



# Ballard Connections

May 2017

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## Reminders:

**Open House:** May 3rd

**Tim Hortons Be Fit:**  
May 16th

**Special Olympics:**  
May 17th

**Victoria Day :**  
May 22 (No School)

**Spring Music Concert:**  
May 23rd

## From the Principal's Office

From now until the end of the school year, we will be performing mandatory safety drills that are scheduled for each Spring. We will be conducting a lock-down drill, shelter in place drill, hold and secure drill, 3 fire drills and a bomb threat drill. As part of our Safe Schools Policy we have to implement these drills to ensure the safety of students and staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

### Reminder:

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you will be moving or your child will be transferring schools in September

EQAO begins Wednesday, May 26 for grade 3 and 6 students. Please ensure if your child is participating that they arrive to school on time each day. Thank you for your help.

**Mrs. Heath**



## W.H. Ballard Open House

Please join us on Wednesday May 3rd from 5:00—7:00 p.m. for W.H. Ballard's Open House!

Our theme for this year—Achieving Excellence: Promoting Well-being  
Harvey's will be here serving up their famous burgers, so bring your appetite.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!



## JK and Kindergarten Registration

We will be accepting new registrations for our Junior Kindergarten (born in 2013) and our Senior Kindergarten (born in 2012).

If you have a child, or know of a child in our catchment area that will be 4 years of age as of December 31, 2017, please call or come in to the office to register.

## W.H. Ballard Graduation 2017

This year the graduation ceremony will be held **Tuesday, June 20th from 5:00 to 6:30pm** in the auditorium. Due to large Graduating Classes and to meet fire code, we will be limiting the number of guests per graduate. **We will issue four invitation cards for each graduate's family.** These tickets are meant for adult family members. **If fewer than four tickets are required, please send the extra's back to the school.** When the tickets are issued, an additional ticket order form will be distributed. A limit of two extra tickets per request will be processed pending the availability of tickets.

*\*\* The graduation is a "dressy" occasion, not a formal one. Purchasing expensive evening gowns, tuxedos and limousines is not necessary nor is it recommended. \*\**



**Further information about Graduation will be sent home soon!**

### Tips for Packing Healthy School Lunches

Do you need some suggestions for packing healthy school lunches? The City of Hamilton has an excellent online resource– visit:

[Hamilton.ca/nutrition](http://Hamilton.ca/nutrition) for some helpful tips and ideas!



### 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\*\*\*\***



## MUSIC NOTES

We are excited to inform our intermediate parents and guardians that our school's senior band did very well in the HWDSB Concert band festival April 7th and most recently April 24th our Senior Glee at their HWDSB Choir Festival .

Tuesday May 23rd, 6-7pm we would like to invite parents and families to our annual Spring Music Night featuring our Junior Glee grades 3-5, Senior Glee grades 6-8, Senior Band grades 6-8, Senior Jazz grades 7/8 as well as, some of our acts from our in school talent show. Proceeds this year will go to purchase much needed band instruments as ours are aging fast. Donations will be suggested at \$5 per adult and families \$15. With last years donations we were able to purchase a much needed electric drum kit for practice. Thank you so much for your continued support to our schools music program.



Mrs. Kortmann

### Tim Horton's Play Action Be Fit Day

On May 16th (rain day May 18th) Tim Horton's field is hosting a "Play Action Be Fit Day" The event will bring thousands of students together to learn the importance of physical activity and a healthy diet. Tiger-Cat players will lead interactive on-field programming. There will be appearances by mascots, and cheerleaders who will lead a group dance, and each attendee will receive a voucher courtesy of Summer Fresh to attend the 2017 preseason home game on June 16th.



### HWDSB Special Olympics 2017 "Believe in Yourself"

On Wednesday, May 17th, 2017 at Saltfleet District High School (9:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.) Approximately 20 of our students will participate in the 2017 Special Olympics.

Our students will be performing in a variety of activities and games. With many special visitor's to help assist in the festivities.

Wishing all of our Bobcat athletes a GREAT DAY!



### Autism Awareness Day

Thank you to all of those who donated on Autism Awareness Day, April 3rd 2017. Here at Ballard we raised a total of \$325.00. The money raised went to Autism Speaks Ontario.

Thank you for dressing up the school in blue! You R.O.C.K!



### Pink Shirt Day

Thank you to everyone who purchased a "Together We Rock Against Bullying" t-shirt. It was great to see so many pink shirts on April 12th to support International Day of Pink. Through our shirt sales the Ballard Community raised \$390.00 towards the purchase of meal "buttons" at 541 Eatery and Exchange.