



# Adelaide Hoodless

January 2017

## From the Principal's Desk

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Nanci-Jane Simpson

**Vice Principal:**

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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a very restful holiday. Winter break gives us the time to re-connect with our families, our friends, and ourselves.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many generous community members who help to make Adelaide Hoodless School the best school possible.

Goeman's Appliances generously donated a brand new fridge to support our milk program. Not only did they donate the fridge, they also delivered it and set it up for free. Having the new fridge donated meant we didn't need to use school funds to purchase the fridge.

Thank you as well to Living Hope Church. Living Hope fundraised and was able to provide 30 of our families with a \$100 Walmart gift card as well as a bag of groceries. This allowed our families to have a wonderful holiday season.

Our relationship with Hillfield Strathallan College continues to grow. Last year, HSC generously donated \$8500 to our student health and wellness fund. This donation has allowed us to provide our students with healthy activity choices and nutrition. This year, HSC fundraised enough to send 30 of our students to Tim Horton's Leadership Camp. Students attended in the fall and will attend again in the spring. The students in grades 5 and 6 will be trained in developing their leadership skills. The Adelaide students will then become student leaders.

HSC also continues to provide personalized gift-giving to chosen classes. This year they also donated classroom supplies to all grades. Adelaide is truly fortunate to have such a close relationship with this very generous community member.

We also had an anonymous donation of brand new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves. This has allowed us to ensure all of our students are able to enjoy the changing Canadian climate with the appropriate attire.

Finally, Lowes generously donated \$150 to allow us to purchase pails for our drumming club.

A very special thank you to the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Foundation for their grant that enabled us to purchase dual language books. These books are used and enjoyed by all of our students, but especially those new to our country.

Our school community is very fortunate to have such generous individuals and organizations support us. We are working with our students to identify ways they can give back to their community as well. When we support each other, we create a stronger community.

Adelaide has entered into a partnership with McMaster University. Beginning in January, students from McMaster will be conducting scientific inquiries with our classes.

We have so many exciting things happening here at Adelaide Hoodless. The best and deepest learning always happens during this term. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support and involvement.

**Important Information!**

- Pizza Wednesday \$1.50
- TCBY Monday & Friday \$2.00
- Popcorn Tuesday & Thursday \$2.00

**Important Date**

January 17 – Grad 8 grad photos  
January 27 – PA Day  
February 20th – Family Day  
March 1 – SK grad photos  
March 3rd – PA Day  
March 13-17th – March Break  
April 14-April 17 – Easter Open House – May 11  
May 22nd – Victoria Day  
June 9th – PA Day  
June 20th - Graduation  
June 29th—Last day of School  
June 30th—PA Day

### CREATIVE PLAYGROUND

Our creative playground is open to children in grades FDK-5 during nutrition breaks. All students in the school have received safety training and are expected to follow the rules.

Staff supervise the playground during both nutrition breaks and reserve the right to ask children to leave the area if they are not playing safely. Students are not allowed on the creative before (8:35-8:50) and after school (3:10-3:25).

We also will close the creative during wet weather or when the temperature drops below freezing. We reserve the right to limit use to the playground if we feel conditions are unsafe.

**New this year:** In compliance with HWDSB policy, all volunteers, including volunteers for trips and volunteer drivers, must have a current Vulnerable Sector Check to be permitted to volunteer. We recognize this can be difficult. We are including the link that provides you the information required as well as an option to complete the form electronically. You also require a letter from the school. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to receive a letter. If the cost of VSC is problematic, please speak to your child's teacher. We never want finances to be a barrier to parent participation.

<https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/how-to/obtain-criminal-records-check>

Cold and flu season is upon us. Please review proper hand washing procedure with your child. If your child is very ill (fever, vomiting, diarrhea) please keep them home from school.

### FOOD FOR KIDS

Adelaide Hoodless is in the second year of partnership with Food for Kids. Food for Kids provides many of our students with nutritious food to help them over the weekend and holidays.

Mrs. Marino initiated the partnership in 2015 and transitioned the program over to Ms. Basham for 2016.

We are excited and proud to announce that Adelaide Hoodless has been selected as "School of the Year" by the Food for Kids program. Ms. Basham and Ms. Simpson will be attending a special celebration on Thursday, January 12 to receive the award.

## NUTRITION BREAK PROCEDURES

All students are required to stay in their home classes during Nutrition Break #1 (10:30am-11:10). Students in grades 6-8 are permitted to go out for Nutrition Break #2 (12:5pm-1:30), however, the following restrictions apply:

- Students who go HOME for lunch may have a blanket permission form signed and on file with the classroom teacher.
- Students who want to go out to a store or area business MUST have a written, dated and signed note for each day they go out. The note must clearly identify the lunch destination (for example Subway, KFC, the Fry Truck). We will not take phone call permission. This is for student safety in the event they do not return back to school or if the school is evacuated during nutrition break. We need to know where our kids are to ensure their safety.
- Students who leave for nutrition break must leave for the entire 40 minutes. Students must re-enter through the front door. Students will not be allowed back onto the school playground with food or beverages.
- All food and beverage must be consumed prior to re-entering the school.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the school.