



A Message from the Principals:

The month of September has flown by and we are now in October and we have seen many changes at Cathy Wever. Our enrollment has increased by over a hundred students and we had to open some classes and move some students. Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who support their children with these transition. At this time I would like to welcome a few new staff members to Cathy Wever.

Mrs. Hamstra is our new G6 teacher

Mrs. Watson is our new G2/3 teacher

Mrs. Wigood is our new FDK teacher

Mrs. Sharpe is our new DECE in our new FDK classroom

Mrs. Sheldrick is our new prep teacher covering a number of classrooms.

Mr. Brecevich will be covering in our 82 classroom in a LTO position.



Welcome to all of our new staff.

Reminder that our Wever Celebrates is on Oct. 13th, with Meet the Staff (3:30-4:30) and Wever Celebrates 4:30 until 6:30, we are looking forward to this event.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE AND HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE IF NEEDED. TO REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT NO HARD COPIES WILL BE SENT HOME. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL'S WEB SITE IF YOU WISH.

Halloween Costumes

Just a reminder that students are not allowed to wear masked as part of their costume for Halloween, we need to ensure that we can identify all students in our school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wentworth Street

Please note that the City of Hamilton has informed us that **effective Oct. 24, 2016** Wentworth Street will be converted to **two way street**. This will mean that there will be no parking on Wentworth Street beside the school.

Sports News

Our Cross Country Team will be at their meet on October 18th at Christie Conservation Area. We are proud of how hard our athletes have been training! Wish us luck on the 18th!

The Junior Girls Volleyball season is about to begin. Our first game is October 17th. Good luck girls!

The Senior boys volleyball team will start playing next Thursday. Listen to announcements for practices. - Mr. Rivers and Mr. Marroquín

Boys to Men

Boys to Men will start soon. Please listen to announcements for you to pick up the form.

Dieleman's Catalogue Fundraiser

With such a successful fundraiser last year Parent Council has decided to once again participate in the Dieleman's Catalogue Fundraiser for our Fall Fundraiser. Students will receive their brochures the week of October 3rd. The campaign will run for two weeks. Orders will be on a **CASH ONLY** basis as no cheques will be accepted. There is also an on-line order option. **All orders are due back to the school on Friday October 21st**. Please do not sell door to door and only sell to people you know. To launch this fundraiser students will attend an assembly on October 6th, when further information will be given. All monies raised will go towards year end trips and initiatives to enhance student learning.

School Safety – Office Check-In

Just a reminder that all caregivers must check in at the office when entering the school. Please do not enter the school to drop off your child or to pick up your child without checking in at the office. Thank you in keeping all of our students safe at Cathy Wever.

We are a Nut Sensitive School

Parent and/or students are asked to carefully read labels of all food items that are brought to school to ensure that they **have no traces of nuts or nut products**. Many products now carry a clearly marked "Nut Free" logo.

Anaphylactic Management Plan

If you have not completed the appropriate paper work to ensure the safe administration of epinephrine please pick up a form from your child's teacher or the office. Once your Dr. has completed this form your son/daughter's Anaphylactic Management Plan will be completed. **These plans must be updated each school year.**

Medication

All students who require medication to be administered at school must have the appropriate medical form completed by their Dr. Forms are available at the office.

Parking Lot

Just a reminder to all parents, if you are dropping your child off at school we ask that you do not park in the parking lot or stop in the emergency stopping zone. Students must be dropped off or park in the Pinky Lewis Parking Lot. All students should be picked up and dropped off on the playground where students are supervised with staff members. Thank you for your continued support.

Supervision and Entry

Supervision begins at 8:05 AM and ends at 2:45 PM at the end of the day. Students must enter and exit through their assigned doors, all student exit to the playground area unless they are bus students who will exit through the front doors. Parents/guardians are to meet their child(ren) on the playground, we have a lot of students on the playground at the end of the day, making a meeting spot is important.

