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هذه المعلومات مهمة للوالدين ، يرجى ترجمة شخص لك إذا لزم الأمر .

Bu bilgiler, veliler için gerekirse birisi size tercüme lütfen önemlidir

Thông tin này là rất quan trọng cho phụ huynh, xin vui lòng có một người phiên dịch cho bạn nếu cần

Principal's Corner



Dear Parents and Guardians:

We certainly have had nice weather so far this winter. As the temperature changes, we will again remind students about safe behaviour and conduct at school...although our students are very good at supporting each other in safe ways. Please read the items in the newsletter, particularly the calendar of events at the end of the newsletter. Also, I encourage you to invest some time in your child's education by attending School Council meetings (the next one is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd...watch for upcoming notices). Your advice and ongoing commitment to our students and staff allow us all to demonstrate to students what contributions of time can do to improve their understanding of what good character and fine citizenry are.

As always, the key to your child's success is effective and ongoing communication. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject and/or home-room teacher if you have any questions, concerns, or wish to discuss your child's progress.

Mr. Tye

Principal

Sir Isaac Brock Awards



Ms. Corbett's Class (JK / SK) Shahir B., Mal B., Brooklyn D.

Mr. McDermid's Class (JK / SK) Angad C. for bringing joy to the classroom and for making friends laugh; Eli D. for helping tidy learning centres even when he didn't play there; Hadil H. for achieving new levels of *Dreambox*; Areeza K. for engaging in cooperative play

Miss Williams' Class (JK / SK) Hadeel B., DeAndre B.

Ms. Orr's Class (Grades 1 / 2) Tyler H., Connell S.; Sandeep B. and Elissa R. for showing leadership and helping out, and setting a good example for younger students

Ms. Redden's Class (Grades 1 / 2) Muhammad A., Neyo B., Blake G., Aaiden L.

Miss Cianciolo's Class (Grades 2 / 3) Jason A., Quinn E.

Ms. Tomic's Class (Grades 2 / 3) Isaiah H., Brooklyn O.

Mrs. Grybas' Class (Grades 3 / 4) Isidora B. for being a good friend; Shamus C. for always working hard; Laila W. for academic excellence

Mr. Crouch's Class (Grades 4 / 5) Phoebe A., Jacob D.

Mrs. Platis' Class (Grades 4 / 5) Sergej A., Brandon H., Maryam Q., Samantha R.

Cars and Safe Schools

Parents are asked once again this year to drop off and pick up your child on **Dover Drive** (except where marked), and *not in our parking lot please*. This will prevent congestion in a very small parking lot, eliminate potential for injury, and allow the necessary special needs buses and construction vehicles to come and go without difficulty.



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Pizza, Pizza! Who wants pizza?



Starting in February, pizza will be made available every Wednesday. Slices will be sold at \$2 per slice for either pepperoni or cheese.

Popcorn!

Every Friday in February, we will be selling popcorn from *Kernels* for \$2 per bag. You can choose from the following flavours: butter, white cheddar, salt and vinegar, or ketchup. Let's get popping!!

ART AND MATH

Art and math have a lot in common with each other. In fact, you can see the math in art and the art in math! Patterns, shapes, geometry, symmetry, spatial reasoning, proportional reasoning, etc... are all a part of the arts (visual art, music and dance), as they are of mathematics. Some of what you see your child doing in school in the arts, is also an engagement with mathematical ideas at the same time! By blending mathematics and the arts, students learn in ways that are intellectual, emotional, and physical. Children learn in many different ways, and research tells us that participating in the arts is one way that is very engaging for all of us. A child stringing beads in a pattern on a string or creating a patterned bracelet is creating an understanding of **pattern**, although to them it may look simply like a pleasing design. When a child learns to play the piano, they are developing mathematical understanding of the **relationships** between scales, notes and chords. **Symmetry** can be seen in the symmetrical features of a butterfly or in a design when building. Children may notice **patterns** in wallpaper, tile **tessellations** on the floor or on a phone cover, rhythmic beats or repeated choreography in music videos or chords in a popular song. There is math everywhere!

How might you and your child notice and name the mathematics in the arts (visual, music, media, drama, and dance) that you encounter? Making the links helps deepen the understanding of both! Interested in more?! Search on the internet (see some sample links below to get started) to see many examples of mathematics at work in nature, art, and more!

Helping Children Learn at Home: Math and Science Tips for Young Children

<http://www.math.com/parents/articles/pnew797h.html>

NOVA: Describing Nature with Math

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/physics/describing-nature-math.html>

Mathematical Imagery

<http://www.ams.org/mathimagery/>



Kindergarten Registration Begins Monday, February 6th at 9:30 a.m.

HWDSB schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten Program helps students get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring educators are with them every step of the way! Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is proud to announce that Kindergarten is available for four- and five-year-old students at schools in September. Registration starts on **February 6, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** (Registrations forms can be found at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/earlyyears/kindergarten/#Register.>)

Your child can attend HWDSB Kindergarten if they are...

