

Bellmoore Elementary Newsletter

February & March 2024 Updates



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Parking lot – Arrival/Dismissal

Please help us keep staff and students safe in our parking lot. The parking lot is closed for drop off/pick of students. Disability pass holders, and special circumstance passholders are permitted only.

Responding to acts of hate, prejudice and bias

At Bellmoore, we celebrate all identities and foster a learning environment accordingly. We encourage HWDSB's mission statement, **Be You. Be Excellent.** In cases, where students may encounter an act of hate, prejudice and bias, we follow a 5 Step process. Every classroom has a poster with the process for staff and students to follow on how we respond to acts of hate, prejudice and bias to support the learning and dialogue at home.

Special News Feature

The Hamilton Spectator featured some of our work from the Student Voice and Leadership Team working on a podcast for "Podmoore" The article was published on Saturday February 3rd. We are very proud of the work that our students are leading, and that Bellmoore is the only school in HWDSB with this type of learning opportunity at this time! We welcome future podcast authentic ideas from our students. Ideas around heritage and cultural history months, academic learning focused, and anything related to building community and supporting a positive school culture at Bellmoore are welcomed! Students are reminded to share ideas daily on our morning announcements.

Upcoming Events

- February 16th- School Spirit PJ & Pancake Day
- February 19th -Family Day Holiday
- Feb. 14th- Red,White,Pink Day
- March 8th- Pyjama Day
- March 11-16th- March Break

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Positive School Culture Mission

On February 2nd, our school gathered for our third PSC assembly to share the learning that has been happening around co-creating our Mission Statement. The new Mission Statement was shared with the school, and we will be providing learning opportunities and connections to engage in deeper understanding of what it means as we continue to grow together. This will guide all that we do so every student feels safe, happy and knows they belong. THIS is how our students want to feel when they are at school and they know that their voices matter. Their voices guide our work every step of the way. Please see our new mission statement, so that you can carry conversations and learning at home with your child(ren).

THINK creatively and collaboratively
ACT with kindness and empathy
LEAD with humility



Grade 8 Student Artists presented their outstanding art creations that they have been working on for the past two months!



Junior Student sharing ideas and actions during our Assembly.

Eco-Team Acting with Kindness & Empathy



This team elected to use their nutrition breaks to clean up our school grounds. Thank you Eco-Team!

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Special Visits for International Women's Day Podmore Episode

A break out group from our SVLT team have been learning more about International Women's Day and are preparing an episode to be shared in March. The episode will consist of three parts and featuring special guests! We were delighted to welcome Director Sheryl Robertson Petrazzini, Superintendent of Program Michelle Lemaire, HWDSB Trustee Chair Maria Felix Miller, and our HWDSB Trustee Amanda Fehrman. We will be welcoming Mayor Andrea Horvath to complete the third part of the Podcast, and are very excited to share student leadership and learning with our School Community in these podcasts.



Director Petrazzini speaking with our Taylor and Mhveen

HWDSB Trustee Chair Miller and Trustee Fehrman with Zaina and Mahveen



Positive School Culture work & request for ideas presented to our School Council by Gurkirat, Mhveen, Lily, Safiya, Alexandra and Mrs. Angle

Until our next Bi-monthly newsletter in April you can find more updates here:



Podmore: Voices at Bellmore Episode 3, Meet our Principal, Mrs. Milinovich, is LIVE on our Instagram account. Follow us to check it out!