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are very important habits and routines for all students. There is a direct correlation between regular school attendance, positive work habits and enhanced student achievement. Consistent with the Safe Arrival Check Policy of the HWDSB, it is the parent's responsibility to inform the school when a child is going to be late or absent. Please call and leave a message at any time (905-522-9965) with your child's name, teacher, grade and the reason for their absence.

Personal Belongings and Electronic Devices/Cell Phones

Students are permitted to bring devices to school however students will be asked to turn off their personal devices. The school cannot be held responsible for any theft or loss of personal devices or items. Please note students are not permitted to take pictures or videos at school.

Agendas

All students in grades 1-8 will receive a Cathy Wever Agenda. This is a great tool to help keep the communication between home and school open. Agendas should be taken home and returned to school every day. Included in the start of the agenda are a number of important pieces of information. Please take a few minutes to review these pages with your child(ren). Cost for agendas are \$3.00, please send this to your child's teacher.

Picking Up Prior to Dismissal

If you are picking up your child prior to dismissal parents/guardians must come in to the office to sign out their child. Once you arrive your child will be called out of class. If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up your child they must be listed on the school records as an emergency pick up, and identification is required.

Calling the School

Messages can be left for staff members and messages for the office, please note that messages for students can only be shared in emergency situations. Please make prior arrangements with your child(ren). Phone calls cannot be put through to classrooms during instructional time.

Volunteers

All volunteers working within the school including attending trips must have a Vulnerable Screening Check and complete the Volunteer Orientation and appropriate forms. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office. If you are planning on volunteering at the school or on a trip please ensure this is completed as soon as possible as a Vulnerable Screening can take up to 6-8 weeks.

Media Centre/Library Update by Mrs. Burlanyette

It has been a busy start to the year in the media center at Cathy Wever. The grade 6-8 students are reviewing the concept of Responsible Digital Citizenship as they begin to use their TLE iPads in both their classroom and media center lessons. They are looking at do's and don'ts of safe iPad/internet use as well as how to take care of their iPads. As we enter our third year of TLE (Transforming Learning Everywhere) at CW, we look forward to seeing how the students use the iPads not only to access global information, but also how they use the technology to share their learnings with both staff and fellow students.

The grade 4 and 5 students are learning about "media" and how the many forms of media provide us with information. We will then use what to know to begin to access "reliable" information from various forms of media and then create our own.

Library books should now be coming home. Please ask your child about the discussions we have had in class about the care of our library books and how they take the responsibility of returning them on time. The students are excited to share the books with their families – please enjoy the time reading with your child(ren).

Transportation - 2016-2017

Those who are not eligible for transportation may apply for **courtesy transportation**. However, courtesy transportation **will not be granted until October 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year**. Where possible the principal may approve this prior to this date. Courtesy transportation must be applied for each new school year

Bell Times 2016-2017

Cathy Wever's bell times have changed for the 2016/17 school year

Start time: 8:20 AM

End time: 2:30 PM

**please note that supervision on the playground begins at 8:05 am until the entry bell and ends at 2:45 pm after dismissal.

School Lunch Hour

10:50 – Student are dismissed for lunch hour

11:40 – Student are to be back at school

Please note that students may not leave the school property unless parents have provided a note to their classroom teacher, with the date and parent signature.

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School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. School Cash Online is available at all HWDSB schools.

School Cash Online is an on-line payment service offered through the KEV Group. The KEV Group is Canadian owned and operates its head offices in the Province of Ontario. There are over 9,000 schools using KEV's solutions for managing school bookkeeping across North America.

The School Cash Online website is certified compliant with Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards. School Cash Online does not share personal information with any third party. They do not store credit card information on their own web servers, computers or other devices. With the exception of funds loaded into MyWallet, your payment information must be entered every time you checkout.

The KEV Group uses Moneris as the payment processor. Moneris is Canada's largest payment processor, processing over 3 billion credit and debit transactions every year.

To participate in using this service, your child must obtain a one-time PIN code from the school for our secure registration process. If you require a PIN code, please contact the school office. Newly registered JK/SK students will receive their PIN codes a few weeks into the school year.

