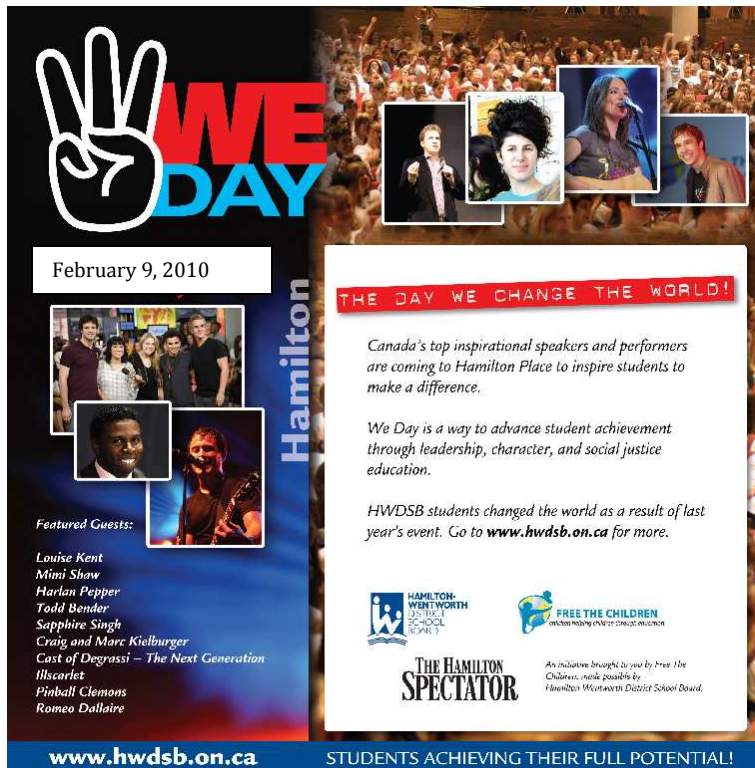




BOARD BULLETIN



WE DAY

February 9, 2010

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.

HWDSB 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*
- Illscarlet
- Pinball Clemons
- Romeo Dallaire

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

FREE THE CHILDREN
ENDING CHILD TRAFFIC AND SLAVERY

THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

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

www.hwdsb.on.ca STUDENTS ACHIEVING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL!

We Day – Postponed event from November, 2009

February 9, 2010

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.

Coming in February– Kindergarten Registration

Early Learning specialists say parents shouldn't overlook the importance of a child's first two years of school. Kindergarten provides the basis for future school success by engaging children in age-appropriate language, math, science, arts, and health and physical activities.

If you have a child born in 2005 or 2006, it's time to make his or her world a little bigger.

Junior and senior kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year begins February 16, 2010. Check out www.hwdsb.on.ca in February for more information.

February is Black History Month

Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, during Black History Month.

This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

For more information check out this Virtual Museum exhibit - Black Canada and the Journey to Freedom.
<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/blackhistory/index.html>

February 2010 Days of Significance

1 st -5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Pool Week
2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary P.A. Day • Secondary Learning Community Day
3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Semester Two Begins
8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln Alexander Day (HWDSB)
9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Me to We Day
12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maha Shivratri (Hindu) • Olympics Begin
14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunar New Year (Chinese/Korean/Vietnamese) • Valentines Day
15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Day • National Flag of Canada Day
18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys To Men – Literacy For Life Challenge – Gr. 6
22 nd – 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating Disorders Awareness Week
25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys To Men – Literacy For Life Challenge – Gr. 3
February is Heart Month and Black History Month	

Check out www.hwdsb.on.ca/Events Calendar for upcoming events.

From our Safe & Caring Schools Resources

Gateway for Students on Long-term Suspensions or Expulsion

Gateway is the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Safe & Caring Schools program for students who are on suspension for 6-20 days or who have been expelled from all HWDSB schools. Students are able to continue their education through homework completion and independent study. With the help of our teaching and support staff, students are also given an opportunity to develop long-term positive attitudes and behaviours so that they can achieve success when they return to a school or program in our Board.

Students attend class for three to five hour sessions, five days a week.

Teaching and discussion blocks are held in a small group format along with individual support when required.

Admission to Gateway Program

Students will be offered the Gateway Program under the following conditions:

- Suspension of 6-10 days – academic support
- Suspension of 11-20 days – academic and non-academic support (social, emotional and behavioural)
- Suspension of 20 days pending and expulsion hearing-academic and non-academic (social, emotional and behavioural)
- If a student is recommended for expulsion from all HWDSB schools, he or she may continue in the program until all criteria for readmission to schools are met.

Tips for Parents

HWDSB – More Ways to Succeed.

Check out our website to find information on the great programs that students can choose in their pursuit towards graduation.

Co-op, Dual Credit Program, Grade 7-10 Transition, OYAP, Programs of Choice, Specialist High Skills Major and the Student Achievement Centre.

www.hwdsb.on.ca/graduate

Programs of Choice

A Program of Choice allows students to experience unique and innovative learning opportunities designed around an area that interests them.

At the secondary level a Program of Choice may transition into a Specialist High Skills Major, which supports a student's pathway to graduation and moves them closer to their post-secondary destination: apprenticeship, college, university, or the workplace.

Specialist High Skills Majors

An SHSM allows a student to customize high school to fit with their career interest. They can choose from any of the seven sectors offered as an SHSM to start their path to their future career.

At HWDSB, we know that each student is unique in his/her learning, and we work to ensure our programs help our students reach their full potential. In addition to the programming offered at neighbourhood schools, a number of alternative programs focussing on sports, academics, science, arts and languages have been developed.

Check out the online I-Guide at:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/programs/iguide/>

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Students Achieving Their Full Potential!

Core Commitments

**Respect
Innovation
Accountability**

Check out our website at:

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Event Calendar – highlights events happening in HWDSB schools and communities

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

