



# Ballard Connections

April 2017



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## Reminder

**April 2nd**  
Light it up Blue for Autism

**April 12th**  
International Day of Pink

**April 13th**  
Kindergarten Trip to RBG

**April 20th**  
Little Caesar's Night

**April 26th**  
Adventure Run Gr. 6-8  
SK Grad Photos

**April 14th & 17th**  
No School Easter Holiday

## From the Principal's Desk:

On behalf of staff and students, we would like to thank the community for supporting of fund-raising initiatives. We have used a portion of our chocolate bar money to purchase a "Hydration Station" It allows students to fill up a water bottle quickly.

## Volunteer Week

April 23rd- 29th is National Volunteer Week. W.H Ballard will celebrate our volunteers in June but we want to thank you now and everyday for your service



## Trips!!!

- April 26th is the Adventure Run at Christie conservation Area for grades 6-8
- JK/SK Kindergarten trip to the RBG in the afternoon April 13th

## Chess News

The Chess club has started up, preparing for our board wide tournament in May! All players from grade 1-8 are welcome, both beginners and experienced. Listen to announcements for meet times or check the bulletin board outside the library. Any questions or concerns, talk to Mr. Scheben.

## International Day of Pink

On April 12, 2017 staff and students across HWDSB will join millions of people worldwide for the Day of Pink!

Here at Ballard we will be running lots of exciting anti-bullying activities. There will be nail painting, face painting, as well as Indoor/outdoor activities..

Please wear pink on Wednesday, April 12, 2017!



## W. H. Ballard Checkers March 1, 2017

The 2016-2017 Checkers Team had another successful season. Tryouts began in early January as students faced off in a playoff format to earn their spots to compete with Hamilton's best at the 48th Annual HWDSB Checkers Championships on Mar 1st. The Championships consist of 6 divisions based on ages. Ballard was able to collect 5 more banners. Out of 336 matches played, the Bobcats won 216 of them. Coaches Mr. Zywine and Mr. Sheahan are very impressed and proud of the Ballard checkers family. Special thanks to the parents for volunteering on competition day. Our Checkers culture grows every year. Results:

Grade 3 Team: 3rd place (20) Grade 4 Team: 3rd Place(24)  
Grade 5 Team: 5th place (17) Grade 6 Team: 3rd place (19)  
Grade 7 Team: 2nd Place(14) Grade 8 Team: 2nd Place (16)  
Mixed Team: 12th place (16)

## Senior Kindergarten Grad Photos

April 26th, 2017

## SCHOOL TIMES:

Reminder that school begins at 8:50a.m. and dismisses at 3:10p.m.  
if your child is going to be late or absent please notify the school  
905-547-1689

\*\*\*\*Voicemail available 24/7\*\*\*\*

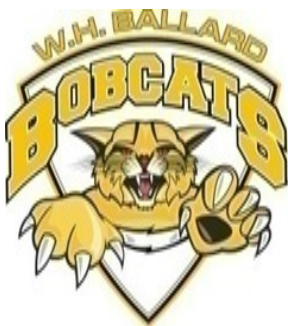


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*April 2nd is  
Autism Awareness Day!*



Light It Up Blue  
is a unique global initiative to help raise awareness about  
Autism Spectrum Disorder.  
Please show your support by wearing **BLUE!**

Mrs. Aref will be collecting "Loonies & Toonies for Autism".

**Support our 2017 Graduating  
Class!!  
Pizza Night**

Please join us on **April 20th, 2017** at Little Caesars the Parkdale & Queenston Rd location. Proceeds from pizza sales for the day will go towards our Graduating class. More Information will be sent home.

**Facts of Lice**

Head lice are tiny bugs that live only on the scalp of human beings. They are the size of a pinhead. They do not have wings so they cannot fly or jump, and they are not found on household pets.

Lice lay eggs on the hair. These eggs are also called nits. Live eggs are dark. They can also be the colour of the hair they are on. Nits are half the size of a pinhead. They stick to the hair and do not fall off if you touch them. After the eggs have hatched, the shells are white. These empty shells stay on the hair, as the hair grows.

Lice crawl from head to head. Head lice are spread by direct head to head contact only.

**What to do if Found**

Many head lice products are available. Talk to a health professional about the best product to use.

Read all instructions carefully and follow them step by step so that the product will work. Some products say that only one treatment is needed. But, no lice product kills all of the eggs, so a second treatment 7 to 10 days after the first treatment is needed. This will kill the newly hatched lice. Do not use conditioners, gels, hairspray, oils or mousse for the duration of the treatment. Use only plain shampoo. Do not use homemade remedies. There is no evidence that they work.

**Help is Available!**

**Bug Busters– 45 Elis Ave, Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club  
905-546-CITY(2489)  
Every Thursday 3:30p.m.-5:30p.m.**

Bug Busters clinics are available for:

- Screening ( head checks)
- Medicated Products
- Information Provided by a Public Health Nurse.

**\*\*Please pick up a Bug Busters pamphlet in the Main office at Ballard for more information\*\***



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**Prom Project Hamilton**

Prom Project Hamilton (PPH) is a two day, two site location event that was created by the HWDSB Foundation to assist students in need with formal wear for their proms, graduations, formals and other special events so they can attend feeling stylish, confident and proud. . All items are new or gently used from the private and business communities and are free of charge. All clients are treated with respect, dignity and are assisted by volunteers who are dedicated to supporting students and making the experience an impactful journey towards their upcoming milestone event.

**Please join Prom Projects Shopping Events at:**

**Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School**  
**April 29th, 2017 from: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**Delta Secondary School**  
**May 6, 2017 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**



***You are invited to a Special Family Event!!***

**What: W.H. Ballard's Family Literacy Night!**

**Who: Families of students from kindergarten to grade 2**

**Where: W.H Ballard's Auditorium**

**When: Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7pm**

**DROP IN** anytime between **5:30** and **7pm** on the **19<sup>th</sup>** to share a **snack**, **books**, **activities** and **ideas** for promoting reading and writing in your young learners! Join us to discover **games** and **take home tips** to support the little readers in your household!

**Library Update– Dual Language  
Books Have Arrived!!**

Our School was able to purchase a number of dual language books, printed in both English and in the language of the community. These books will be available for students to check out of the library and enjoy at home with parents, or for the teachers to use during whole-class lessons.

The books come in a range of topics, and include both fiction and nonfiction choices. The collection will be available for borrowing in April, so be sure to drop by the library soon.

Special thanks go out to the HWDSB Foundation for the generous donation that made this project possible!



**Spirit Wear**

Spirit Wear. All orders are due by April 11, 2017