



School Newsletter



Principal's Message

As Westwood finishes 2018, we continue to look for ways to improve the positive culture within the school and the well-being of our students. In order to promote physical fitness and connecting with others, we will offer the opportunity for students in grades 3-5 to participate in intramurals twice a week during our second nutrition breaks. We will be starting with floor hockey!

We have many exciting events and activities planned for our students this month and we look forward to our kindergarten and grade 1-5 winter concerts as well as our grade 1-5 movie trip to see The Grinch. December is also a time when we focus the school on the character trait of "Caring" and performing "Acts of Kindness" for each other within the school.

Our Me to We team is also working hard to promote positive culture and well-being throughout the school by organizing our Food and Mitten Drive to provide necessities for others that are less fortunate than us. The Me to We team will also be organizing a school fundraiser, selling holiday treats starting December 10th. Stay tuned for further information in your child's agenda.

On behalf of everyone at Westwood, we would like to thank our families and community for all they do to support our school and wish all of you a very enjoyable and memorable Holiday season.

DECEMBER FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for our family movie night on Thursday December 6th. We will be showing The Nut Job 2. Parent Council will be selling pizza, drinks, popcorn, milk and cupcakes. Doors will open at 5:00 pm and the movie will start at 5:30 pm. Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs to make yourself more comfortable. Children MUST be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. This is not a drop off event. Hope to see you there!

PHONING STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child will be absent, please remember to call the school and let the office know. Automated phone calls go out for any unexplained student absences.

School Contact Info:

Phone: 905.383.2143

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly School Assembly

- December 5th, 2018

Family Movie Night

- December 6th, 2018
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

PA Day (NO SCHOOL)

- December 7th, 2018

Gr. 1-5 Movie Trip The Grinch

- December 13th, 2018
9:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Winter Concert

- December 18th, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Gr. 1-5 Winter Day Concert

- December 19th, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)

- December 24th -
January 4th

First Day Back

- January 7th, 2019



Through a funding grant, HWDSB has been able to purchase access to an online homework help program called Voilà Learning.

Your child's classroom has been selected by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board to get access to Voilà Live's Virtual Immersion Campus. Every evening from Monday to Thursday K-12 students have access to live teachers online to **practice their French** and get **homework help** in French, English and Math.

The Virtual Immersion Campus
will be open **Monday to Thursday**
(October 1st 2018 to May 31st 2019, excluding school breaks)
from **5pm to 8pm (EST)** for homework help and French practice

You can send your child's homework to homework@voilalearning.com before accessing the platform. Your child can also practice their French and play live, communicative games in French on the platform, all while earning points.

Registering for Voilà Live is easy! All you have to do is:

1. Visit <http://voilalearning.com/en/free-online-tutoring/>
2. Click on 'My school board is registered'
3. Complete the form and use the code: **01HWDSB**
4. You will receive a link to download the platform the next day

ME TO WE 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)

