

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Without a January newsletter, we didn't have the opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in the amazing production of Elf Jr. Wow! What an incredible show! Thank you to the staff members who dedicated so much of their time to supporting this rich opportunity for students. Thank you to the families who supported the creation of this production, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to all of the families who attended the show and supported our cast and crew. And most importantly, thank you to the students for sharing your unbelievable talents with us. It takes a pretty remarkable community to put on a show of that caliber so congratulations to everyone, and thank you!

A big thank you to Ms. Fox for serving as our Vice-Principal for the month of January. Your support and leadership over the years has had a wonderful impact on our school community.

I would like to welcome Mrs. Barlow to the role of Vice-Principal. Mrs. Barlow comes with years of administrative experience, and we are thrilled to have her as a permanent part of our office team!

A sincere thank you to staff, students, and families for your warm welcome into the role of Acting Principal. Since beginning here in September, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful staff members, students and families. I look forward to working closely together to continue to make this school community an outstanding one.

Teachers have been working diligently to complete Term Two report cards. Students will be bringing these home on Tuesday February 12th. In the meantime, there continues to be so many exciting events planned for students: Scientist in the school, Director's Cut Workshop, Valentine's and Literacy Day celebrations, etc. Thank you to staff who continue to go above and beyond to make Allan A. Greenleaf an exciting place to be!

Parking zones continue to present a challenge to student safety. Parents are asked to heed the no parking signage at the front of the school, especially in the Kindergarten area and towards the YMCA parking lot. This is an extremely busy place at the beginning and end of each school day. We are all working together to avoid putting our students at risk in a hazardous situation. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our students safe!

A friendly reminder for all parents, guardians and community members to report to the office when entering the school. Students who are late must sign in and will be directed to their classes by office staff.

Stay warm and enjoy the snow!

Ms. Snell

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Registration for Kindergarten, for September 2019, will begin **Monday Feb. 4th**. Parents are welcome to register anytime on or after this date. We currently have 5 classes of JK/SK students that attend school every day. All of our classes include a teacher and a

Registered Early Childhood Educator and can have a maximum of 30 children. The Ministry of Education defines the parameters for enrolment in these classes and our enrolment predicts how many classes we have.

Students registering for Junior Kindergarten must have their 4th birthday prior to December 31, 2019. All schools in the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board offer Full day Kindergarten. If you have neighbours or friends in our catchment area, please invite them to come into the school any day between 9:30-3:30 p.m. to register. Kindergarten Orientation session will be held on May 16th between 5:00-6:00pm for new kindergarten parents/guardians.

Current kindergarten families, please bring your children between 6:00-7:00pm for Allan Greenleaf School's Open House. We look forward to meeting you and your little ones.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 4-Kindergarten Registration begins
Feb. 6-Gr. 6 Director's Cut
Feb. 6-Scientist in the Classroom
Feb. 7-6A & 6B-Nikola Tesla Presentation
Feb. 7-Senior Girls & Boys Basketball-AAG
Feb. 8-Spring Rolls-Chinese New Year
Feb. 8-K3 Scientist in the School
Feb. 12-Report Cards Sent Home
Feb. 12-K4 Scientist in the Classroom
Feb. 14-Valentine's Day
Feb. 15-K2 Scientist in the Classroom
Feb. 18-Family Day-No School
Feb. 21-School Council Mtg 6:30 Library
Feb. 22-Grad Picture Day
Feb. 26-Indoor Soccer Tournament-Redeemer
Feb. 26-4A Scientist in the School



REPORT CARDS

First term report cards will be distributed on February 12, 2019. Students should understand the marks on their report card and how they can improve them through on-going dialogue and feedback from their teacher. Please review the report card with your child and help them to set goals for the second term. If you would like to discuss the report card with your child's teacher please feel free to call the school to arrange for a phone-call or a meeting as there is no "formal" interview day for this report.



ICY CONDITIONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY



A reminder to please be careful when you are walking on school property. Although we have contractors who clear and salt our parking lots and sidewalks there is always the risk of slippery patches. Also, the back playground is not cleared or salted so this area requires even greater care to ensure safety. When the school feels conditions on the back playground are not safe, we will

have students stay indoors for recess.

WINTER WEATHER

A reminder to all that Winter is upon us. Parents, please ensure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather. Students, please wear the warm clothes that you bring to school. Snow pants, hats, mittens and scarves are essential. Students are outside for a total of 40 minutes each day for fresh air and exercise. If dressed inappropriately, this can be uncomfortable. Please be aware that students cannot remain in the school when not dressed for the weather because they are not supervised. Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill.



SALTING OF SCHOOL

Staff from Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand the following areas:



- The walkways from the City sidewalk to the school
- The school steps and portable steps
- Walkways to the portables
- Ramps to schools and portables
- An area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs and ramps

When there is an accumulation of 5 cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as needed basis.

Playgrounds will not be plowed or otherwise cleared. Head Caretakers will check the condition of the grounds early in the morning and during the school day to sand and/or salt isolated slippery areas that may occur due to changing temperature.

Students should take extra caution when walking onto and leaving from school grounds. Caution must also be taken when playing on school grounds when conditions are slippery.

Principals may decide, dependent on weather and playground conditions, to have indoor recess and lunch/nutrition breaks.

"VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FRIENDLINESS



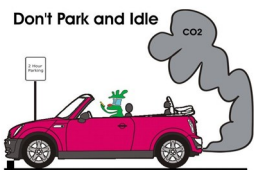
You are practicing **FRIENDLINESS** when you begin liking yourself and believing you have something to share with others. Be kind to people you don't know. You can be friendly just by walking down the hall, looking into people's faces, and smiling. They will probably smile back. Show your friends you are glad to see them, by asking how their day is going and sharing your news with them.

I am friendly. I smile and greet people. I show an interest in others. I like myself and know that my friendship is worth a lot.



*Wishing you all an enjoyable
Family Day on
Monday, February 18th!*

PARKING & IDLING CARS



Our parents and community have responded so well to our request to honour the NO STOPPING area in the front of the school this year. However, with the winter weather we are noticing an increase in people stopping their cars in this area to drop students off.

Please remember to pull over before or after the NO STOPPING zone to ensure the safety of all of our students.

In addition, we ask that parents not park in the areas designated for staff. This is especially important in the area by our Kindergarten entrance as regularly parents with young children are walking through this section.



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Penny Deathe and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 15. As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our ward.

I can be reached by email at pdeathe@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 289-339-8455.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>