



School Newsletter



Principal's Message



During the past two months we have been coming together as a school for monthly assemblies to focus on wellness, recognize and celebrate amazing things happening Westwood. For the month of April, we are focusing on giving back & being creative and how they can enhance community, individual mental well-being and increase positive emotions. Staying in the theme of giving back, it was fantastic to see Westwood's Me to We team organize and sell Easter bag treats on March 29th to raise money to help fund breakfast, lunch and snack programs in aboriginal communities!

During the month of April, we will be running our Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser. Families will have an opportunity to order pizza kits so you can bake your own Little Caesar's pizza right at home! Information about the fundraiser will be sent home with students and the fundraiser will end April 25th with top selling students having a chance to win some prizes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pizza Kit Fundraiser

- Tuesday, April 3rd -
Wednesday, April 25th

School Assembly

- Friday, April 6th

Michael Mitchell Concert

- Wednesday, April 11th

Day Of Pink

- Wednesday, April 11th

Westwood Well-being Day

- Thursday, April 19th

Earth Day at Westwood

- Monday, April 23rd

PICKUP/DROP OFF

Please DO NOT drive 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 Rec. Centre parking lot, then walk your children in. The priority is our special-needs busses.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK

Wearing pink is more than just a one day thing. It's a commitment to stand together with those who have been bullied and work year round to work towards eliminating bullying and discrimination in all communities. So, this year, on April 11th – wear pink – but remember: the pink doesn't stop bullying - you do!

LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA KIT FUNDRAISER

Our Little Caesar's Pizza Kit fundraiser is underway! Order forms were sent home with your child recently. Please look over the amazing choices and place an order. Orders can be made by cheque (made payable to Westwood School), cash, or online. Ordering online is easy, the fundraising code is 349819. All order forms must be returned to school no later than April 25th. Pizza kits will be delivered on May 11th. Thank you for your support!

EQAO Update

As we look ahead to the Spring and warmer weather, please note the following dates for the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments. These assessments, for Grade Three and Grade Six students, will be administered from May 23rd - June 5th, 2017. Parents, please be mindful of our testing dates to ensure your child's daily attendance.

Yearly, after each assessment, EQAO makes approximately half of the test items (questions) public. These booklets, as well as examples of the students' answers from the past five years are available on the EQAO website - Parent Resources

"A Guide to EQAO Assessment in Elementary School" is another resource available on the EQAO website - Parent Resources. This guide, available in 21 languages, answers commonly asked questions such as "What is on the EQAO assessments? Do EQAO results count towards students' grades?".

Math, Reading and Writing are components on both the Primary and Junior Assessments. Here are some suggestions that you might find helpful in supporting your child's learning in Mathematics at home:



- Include your child in everyday activities that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Play games and do puzzles that require reasoning.
- Solve problems with your child and talk about the different steps in the solution.
- Have your child show you how he or she can solve problems in different ways (e.g., through sketches, charts, graphs, words, tallies).
- Let your child know that everyone can learn mathematics

VOLUNTEERING AT WESTWOOD

Volunteers play a very important role in our school. Our volunteers help enrich our students' educational experiences and bridge the gap between schools and our community. Volunteers can help out with our nutrition program, work directly with students and may help oversee activities for safety, guidance, regulation or direction. If you wish to volunteer in the school or on field trips, volunteer forms are available at the office and can also be accessed in the 'Quick Links' section of our school website. Vulnerable Sector Checks can be completed in person at the Hamilton Police Records Branch for located on 155 King William Street or can be completed online at www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca at a cost of \$35. All first time school volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Check within the last 6 months when submitting volunteer applications. Volunteers must provide a new Vulnerable Sector Check every three years and must sign an Offence Declaration Form every year. We recognize the cost of completing a Vulnerable Sector Check can be a barrier for some volunteers. If this is an issue, please contact the school office for support.