



School Newsletter



Principal's Message

I hope our families had a wonderful holiday season and have welcomed the start to 2018. The week leading up to the break was full of excitement with holiday activities and concerts. Thank to the

Kindergarten staff for putting on a fantastic winter concert for the whole school and parents. Additionally, thank you to Mrs. Pejic, Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hein and Mrs. Packer-Montour for organizing the grade 1 - 5 winter celebration concert. It was great to see so many families come to watch the students' festive dance routines and performance of the Grinch during the day and evening concerts. With January upon us, we recognize the importance of student safety with potential winter conditions of snow and ice. We strongly encourage that families listen to the weather forecast to ensure students are dressed appropriately for the cold temperature. Students are reminded to arrive to school no earlier than 8:30 a.m. to ensure supervision by staff. On behalf of the staff at Westwood, we wish you & your families all the best in 2018. As a team we look forward to a great start to the New Year to support our students' well-being & achievement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Council Meeting

- Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room

School Bus Safety Presentation

- Tuesday, January 23rd

PA Day

- January 26th - NO SCHOOL

Kindergarten Registration Starts

- Monday, February 5th

PICKUP/DROP OFF

Please DO NOT come into the circular drive between 8:30 and 9:15 AM or between 2:30 and 3:15 PM. This is the drop-off time for our special-needs busses only. Even if you are running late, park your car at the Westmount parking lot, then walk your children in. The priority is our special-needs busses.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE

Subscribe to our school website. Enter your email address to receive messages when our website is updated. Stay in the loop when we update items such as field trip details, special food days and more. Learn more by visiting the Subscribe page on our website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/Westwood/subscribe

COLD WEATHER AND OUTDOOR PLAY

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom. During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it's a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.

HWDSB follows the City of Hamilton recommendation that individuals stay inside when the temperature is at or below minus 15 degrees Celsius or minus 20 with wind chill.

Voila Learning

Free Online Tutoring in English, Math, and French!

Your children can now access the Virtual Immersion Campus and receive help from online teachers in French, English and Math.

“Your children can also practice their French and play French games.”

Send your homework to: homework@voilalearning.com before accessing the platform. Your children can also practice their French and play French games on the platform (riddles, pictograms and much more), all while earning points.



To register to the Virtual Immersion Campus:

- Visit voilalearning.com, click on 'My school board is registered'
- Enter the code: 87HWDSB

The Virtual Immersion Campus will be open Monday to Thursday from 5pm to 6:30pm for homework help and from 6:30pm to 8pm for French practice. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you have any questions.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018

Kindergarten Registration for September 2018 will begin on February 5, 2018. If you know people in the community with age appropriate children, please let them know. To register, you must bring a birth certificate, immigration or equivalent papers (if born outside of Canada), an immunization record and proof of address. The office is open from 8:30 to 3:30, although no one may be available for registration from 11:45-12:45. We hope to see you and your young students soon. For more information, visit

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten>



