

The Greenleaf Gazette

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A Message from Our Principals...

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy New Year. Welcome to 2024! 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 success? Families 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(ren) to set 1 or 2 school based goals for the remainder of this year. Small, incremental changes can lead to huge gains and results!

Be respectful, be responsible, and be kind.

S. Yull & M. Reid

Questions about
HWDSB Snow Clearing?

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



Dates to Remember...

January 16—Festival of Lights (Gr 2s, 1/2)

January 18 —School Council 6 pm

January 24—WDHS Parent
Information Night for Grades 7 & 8
Grad Photo Day

January 25 —Pajama Day &
Dress Up like your Favorite Book Character

January 26— P. A. Day

February 2 — Grade 8 Experience a Day @ WDHS

February 5—Kindergarten Registration begins

February 12& 13—Candygrams (Gr 1-8)
(delivered on Feb 14)

February 14—Valentine's Day Dance (Gr 6-8)
candygrams delivered

February 16th— Mountsberg (Gr 1s, 1/2)
Term 1 Report Cards Go Home

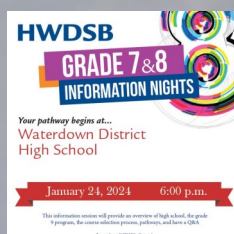
February 19— Family Day

Senior Basketball Season—ongoing

Tuesdays—Pizza

Thursdays—Popcorn \$2.50

Fridays—Fro Yo \$4



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 a Saturday—the perfect opportunity for families to try to engage in some fun literacy activities together! At school, we will kick off this event with **“dress up as your favourite character day” & Pajama Day** on Thursday, January 25th. [ABC Literacy](#) has many online resources to support this initiative. This year's theme is **“Let's Have a Family Party.”** 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.



“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 over \$450 in candygrams this December. All proceeds will be donated to Mission Services in Hamilton. All February candygram proceeds will be donated to Good Shepherd. Thank you too for all your contributions to the Sock and Winter Clothing drives we had this fall.

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 5th) 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.](#)

Cold Weather & Outdoor Play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise that time spent outside affords.

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 is important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it is a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

As always, 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. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board asks principals to follow this recommendation and ensure children are not outside when it is that cold.

From time to time we do get major storms that do force the closure of school and board administrative operations due to inclement weather. Announcements are generally made around 6am and the best practice is to check the HWDSB webpage or watch and listen to local media for up-to-date information on the cancellation of events or operations.

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.**