Busing

If you have a question if a bus is running late please contact the transportation department, please refer to your child's route number and school.

HWDSB Transportation Department:

905.523.2318

HWDSB 2016-2017 School Calendar The 2016-2017 school year calendar is available at:
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

Upcoming Dates for 2016-2017

Oct. 13 th – Wever Celebrates (Meet the Staff Night)	Jan. 9 th – Classes Resume
Oct. 13 th – Immunization Day G7s	Jan. 27 th – PA day
Oct. 10 th – Holiday – no school	Feb. 20 th – Family Day – no school
Oct. 18 th – School Photos	March 3 rd – PA Day – no school
Nov. 2 nd – Progress Reports Sent home	March 13-17 th – March Break
Nov. 4 th – PA Day – no classes – interview day	April 14 & 17 th – Holiday – no school
Dec. 2 nd – PA Day – no classes	May 22 nd – Holiday – no school
Dec. 26 th – Jan. 6 th – Holiday Break	June 9 th – PA Day – no school
	June 29 th – Last day of Classes
	June 30 th – PA day

Please see Cathy Wever’s Web site <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cathywever/> for additional dates throughout the school year.

Nutrition Policy Non-Compliance Days for 2016-2017

Nutrition Free Event	Date
Halloween	October 31, 2016
Rotary Christmas Dinner	December TBA
December Holiday Party	December 23, 2016
Valentine’s Day	February 14, 2017
Easter	April 14, 2017
Pink Day	April 12, 2017
Year End Celebrations	June TBA

Join Our Go Girls!

Are you in grades 5 to 8 and would like to join a girl’s only group? The group will focus on issues that are important in a young girl’s social development such as building and maintaining friendships, self-esteem and the appreciation for an active lifestyle. The group starts on Oct 20th and will run on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30pm.

Mrs. Raposo



Staff 2016-2017

Grade	Staff Member	Grade	Staff Member
JSA(1)	A. Mussner/T. Kukulj	6A	M. Fong
JSB(2)	L.Draper/T. Slade	6B	L. Robinson
JSC(3)	J. Birkby/P. Sparks	6C	K. Hamstra
JSD(4)	M. Kafouf/S. Breckon/m, McCullough	7A	K. Kelly
JSE(5)	H. Bell/L. Black	7B	M. Ritter
JSF(6)	E. Wigood/S.Sharpe	7/8A	J. Urbanek
1A	L. Steeves	8A	P. Zadvorny
1B	M. Bellavia	8B	A. Brecevich
1C	M. Sakins	Comp.	C. Fazzari
1/2	L. Lisco	PE/Health/Dance	K. Grace
2A	M. Siltamaki	PE/Health/Dance	C. Foreman
2B	C. Jaggard	Music	N. Minotti
2C	J. Delle Monache	Junior French	M. Nazi
23A	K.Watson	Intermediate French	T. Munisteri
3A	P. Shahid	Library/Media/Inq uiry	J. Burlanyette
3B	M. Cecilioni	Prep	K. Sheldrick
3C	E. Wilson	PRIT	L. Huegel
4C	K. Guthro	LRT (K-2)	T.Kovljenic
4A	S. Sirkett	LRT (3-5)	D. Wallace
4B	T. Brujic	LRT (6-8)	K. McCambridge
5C	S. Parker	ESL	B. Woods
5A	D. Pantitis	ESL	T. Opie
5B	C. Wilson	ESL	M. Principato
		ALPHA	R. Marroquin
EAs	S. Brillinger E. Coffee M. Colvin J. Cotton T. Cowan Johnson C. Day P. Knowles	EAs	A. Morrison L. Rousell A. Rivers V. Raposo A. Slack R. Szocek C. Tompkins

Social Worker	S. Meyerson	Caretaking	S.Nielson, A. Finlayson, C. Dockree, J. Mercer
Instructional Coach	S. Waseem	Vice-Principal	T. Morabito
Student Success Teacher	M. Hudon	Principal	S. Johnston
Office Administrator	S. Langille		
Office Assistant	L. Milmine		