

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Happy Winter Greenleaf families!

Thank you to our families for your generous donations of winter clothing & accessories as well as our toy drive. We appreciate your support.

This newsletter includes information for December and January. There will not be a January newsletter.

December 20th is the last day of school before the holidays. We would like to thank the Greenleaf community for all their support over the last two months and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs. L. Snell & Ms. D. Barlow

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

the hands that make a difference



To the many volunteers who have given their time to our school we thank you! Your efforts in supporting the classrooms, driving to field trips or extra-curricular events, helping with fundraising or in a variety of ways around the school are greatly appreciated! It is through the efforts

of many that help make us a great place for students!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 26-Dec. 6-Toy Drive
- Dec. 2-Gr. 1 Trip-Mountsberg
- Dec. 3-Gr. 5 Fresh Air for Kids
- Dec. 11-Gr. 2 -Westfield Trip
- Dec. 11-Poinsettia Pickup 3:00-6:00pm
- Dec. 12-Joy Day (Kindergarten)
- Dec. 16-3A/3B & 3's 3/4-Creative Connie
- Dec. 17 Alexander Place
- Dec. 19—Ugly Christmas Sweater/ Red & Green Christmas Sing-a-long, Candy Grams on sale
- Dec. 20— P.J. Day, Candy-grams/Latkes/Gr. 6-8 Dance
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3-Winter Break Inclusive



AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS



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As many of you are already aware, our office administrators Ms. Frasson and Ms. Maugeri work very hard to support our staff and students. We realize that emergencies do arise, but please be aware that depending on what may be happening in the school and in the office, we cannot

guarantee communication of changes in afterschool pick-up arrangements if calling after 3:00 pm. Please ensure that children are clear before they leave the house in the morning what the plan is for the end of the day. A Reminder that our office hours are from 8:30 to 4:00 pm.

"VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: GENEROSITY

You are practicing **GENEROSITY** when you think of ways to share what you have. You think about what people need and do things to give them happiness. You share your time, your ideas, your things, or your money. When you give away something that is really special to you, that is a very generous way to show love. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving.



I am generous. I look for opportunities to give and to share. There is plenty of time for thoughtfulness. I give freely, fully and joyfully.

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 temperatures. 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 nutrition breaks.

SMOKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR VAPING

As part of the Ontario Tobacco Act, we must remind our community several times per year that there is no smoking or vaping permitted anywhere on school property. This includes the school parking lot and all playground areas. Please ensure that you dispose of your lit cigarette/vapours before entering onto school property.



Thank you for your co-operation with this Municipal by-law.

SNOW CLEARING AND SALTING OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Staff from the 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
- Ramps to schools
- 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.

COLD WEATHER AND OUTDOOR PLAY

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children benefit from fresh air and exercise.

With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.



The City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees celsius or minus 20 degrees Celsius with the wind chill.

SNOWBALLS

As the snow season begins full force, we must remind all of our students about the dangers of throwing snowballs. In ensuring that all of our students are safe at all times we must insist on the rule of NO SNOWBALLS at any time.



If parents could please review this important rule with their children at home it would be most appreciated.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL & BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make.

Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. In the event of inclement weather, our Transportation



Department advises our carriers to drive predetermined routes to assess the condition of the roads. This is done between 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. The drivers report back to the carriers and HWDSB begins to receive reports between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. In the meantime, our Transportation Department is verifying the weather forecast through our local media outlets as well as contacting the City of Hamilton Works Department to determine where possible what roads have been cleared or when they are expected to be serviced. School Boards across Ontario have varying policies about the cancellation of schools. At HWDSB, the cancellation of transportation is linked to the cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operations.

The cancellation of transportation immediately triggers the closure of our schools. For more information on the Cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operation, please check the Board website. The HWDSB has a voice-activated message system that allows the Board to send out messages to all students in the School Board. On days when the decision is made to close schools due to unsafe weather, the System will send out a telephone message to every household in the school. Please remember, as a parent/guardian you always have the choice on whether or not to send your child to school.



