



BOARD BULLETIN



March 21, 2010 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on March 21st. On that day in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid “pass laws”. Proclaiming the Day in 1966, The General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

National Social Work Week – Monday, March 1, 2010 – Friday, March 5, 2010

In Ontario, the first week of March is recognized as being National Social Work Week. This week is acknowledged province to province, nationwide as occurring sometime in March. Activities that occur during this time highlight the role and contribution of the social work profession in providing services to the public.

March 8, 2010 – International Women’s Day

Theme for 2010 ~ Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all

Why dedicate a day exclusively to the celebration of the world’s women?

For the women of the world, the Day’s symbolism has a wide meaning. It is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilize for meaningful change.



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

Achievement Matters
Engagement Matters
Equity Matters

March 2010 Days of Significance

1 st	• Holi (Hindu)
1 st – 5 th	• National Social Work Week
8 th	• International Women's Day
15 th -19 th	• March Break – school holiday
15 th -19 th	• Brain Awareness Week
17 th	• St. Patrick's Day
20 th	• First Day of Spring
21 st	• International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination • Naw-Ruz (Baha'i) • Navrooze (Zoroastrian)
28 th	• Palm Sunday
30 th /31 st	• Passover First Days (Judaism)
National Nutrition Month and National Kidney Month	

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

WIN (Ward Information Night)	Accommodation Meeting – Discussion – New Guy Brown School & Waterdown School Addition Wednesday, March 3 rd
BASEF (Bay Area Science & Engineering Fair)	Canada's #1 Regional Science & Engineering Fair March 24 th – 27 th
Facebook 101 for Parents	All parents are invited to hear about social networking on Facebook & Twitter March 24 th

Tips for Parents

As a parent you will get the most from the school system if you:

- are informed about what your child is learning
- are involved with the school and work with the school to resolve conflicts
- know your rights
- promote learning in your home
- know whom to contact outside the school to get information

What to do if there are problems?

- first ask to see your child's teacher
- if you are not satisfied after speaking to the teacher, ask for an interview with your principal

Does the school have all the information about your child that would help them understand your child's needs better? Don't forget to pass on all pertinent medical information and other matters you wish to share that may be upsetting your child at this time.

- each school has a Learning Resource Teacher (LRT) who can assist children who have learning difficulties
- the school system has resources and support staff such as speech and language pathologists, social workers, and psychologists who may assist your child
- if you continue to feel that problems have not been addressed, you can ask that an In School Team meeting take place to problem-solve about your child's needs
- if you continue to feel dissatisfied, you can call the Superintendent of Schools

Trustees

Trustees are public officials elected to serve you, students and the school system. Trustees can help parents by:

- providing information
- advocating for children
- working to change policies
- helping parents access the system

Community Resources

Counselling and Support Services

*Al-Anon and Alateen

905-522-1733 or toll free (24 hr.) 1-888-425-2666

www.al-anon.alateen.org

Free, confidential, anonymous support programs for families and friends of alcoholics

*Alternatives for Youth

905-527-4469 100 Main St. E. Ste. 110

www.ay.on.ca

Confidential counselling for youth 13-22 years of age and their families experiencing difficulties related to the misuse of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs

*Banyon Community Services

905-544-7778 (Hamilton Centralized Intake Line for Children under 12)

www.banyoncommunityservices.org

Programs for children under 12 exhibiting difficulties in one or more of the following areas: bullying, aggression, non-compliance, lack of self control and problem solving skills, trouble keeping friends, and criminal activity

Programs help parents more effectively monitor and guide their child's behaviour

City of Hamilton Public Health Services has a complete listing of community resources in Hamilton online at:

www.inform.city.hamilton.on.ca/.

Ph: 905-528-0104.

Check out our website at:

www.hwdsb.on.ca

Event Calendar – highlights events happening in HWDSB schools and communities

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