



School Newsletter



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that it has been one month since I arrived at Westwood and the warm welcome I have received from students, staff, families and the community has made my transition an absolute pleasure! In order to get to know the students, I have set a personal challenge for myself called the Student Name Challenge where I must learn all of the students' names. So far, I have learned 160 names and have about 100 more names to go! I look forward to continuing to build relationships with the students, staff and families at Westwood.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mitten/Food Drive Ends

- Tuesday, December 19th

Kindergarten Winter Concert

- Wednesday, December 20th
Show will start at 1:30 p.m.

Winter Concert

- Thursday, December 21st
Day show will start at 1:30 p.m.
Evening show will start at 5:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for the bake sale. Please no eating in the gym during the show.

Winter Break

- Monday, December 25th -
Friday, January 5th

First Day Back

- Monday, January 8th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact the office for more information on how to become a volunteer. Note: All volunteers must have a recent police check

PICKUP & DROP OFF

Please remember if you are driving your children to and from school to park at the Westmount Recreation Centre when picking up and dropping off your children.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. Please check the Board's Website (www.hwdsb.on.ca) or listen to local media (CHML900) for notice of school closure. School Closure Hotline # 905.521.2535.

Every Child Reading By the End of Grade 1

At Westwood, we're committed to supporting a goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, where developmentally appropriate. A child who is reading by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success.

In September 2017, HWDSB celebrated the deployment of 48 Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms.

Reading Specialists are working with children within classrooms, alongside classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and/or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs.



We're pleased to welcome a Reading Specialist in our school this year. If you have any questions about the Reading Specialists and their role in your child's class, please contact the school.

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Mitten/Glove & Food Drive

The ME TO WE team at Westwood is collecting new mittens/gloves and canned food for The Good Shepherd and Neighbour 2 Neighbour in Hamilton. Last year, more than 62, 000 people received emergency food and clothing from the Good Shepherd. New mittens and gloves for both adults and children are desperately needed. Also, canned food, dry pasta, cereal and juice are items that will be collected for the month of December. Please send in mittens/gloves or food by [December 19th](#). Your acts of kindness play a big role in easing the burden of poverty in our community. Westwood and the ME TO WE team thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

The ME TO WE team and teacher leaders (Mrs. Crozier and Ms. Ruttan)

