

R.L. Hyslop Elementary School



Important Dates

- December 23 – January 7 Winter Break,
- January 8, 2018 - First Day Back
- January 19, 2018 – Second Payment of Camp Muskoka due
- January 26, 2018 – P.D. Day
- January 29, 2018 – Recognition Assembly 10:00am
- February 1, 2018 – Grade 8 Grad Photos
- February 13, 2018 – Reports Go Home
- February 22, 2018 – Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm



Message from Mrs. Reilly-Scott:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

During the month of January students will be working on goal setting for a New Year. Students will review our learning skills and work habits that help them succeed in their current grade. Our recognition assembly will be on January 29th at 10:00am. During this assembly some of our students will share their academic and personal goals for the New Year. We will continue to recognize students in our building on a weekly basis for demonstrating positive behavior and one of the 3Rs at R.L. Hyslop (respect yourself, respect others, respect R.L. Hyslop).

“Mindfulness Moments”

After our nutrition breaks, students will take a few moments to work on mindfulness activities (e.g., quiet time, reflection, calming activities) to help improve focus and readiness for upcoming class work and lessons. This initiative began at the end of December and will continue through the year.

January will be full of optimism and aspiration!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating one or all of the 3Rs at R.L. Hyslop this past December (respect yourself, respect others, respect R.L. Hyslop)

JK/SK Wyatt C, Emma, Colin, Parker

1/2 Thabang N, Hayden D, Ksenia, Ellie, Emily P, Arnisa, Suela, Elise

3/4 Sarah P, Hayden D, Nemanja

4/5 Reed A, Danya S, Ejna, Destiny, Shyann

6/7 Everett R, Ethan, Jimmy, Ethan, Amy

7/8 Abbigail G, Arianna H, Kaylee, Shae, Brooklyn K, Ali



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you to all the families that contributed to our School Bazaar this year. The day was a great success and students enjoyed purchasing gifts for their family members and friends. The next council meeting is February 22, 2018 at 6:30pm in our school library.

PIZZA AND SMOOTHIE DAYS

Hungry Hawks shop, pizza, and smoothie orders will begin the **second** week back in January. Pizza and smoothies can be ordered now for the month of January. Smoothie days will be on Wednesdays starting in January.



WEATHER

January not only brings in the New Year, but the bitter cold winter weather as well. It is time to get prepared. During cold and snowy weather please remember that students are to be at school no earlier than 8:35am. When the weather is extremely cold we will have indoor entry. Students should arrive at school as close to the entry time (8:50am) as possible. Listen to your local radio or check the HWDSB website for school closures and starting immediately, the automated phone messaging system will contact all parents/guardians in the event of a school closure due to inclement weather. Students will stay indoors if there is a cold weather alert (-15 degrees celcius or colder with the wind chill).



Safety Precautions during Winter RECESS

A reminder to everyone coming back from holidays about some safety precautions during winter recess:

- No throwing snow. It can cause injury, as it may have ice.
- Beware of ice patches when running or playing because it is easy to slip and injure yourself.
- Avoid water - getting wet in the cold can cause hypothermia.
- Dress appropriately with hats, boots, scarves, mitts, snow pants, etc.
- Always remember to send an extra pair of indoor shoes to school so we can keep the school hallways, classrooms and carpets clean.



Follow these safety tips during winter recess to have a fun and safe time!

PARKING

If you drive your child to school, please park in the school parking lot, not across the street from the school, as it is a safe walking route to the school playground. Cars coming around the bend are not easy to spot. To limit traffic at the school area, the school encourages students who are assigned to a bus to ride the bus to and from school and students within walking distance to walk to and from school, weather permitting.



SNOW CLEARING

Staff from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand the following area:

- The walkways from the City sidewalk to the school
- The school steps
- An area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs and ramps



When there is an accumulation of 5 cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as needed basis.

Playgrounds will not be plowed or otherwise cleared. Head Caretakers will check the condition of the grounds early in the morning and during the school day to sand and/or salt isolated slippery areas that may occur due to changing temperatures. Students should take extra caution when walking onto the playing on school grounds when conditions are slippery.

When should I keep my child home from school?

Your children should stay home if they;

- vomit or have diarrhea through the night or in the morning
- have a temperature of 38 C (100.4F) or higher, see the doctor if fever continues
- have any discharge from the ear or an earache (seek medical attention)
- have pink eyes or yellow discharge from the eye (seek medical attention)
- have a runny nose with thick mucous, a night cough, or any continuous cough
- have a stomach-ache or headache
- have a sore throat
- have a toothache
- have a skin rash of unknown cause (seek medical attention)



Be sure your current home and emergency contact phone numbers are on file at the school! Call the school when your children are absent (905) 662-8425. Thank you.

For more information about children's health care call

Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000 www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices.

REPORT CARDS

Please note that Report Cards will be going home on February 13th. It is important for all students to keep up with their homework, assignments, and tests to be successful. Last minute catch-ups do not always work.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

- Graduation Pictures are February 1, 2018.
- Graduation Ceremony Thursday, June 21 5:00-10:00pm Winona Vine Estates

SAFE SCHOOL DRILLS

We will be practicing our Safe School Drills on January 11th. We will conduct a Hold & Secure Drill as well as a Shelter in Place Drill. Teachers will remind students of the appropriate protocol to follow during these drills. Practicing our Safe School protocols and procedures helps to ensure everyone is aware of what needs to be done in case of an emergency.

EXTRA CURRICULAR UPDATE

Basketball for our senior students begins in the New Year. (Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Dobrik)

Techohawks will have their first competition in March. (Mr. Ciardelli)

Dancefest is underway and practices will continue in January. (Mme Gualtieri)

Senior Band will be starting in January. (Ms. Pierroz)



TECHNOLOGY

Students may bring their own devices to school (e.g., cell phone, ipad) at their own risk. Please keep in mind that the school is not responsible for damaged, stolen or lost devices. If students are not using their device for instructional purposes, we ask students to keep their device locked in their locker. Students are not permitted to be on personal devices during school hours without teacher supervision. Please speak to your child about these routines.

