, 2018*

What to Bring?

- ◆ Child's birth certificate
- ◆ Proof of address (i.e. hydro or gas bill)
- ◆ Child's immunization card

Registration form can be downloaded online, or completed at the school. No appointments necessary.

Orientation: HWDSB schools welcome families to kindergarten orientation events in May of each year. This is a great chance for families to visit the school with their child(ren) to learn more about kindergarten. Stay tuned for updates on this event as May approaches.



Bring your jammies, blankets & pillows!

Come and watch the family fun film "*Coco*", in the gym, Friday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Admission: \$2.00 per person

Concession: \$2.00 popcorn, \$0.50 Juice
(PLUS candy and TCBY!)

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. **PAGE 2**

(PIC) Presents..

Summer Student Experiences Showcase

A forum for families to learn about community-based and HWDSB summer experiences for local children and youth.



About the Event:

A “storefront” collection of free and low cost learning and experiential opportunities for Hamilton children and youth that occur in July and August. We hope you will share with others when you return to your school! **Details:**

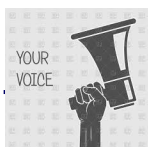
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. HWDSB Education Centre, Main lobby (20 Education Court, L9A 3B9)

To request child minding, please contact HWDSB's reception desk at 905-527-5092 x 0 or info@hwdsb.on.ca no later than February 5. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring a friend.

Basketball was the focus of the past month. Our Senior Basketball teams have been working hard to be ready for the season. So far, our Senior Girls have been exceptional, with an undefeated record at the halfway point in their season. Our Senior Boys have only played one game, and although it was a loss, it propelled the boys into overdrive making them work even harder than before. The season continues for the two teams into February. Coming up this month we will be working towards two tournaments at the beginning of March, cricket and indoor soccer. Go Jaguars!!



Parent Voice Survey



HWDSB Launches Parent Voice Survey to Gather Input for Improvement

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well, and how might HWDSB improve its education services.

Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion. Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students.

HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential.

This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and combined as a group. You can find the survey online at:

https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3TKK1aKCPgO8e3j

If you would like to learn more about how we use the data and maintain your privacy, please click here

Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback.



New School Website Design Coming Soon...

We are excited to announce that we will be unveiling our new school website during the month of May. This represents the first significant update to the look of our school website since 2013. School websites in HWDSB are being enhanced to improve the standards associated with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Websites will be easier to navigate from mobile devices, display standardized icons for accessibility, offer larger font size and place a greater emphasis on the search function, to name some enhancements.



This campaign enables students, staff and families to purchase certified toddler, multi-sport, bicycle, hockey helmets at prices **50% below retail.**

For every helmet purchased, you will be automatically put into a draw for **AMAZING prizes!**

Watch for Order forms coming home week of February 12th

Before and After-School Survey

Kindergarten registration is the start of surveying for before and after-school programs which is a Ministry requirement. As in previous years, we will survey **all families of children from those registering in kindergarten to those currently in kindergarten to grade 5** regarding before and after-school needs. This survey is required to go out in all schools regardless of whether or not you have an existing program.

Paper copies of the survey will be distributed to students to take home, however families have the option to respond online:

https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8vMdlRxSouwhbUN