Hamilton Wentworth District School Board School Closure Hotline (905) 521-2535.

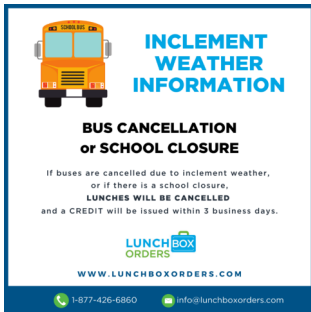
Other sources include:

CHCH TV, CHML Radio, K-Lite FM Radio

*Please **do not** phone the school to ask if schools are open as when schools are closed there is no staff at school to answer telephones.*

LUNCH BOX ORDERS

Winter is here! In the event of a school closure or bus cancellations due to inclement weather, here is what will happen with our [Lunchbox Orders](#) delivery:



Stay warm and make your week easier with Lunchbox Orders. Info below on how to order

How to Order:

1. Go online at www.lunchboxorders.com and click "ORDER LUNCH".
2. **New to Lunchbox Orders?** Click "Create an Account" to register your family's account.
3. **Already registered?** Please login directly with your current user name (e-mail address) and password.
4. Add your child to your account by clicking "add a student" and register your child with their teacher and grade for the current school year. **** Please ensure the correct teacher and grade are selected to prevent errors on delivery days.**
5. Click "Order Now" (beside your child's name) to access the school's ordering calendar.
6. Proceed with ordering your child's lunch by clicking on the blue box for each restaurant featured.
7. All orders are submitted on the website and payment is processed on-line by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Debit MasterCard or Visa Debit. Visa and MasterCard prepaid cards are also accepted.

The Benefits:

1. With every meal purchased, a contribution will be made to the school's fundraising program.
2. Lunchbox Orders is paperless and cashless. Ordering online is fast and easy!
3. All menu items featured are compliant with the Ontario Ministry of Education's Food and Beverage Policy.
4. Orders may be placed weekly or in advance, for the full length of the program.

Things to Remember:

- New orders must be placed by Sunday at 12pm (NOON) for the following week.
- Orders will not be accepted after the Sunday deadline.
- Cancellations will be accepted two (2) days prior to delivery.

Questions? Contact the Lunchbox Orders customer service team at **1.877.426.6860** or by e-mail at info@lunchboxorders.com

CHANGES TO RECYCLING AT GREENLEAF

Greenleaf has made changes to what can be accepted in our school's recycling program. This is to ensure our recycling will not be sent to land fill because it is contaminated with too much garbage (food items, un-rinsed containers, items not accepted).



What Greenleaf CAN Accept:

- paper and cardboard
- drink containers including
 - * drink boxes (straws removed)
 - * pop cans
 - * milk cartons
 - * plastic water and juice bottles (caps removed)
 - * yogurt drinks (rinsed and caps removed)

What Greenleaf NO LONGER Accepts:

- yogurt cups
 - apple sauce cups
 - pudding or jello cups
- (These items often did not have foil lids removed, were not rinsed, and often had food and other garbage in the m)
- any items that aren't paper or drink containers

What you can do:

- use reusable/washable containers for lunch, so items can be properly recycled at home
- use reusable drink containers instead of plastic bottles and drink boxes, or products like KoolAid Jammers (which are not recyclable at school or in the City of Hamilton)
- encourage your child to bring home any items for proper recycling
- use cutlery that can be washed and reused instead of single plastic use cutlery
- use containers instead of Ziploc bags (which are garbage at school and for City of Hamilton)
- consider items that have extra packaging or need waste when purchasing or planning lunch items

Greenleaf appreciates your help to make sure our school recycling is in compliance. We appreciate your commitment to reducing food and packaging waste at school!

Thank you to the Bin Busters (Grade 3, 4, and 5 volunteers) who check our school recycling is sorted properly. Thank you to 6B students who collect paper and drink container recycling for the school.

