

The Greenleaf Gazette

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A Message from Our Principals...

Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy New Year. Welcome to 2023! It is my sincere wish that each of you had a restful and relaxing holiday, and were able to spend lots of time with family and friends, taking some really good time to “fill your bucket.”

When the calendar turns its page to a new year, it is common for many of us to consider resolutions for the upcoming year. We pledge to continue with things that have gone well, and look to make changes, or improve in other aspects of our life. It is at this time of year that I encourage all of our students to consider making their own school resolutions. What small changes can each of you make that would lead to greater academic or school success? Parents and caregivers can be an important part of this process, as you work together with your child to set their goals. Take some time to work with your child to set 1 or 2 school-based goals for the remainder of this year. Small, incremental changes can lead to huge gains and results!

I would also like to welcome Mr. Reid to Allan. A. Greenleaf as our new Vice-Principal. Mr. Reid has had a wonderful first few days at the school, and is finding out quickly what a great school and community we have.

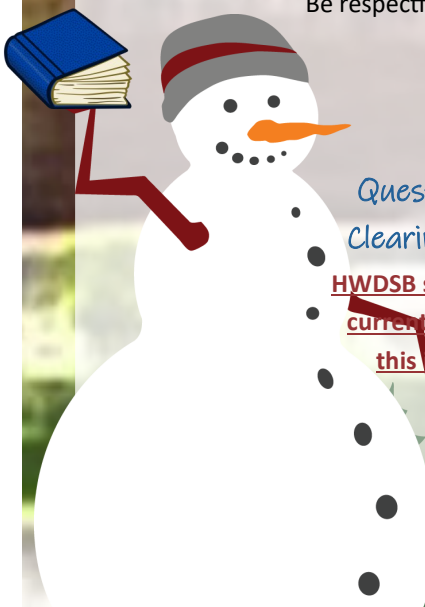
Have a great month!

Be respectful, be responsible, and be kind.

S. Yull & M. Reid

Questions about HWDSB Snow Clearing & Winter Outdoor Play?

HWDSB snow clearing and salting policy is currently under review. Please refer to this infographic for current policy.



Dates to Remember...

- January 17th—WDHS Parent Information Night for Grades 7 & 8
- January 18 & 19—trip to Westfield Heritage Village
- January 19 —School Council 6 pm
- January 26 —Pajama Day & Grad Photo Day
- January 27— **P. A. Day**
- February 2 — Grade 8 Experience a Day @ WDHS
- February 3—Shakespeare in Schools (Grades 7 & 8)
- February 6th—Kindergarten Registration begins
- February 10 & 13—Candygrams (delivered on Feb 14)
- February 15 & 16—Kindies to RBG
- February 17th—Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- February 20— **Family Day**
- February 21 & 22—Dental Screening for K-2
- Senior Basketball Season—ongoing
 - Tuesdays—Pizza
 - Wednesdays—Art Club
 - Thursdays—Popcorn \$2.50
 - Fridays—Skipping Club, Fro Yo \$4
 - Daily—Hockey Intramurals Gr 7&8

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE!

Stay up to date! All school communications including events and newsletters will be delivered to your mailbox!

Family Literacy Day January 27th

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, ABC Life Literacy, a non profit organization, has promoted Family Literacy Day. This year's family literacy day falls on our PA Day—the perfect opportunity for families to try to engage in some fun literacy activities together! At school, we will kick off this event with **Pajama Day** and fun reading activities on Thursday, January 26th. [ABC Literacy](#) has many online resources to support this initiative. This year's theme is "[Celebrate Your Heritage.](#)" There are many more online resources that are available to help you plan **your** family literacy activities!

Have you visited the Hamilton Public Library recently?

Greenleaf's library is always buzzing with activity! But have you thought of visiting the Waterdown Branch of the Public Library with your child? The HPL has many, many resources for Hamilton families. This year the [HPL's theme is "get outdoors"](#)- check it out!



"Spend time in nature together to exercise mind and body. [Borrow books](#) about the great outdoors from HPL and while you're at it, borrow a HPL Pass for free entry into [Hamilton Conservation Authority](#) sites, [Ontario Parks](#) and [Grand River Conservation Authority](#) locations." (HPL Site)

Thank you for your Generosity!

We greatly appreciate your generosity! We raised \$246 in candygrams this December. All proceeds will be donated to Mission Services in Hamilton. All February candygram proceeds will be donated to Good Shepard.



[Thank you letter](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) schools are exciting, enriching places where children learn to explore the world, solve problems and make friends. Your child is eligible for the two-year kindergarten program in the calendar year that they turn four or five. Registration starts each year on the **first Monday in February (February 6th) at your home school**. Visit [Find My School](#) to find your home school.

[Please visit the HWDSB Kindergarten Registration site for current information and online registration links.](#)

Sports Update

Coming back after Winter Break, sports are coming back strong. First off a huge congratulations to the Senior Boys volleyball team for their win in the city finals. The team showed a lot of perseverance after coming back from a 2-1 set deficit, then winning two hard sets in a row. We are all very proud of the amazing season. Last week the intramural handball season came to an end. It was a tough final between Aidan and Maysaa's team vs Jacob and Nabiha's team. In a very close game we would like to congratulate Aidan and Maysaa's team for the championship win. Thank you to Ms. Marion for running the daily intramurals!

Senior Basketball teams have started up with both the girls and boys having played their first game against Guy Brown. Thank you to Ms. Little, Ms. Tirimacco and Mrs. Ashworth for coaching. Both teams played really well and tried their hardest. We are looking forward to an exciting season. The GHL (Greenleaf Hockey League) for grade 7 & 8s will be starting up with the draft coming soon.

~ Daniel M

Parking, Dropping Off and Idling Vehicles

Our families and community have responded 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 park the car in a designated parking spot and walk your child over to the school using the clearly marked crosswalk. **The area in front of the school is a NO STOPPING zone.**

