



A Message from the Principals:

December has arrived and looks like the cold weather has arrived as well, please remember our students will be outside unless there is extreme cold. Our school focus on Literacy and Numeracy continues with students learning new ways to practice their skills, ask your child what is Math Talk? Our volleyball teams have had a great season showing teamwork and represented Cathy Wever with pride and sportsmanship. The Jr Girls teams has made it to the semi-finals, good luck girls. It will be a busy December with many events at Cathy Wever, including the Holiday concert and the Rotary Holiday Dinner, we thank all the volunteers who make this a great event. Thank you to our friends at Guy Brown School in Waterdown who donated many coats, boots and snow pants to the annual coat drive. As well thank you to Gatestone school who donated 25 holiday baskets to families from our community. At this time I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season with your family and friends.

Balance Day for 2017-2018

Cathy Wever will be moving to a Balanced Day Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. The schedule day will follow:

100 min. of instruction

40 min. break (20 min. eating time, 20 min. outside time)

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Bell times may change and this information will be announced before the end of this school year.

The Aboriginal Circle group will end on Wednesday December 14th. Thank you to Nathan for sharing all his knowledge of the aboriginal culture!

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.

Movember Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who donated during our Movember fundraiser! We raised \$230.00!!

Your generosity is appreciated! All proceeds will be donated to cancer research.

MOVEMBER

The Go Girls are selling Candy Cane Grams!!

Wish someone Happy Holidays and have a gram delivered to their class!

On sale during lunch time in the foyer for \$0.75 each. Dec 7th to the 16th



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 student's 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 Doctor 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 Doctor. 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.

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

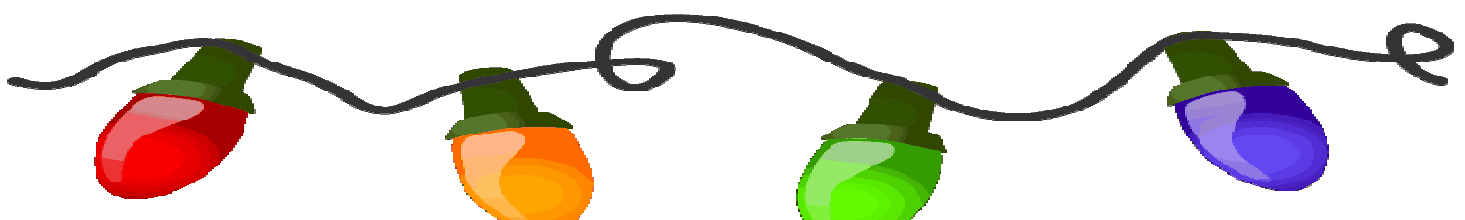
Messages can be left for staff members and messages for the office, please note that messages for students can only be shared in emergency situations. Please make prior arrangements with your child(ren). Phone calls cannot be put through to classrooms during instructional time.

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.

**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.



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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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

Dec. 26th – Jan. 6th – Holiday Break	April 14 & 17th – Holiday – no school
Jan. 9th – Classes Resume	May 22nd – Holiday – no school
Jan. 27th – PA day	June 9th – PA Day – no school
Feb. 20th – Family Day – no school	June 29th – Last day of Classes
March 3 rd – PA Day – no school	June 30th – PA day
March 13-17th – March Break	

Nutrition Policy Non-Compliance Days for 2016-2017

Nutrition Free Event	Date
Rotary Christmas Dinner	December 15, 2016
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

***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.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Our students worked very hard preparing a special Remembrance Day ceremony once again this year. Thank you to our outstanding choir and Mrs. Jaggard for conducting a beautiful rendition of Imagine and Peace I leave with You. Classes did a wonderful job creating and presenting their wreaths of remembrance. Congratulations also to our student speakers, tech crew and student musicians.



Our annual Holiday Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 20th at 12:00 noon. Parents are welcome to attend. We will be featuring performances from our Concert Band, our Junior Intermediate Choir, our Grade 2/3 Choir and several soloists and ensembles. We look forward to celebrating the talent and dedication of many of our Cathy Wever students during this special event.

The SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming to Cathy Wever! Come out and see the amazing books and school supplies we have available for purchase. The dates for the fair are: **Wednesday, December 7th from 2:30 until 4:30** and **Thursday, December 8th from 8:30 am until 11am**. The book fair will take place in the **library**. Please note that this is a Cash only fair. We hope to see you all there!

Mrs. Burlanette



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

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)	S. Vanderstoep/D. Pierroz
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
		ESL	T. Kovljenic
		ALPHA	R. Marroquin
EAs	S. Brillinger E. Coffee M. Colvin J. Cotton T. Cowan Johnson C. Day P. Knowles	EAs	A. Morrison L. Roussell 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		