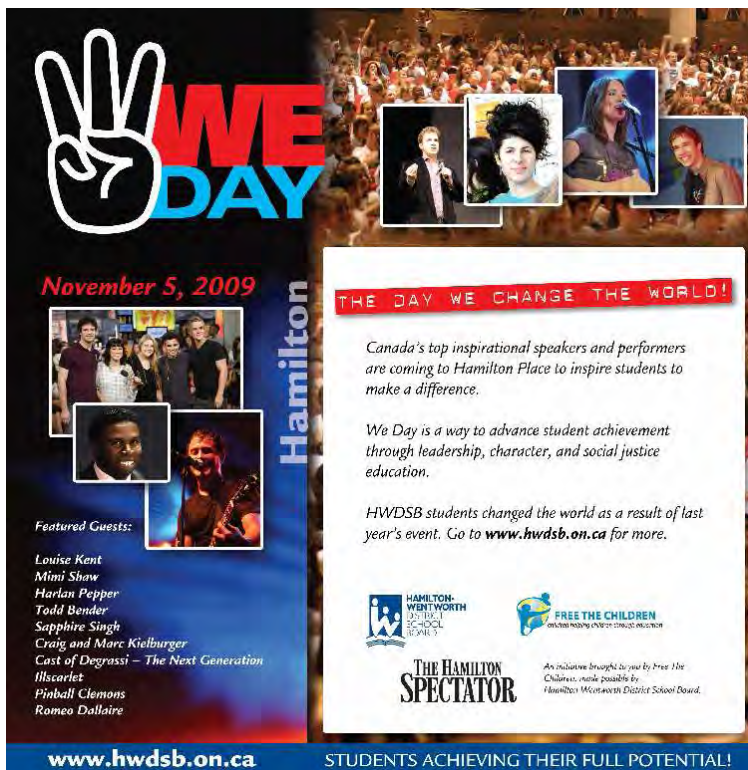


BOARD BULLETIN

We Day is a one-of-a-kind event featuring inspirational speeches and performances. It is an annual celebration of the power of young people to change the world. Students are encouraged to take action throughout 2009-2010 to raise awareness and funds for local and international initiatives.



WE DAY

November 5, 2009

Hamilton

THE DAY WE CHANGE THE WORLD!

Canada's top inspirational speakers and performers are coming to Hamilton Place to inspire students to make a difference.

We Day is a way to advance student achievement through leadership, character, and social justice education.

HVWDSB students changed the world as a result of last year's event. Go to www.hwdsb.on.ca for more.

Featured Guests:

- Louise Kent
- Mimi Shaw
- Harlan Pepper
- Todd Bender
- Sapphire Singh
- Craig and Marc Kielburger
- Cast of *Degrassi – The Next Generation*
- Ilscarlet
- Pinball Clemons
- Romeo Dallaire

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

FREE THE CHILDREN
ON THE MARCH 19/09-21/09-22/09-23/09

THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

An initiative brought to you by Free The Children, made possible by Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

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Remembrance Day

In Canadian tradition, the poppy is worn by many members of society during the two weeks prior to November 11th. The eleventh hour of the eleventh month marks the signing of the Armistice, on November 11th 1918, to signal the end of World War One. At 11:00 a.m. on November 11th, 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare.

Remembrance Day is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts.



World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day (WDD) is celebrated every year on November 14. The World Diabetes Day campaign is led by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and its member associations. It engages millions of people worldwide in diabetes advocacy and awareness. World Diabetes Day was created in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat that diabetes now poses. World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day in 2007 with the passage of United Nation Resolution 61/225. The campaign draws attention to issues of paramount importance to the diabetes world and keeps diabetes firmly in the public spotlight. This year sees the first of a five-year campaign that will address the growing need for diabetes education and prevention.



November 2009 Days of Significance

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| 2 nd | • Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji (Sikh) |
| 11 th | • Remembrance Day |
| 12 th | • Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i) |
| 14 th | • World Diabetes Day |
| 16 th – 20 th | National Addiction Awareness Week |
| 16 th | Elementary/Secondary Professional Activity/Learning Community Session |
| 19 th | • Educational Assistant (EA) Appreciation Day |
| 20 th | • Universal Children's Day |
| 27 th | • Eid-ui-Adha (Muslim) |
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| Diabetes Month | |
| Osteoporosis Month | |

Events to look forward to this November:

Check out www.hwdsb.on.ca / Events Calendar

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| 3 rd | DECA Regional Competition – Hamilton Convention Centre |
| 4 th | HWDSB Boys 2 Men – Westdale Secondary School |
| 6 th | Hamilton Parent Charter Kick-off |
| 9 th - 13 th | Clothing Drive sponsored by the Walk-in Closet and Anti-Poverty Task Force – looking for clothing, coats, personal care items, unopened undergarments for boys and girls. Inquires: 905-527-5092 ext. 2644 |
| 10 th | Never Too Early for Books – Delta Secondary School |
| 28 th | Westmounts Stay-Awake-A-Thon |

From our Safe & Caring Schools Resources

What is Progressive Discipline?

With Progressive Discipline, the school Administrator and staff may work in several ways to try and change a student's misbehaviour while the student continues to go to school. However, sometimes, when the behaviour of a student is harmful to himself or herself or harmful to others in the school, steps must be taken to remove the student from school immediately.

What is considered misbehaviour?

When a student misbehaves, he or she acts in a way that is harmful to self or others or acts in a way that harms or hurts the safe and caring environment expected in our schools.

Tips for Parents

What's new for the 2009-2010 School year?

More Parenting & Family Literacy Centres opening in schools this fall

Parenting and Family Literacy Centres are open to children from babies to six year olds. The centres bring parents and children together to support children's early learning and development, and to help with the transition to school. The centres are free to attend and no pre-registration is required. In fall 2009, 21 new Parenting and Family Literacy Centres will open, bringing the total number of centres to 144. Find out more about Parenting and Family Literacy Centres at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/pflc.

New rules for admission to French-language schools

School boards are updating their admission policies to French-language schools to better reflect Ontario's changing Francophone population. French-language school boards are becoming more welcoming and more streamlined for French-speaking newcomers, newcomers who speak neither French nor English and children whose grandparents' first language is French. Boards will have revised admission policies in place by January 15, 2010.

Learn more about French language education in Ontario at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/amenagement

Public Health Resources

Contact Hamilton

908-570-8888 or www.contacthamilton.ca

- single access point to services for children and youth with social, emotional, behavioural, psychiatric (mental health) and/or developmental concerns (inclusive of Autism Spectrum Disorder ASD)

- examples of children's mental health concerns include: anger management, anxiety, depression, oppositional behaviour, trauma, self-harm

- services offered through children's mental health agencies range from assessment services, individual therapy, group or family therapy, in home support, day treatment and residential treatment

Check out our website at:

www.hwdsb.on.ca

Event Calendar – highlights events happening in HWDSB schools and communities

Sign up for the **Virtual Blackboard** and receive our monthly newsletter