- Age four or five by December 31st (Kindergarten attendance is optional); or
- Age six by September 1st (full-time school attendance is required).



What to bring to registration?

- proof of status in Canada, i.e. Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, Refugee, etc.
- proof of age
- proof of address
- guardianship/custodianship documents (if applicable)
- immunization records – for City of Hamilton Public Health Services
- health card number – optional
- completed Student Registration Form (please note that the form cannot save to your computer with your completed information, please fill in the content and print).



Transportation concerns? Call Hamilton Wentworth Transportation Services (HWTS) at (905) 523-2318.

Family Day



Family Day is a statutory holiday observed on the third Monday in February. This year, Family Day falls on **Monday, February 20th**. During the Ontario provincial election in 2007, Dalton McGuinty, of the Liberal Party, promised that, if re-elected premier, he would establish a provincial holiday in February. And, on October 12, 2007, the provincial government established Family Day, to be first observed on February 18, 2008. It is a day dedicated to spending time with family.

Family Day Ideas

There are many things you can do together as a family. Here are just a few ideas you can plan for the day:

- ♦ take a walk in the neighbourhood
- ♦ get cooking - bake a batch of cookies, bake a cake or some muffins, make a pizza
- ♦ find your favourite board games and play together as a family
- ♦ read a story
- ♦ make a craft
- ♦ take a family photo
- ♦ visit your local fire station or pet shelter
- ♦ collect large stones and decorate your family pet rock
- ♦ make a list of items around the house and have a treasure hunt
- ♦ put on a talent show for the family - sing a song, make up a dance routine, or perform a magic show
- ♦ play dress-up and put on your coolest costumes
- ♦ watch your favourite children's movie
- ♦ do a puzzle together as a family



Sub Day



Subs are here! Sub Day will be held on **Friday, February 24th**. For a cost of \$5, your child can order a 6" sub, with a choice of either cold cut or ham, veggies of their choice, either whole wheat or Italian bread, apple slices and chocolate milk. Orders are due February 16th. An order form will be sent home soon.

FAMILY DAY (NO School)

Monday, February 20th



How Can I Help My Child At Home With Math?

My name is Mrs. Roppel and I am relatively new to the Sir Isaac Brock community. I am an Instructional Coach working with teachers and students in all areas of the curriculum but, primarily with Math and Literacy. Each month I will endeavour to provide some information to you as parents/guardians regarding ideas for further developing skills at home or new tools and learning that is happening at the school. I hope you find these helpful.

Below are a few ways you can encourage your child(ren) to explore the math in everyday activities:

JK - Grade 3:

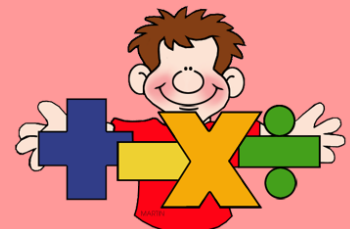
We use mathematics every day to solve problems in our life. Include your child in this process. For example, "We are setting the table for dinner tonight. How many forks, knives, plates, and glasses will we need?". (You can ask for the items one at a time as they set the table, or "We need 6 tomatoes to make our sauce for dinner, we have only 2. How many more do we need to buy?")

Grades 4 - 5:

Junior level students can also practice solving every day problems. For example, have your son/daughter **estimate** how much money they will need to purchase the items on your grocery list. Give them the flyers for 2 stores and have them compare and decide where they can get the best deal.

Until next month!





Mrs. Roppel,
Instructional Coach





FEBRUARY 2017



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 (Day 2)  Pizza Day (\$2) Wear Yellow Day Don't Hibernate, Participate 	2 (Day 3)  Groundhog Day	3 (Day 4)  Popcorn (\$2)
6 (Day 5)  Kindergarten Registration Begins at 9:30 a.m.	7 (Day 1)	8 (Day 2)  Pizza Day (\$2)	9 (Day 3)	10 (Day 4)  Popcorn (\$2)
13 (Day 5)	14 (Day 1)  Happy Valentine's Day!	15 (Day 2)  Pizza Day (\$2)	16 (Day 3)  Sub Orders Due Today (\$5)	17 (Day 4)  Report Cards Go Home 
20  Family Day (no school)	21 (Day 5)	22 (Day 1)  Pizza Day (\$2)	23 (Day 2)  	24 (Day 3) Pancake Day and PJ Day Sub Day  Popcorn (\$2) Monthly Assembly
27 (Day 4)	28 (Day 5)			

Dates To Remember...

March	3	PA Day (no school)	May	1 - 5	Book Fair
	13 - 17	March Break (no school)		22	Victoria Day (no school)
April	14	Good Friday (no school)	June	9	PA Day (no school)
	17	Easter Holiday (no school)		23	SK Graduation
	21	Spring Dance		26	Grade 5 Graduation
	25	SK Grad Photos		29	Last Day of School
	26	Grade 5 Grad Photos			

