



Adelaide Hoodless Elementary School

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Dear Adelaide Families,

Happy 2024! January has flown by and always happy to share the wonderful things happening at Adelaide with our school community.

Community Walking Safety:

We would like to ask families to please review walking safety and awareness with your children. We have wonderful crossing guards that ensure we are crossing and entering into traffic safely. As the weather continues to surprise us, it can be slick and/or snow build up can make sidewalks difficult to safely walk and as of recent, we have had some students walking on the road and/or crossing mid block, which is a concern. Thank you for your support around this.

Adelaide Spirit Days:

Our next spirit day is January 25th where students are encouraged to wear school colors (Blue and White). On February 14th, we are encouraging students to wear Red, White, Pink, Hearts, anything Fancy (dress to impress) for our Friendship, Kindness and Love theme.

We are also excited to share that March 7th we will be “**Blasting into the Future**”. Along with Parent Council support, we will have a Dance-a-thon Fundraiser and encourage students to show their spirit for “all things futuristic” (e.g. Silver colors, Robotic, costumes, dress as you might see yourself in the future, etc.). More details to follow!

Report Cards:

Term 1 Report cards will be coming home on February 16th. The Elementary Provincial Report Card will provide comments on your child’s learning skills as well as their demonstrated academic progress. The Report call will also emphasize and give examples of how your child is growing as a learner, and provide suggestions and next steps for continued learning growth.

Sport Highlights:

VolleyBall - for our Junior and Intermediates have wrapped with an overall good season, making it to the first round of play offs. We also enjoyed a Staff versus Student Volleyball game just before the Winter Break. While our students played hard, our Staff continue to hold the trophy!

Basketball - we are mid Basketball season and have both Intermediate Girls and Boys teams playing. We were lucky to have McMaster Woman’s Coach and a couple players lead our team through drills at a practice.

Soccer – We are excited to join a board wide soccer tournament. This is for our Intermediate aged (grade 7 & 8) students. Stay tuned for more information.



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Checkers Club - continues to be in high demand and we are thankful for the partnership.

Shout Out Assembly and Hearts for Hawks Update:

Monthly we have been gathering as a school community and sharing and celebrating. December was around Joy, January's focus is Gratitude and February will celebrate Friendship. We have had classroom presentations, musical accompaniments, all being lead by our Student Council.

Music:

Our Intermediate Students were able to participate in Band Day at Bernie Custis this month. It great to see the love of music and excited to see our band grow!

Pizza Day:

Reminder that Pizza Days are moving from Wednesday to Fridays. The first FRIDAY pizza day will be on February 9th.

School Website:

Our School website has LOTS of information around day-to-day activities and announcements. Please continue to check our website for key information and/or "subscribe" to our website.

Winter Walk Day:

On February 7, 2024 Schools across Ontario will be participating in Winter Walk Day on February 7, 2024. Walking to school is a healthy, environmentally friendly, and great for getting to know the neighbourhood and creating community connections. Walking or biking is also a great physical activity to get your heart pumping and muscles moving in the winter. If you live too far away, consider parking about a few blocks away and walk over.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations begins February 5th, for more information on registration, please visit – <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/registration/>. For information on the Kindergarten program, please visit - <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>

Inclement Weather/School Closure

School boards have varied policies on cancellations. The HWDSB Rule is: Severe weather + Bus cancellation = Schools and Administrative Buildings are **closed**. When HWDSB cancels busing due to inclement weather, we have deemed the roads unsafe and this triggers the closure of schools and administrative buildings. HWDSB will announce the cancellation of school and



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board operations by 6 a.m. Families will receive an email communication by this time if there is a closure. For more information, please visit - <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/severe-weather>

Cold Weather Alerts

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent time outside. During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear a coat, snowpants, boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it's a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed. **HWDSB follows the City of Hamilton guideline that people stay inside when it's at or below -15C, or - 20C with the wind chill.**

For more information on the City of Hamilton's guidelines for Cold Weather Alerts - <https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/public-health/environmental-health-hazards/cold-alertscommunity-response>.

Upcoming PA days and Holidays:

January 26th - Professional Activity Day (no school for students)
February 1st – SK Graduation Photos
February 5th – Grade 8 Graduation Photos
School Council Meeting (via MsTeams) – Feb 7th @ 6:30 pm
February 19 – Family Day