



A Message from the Principals:

At this time I would like to wish the entire Cathy Wever community a Happy New Year. I would like to send out a huge thank you to Losani Homes in Stoney Creek who donated toys to our community for the holiday season. Thank you to Ms. Minotti and Ms. Jaggard for their leadership during Cathy Wever's Holiday Concert. We wish the best to Ms. E. Wilson who is off on a maternity leave and we wish her and her family all the best and welcome to Mrs. Kobus who will be taking over for her until the end of this school year. A big thank you to Ms. Skinner for her work at Cathy Wever and welcome back to Ms. Alabakopoulos from her maternity leave. Welcome back to Ms. Foreman and a thank you to Ms. Rasmussen who took over while Ms. Foreman was off. Wishing everyone a great January and a great 2018.

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New North Secondary School

The new north secondary school is slated for opening September 2019, as part of that planning process we are looking for one representative from our community to join the transition team. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Trips

Please note that forms for trips will not be accepted after the due date as supervision ratios need to be determined prior to the trip. **Therefore no trip forms will be accepted on the day of the trip.** Thank you for your cooperation

Wever School Council

Co-chairs of Cathy Wever's School Council are:

Michelle Wood, Louise Noel

We are welcoming new members and all parents /guardians are welcome to attend any meeting. Here are the tentative dates for upcoming meetings (all meetings will begin at 1:45 at Cathy Wever):

Monday, Jan. 22nd @ 1:45

Monday, Feb. 26th @ 1:45

Monday, Apr. 30th @ 1:45

Monday, March 26th @ 1:45

Monday, May 28th @ 1:45

** Please note these are tentative dates that are subject to change, please check the school's web site for further information.

Fundraising

Popcorn Sales – Popcorn sales will continue again this year during first break on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Profits will be used to support Cathy Wever's music program.

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. 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 7:55 AM and ends at 2:45 PM at the end of the day. Students must enter and exit through their assigned doors, all students 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.

After School Program

Check out the new afterschool program being offered at our nearby recreation centre!

There are only 20 spots available, so don’t delay and register today!

Where: Norman Pinky Lewis

Days: Monday to Friday

Time: 2:15-5:00pm

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: Free (must register)

Activities: Swimming, Sports, Crafts, Computers, Cooking, Homework Help, Games

Contact: Call 905-546-3122 or email zina.krawiec@hamilton.ca

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.

Bell Times 2017-2018

Cathy Wever's bell times have changed for the 2017/18 school year

Start time: 8:10 AM

End time: 2:30 PM

**please note that supervision on the playground begins at 7:55 am until the entry bell and ends at 2:45 pm after dismissal.

Breaks

9:50 – First Break

12:10 – Second Break

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. **Student may only leave during the 2nd break with parent permission.**

Bussing

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

Bomb Threat Procedures

The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board believes that every student has the right to learn, work and be present in a safe and secure environment. However, the possibility of a major incident of violence is a reality that cannot be overlooked. Everyone needs to know how to minimize the risk of harm to themselves and how to protect our children, in the event of a major incident or threat of school violence. School administrators, staff, students, parents, and police all have roles and responsibilities to support and implement the secure schools policy directive and procedures to help reduce the risk of harm to staff, students, visitors, and facility users should a violent or serious incident occur. It is the collaborative commitment of the Hamilton Police Service and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board to support and ensure a safe learning and working environment in all schools in the greater Hamilton community.

It is the policy direction of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services that School Boards and Police Services establish and follow a protocol for the investigation of school-related occurrences. This includes developing policies on how to respond to crises, including the development of a crisis management plan, that includes how information can be shared with the community. All School Boards have Emergency/Crisis Response Procedures in place. Schools carry out emergency drills on a regular basis and continue to develop school-based plans to address emergency situations.

Parents and guardians must be informed of the existence of the lockdown plans in the school and should reinforce with their children student responsibilities to follow directions during a crisis and disclose any information they may have prior to or during a crisis situation. Parents should also be informed they are not to use their cell phones to communicate with their children in lockdown. **Parents are responsible for keeping their child's contact information up to date so they can be reached by staff in the event of an emergency.**

New in 2016 is a procedure to respond to bomb threats. Staff, students, parents/guardians who become aware of a bomb threat through any source or social media should contact the Principal immediately during school hours and contact police by calling 911 anytime the Principal cannot be reached at the school. The Principal will work with Hamilton Police Services to assess the situation and follow procedures as outlined in the Bomb Threat Plan. Full information on emergency procedures is available at [Hamilton-Police-School-Board-Protocol-2016](#). You are encouraged to speak with your school Principal who can assist with any questions you may have about school safety.

Emergency Drills

On the following dates Cathy Wever will be holding emergency drills:

Lock Down Drill #1 – Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 at 11:30 – there will be no entry or exit to or from school at this time

Lock Down Drill #2 – Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 at 1:30 – there will be no entry or exit to or from school at this time

Hold and Secure Drill – Thursday, Feb. 8, 2017 at 9:00 – there will be no entry or exit to or from school at this time

Shelter in Place Drill – Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Bomb Threat Drill – Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 10:30 AM

Every Child Reading By the end of Grade 1

At Cathy Wever, we're committed to supporting a goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, where developmentally appropriate.

A child who is reading by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success.

In September 2017, HWDSB celebrated the deployment of 48 Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms. Reading Specialists are working with children within classrooms, alongside classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and/or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs.

We're pleased to welcome Mrs. Burlanyette in our school this year.

If you have any questions about the Reading Specialists and their role in your child's class, please contact the school.

Inclement Weather and Board Cancellations Policy

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Inclement-Weather-and-Board-Cancellations.pdf>

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and staff. Inclement weather, extreme temperature, emergency condition, or a City of Hamilton emergency may occasionally result in the delay or cancellation of transportation services and/or the closure of schools.

Cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operations Procedure

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Infographic – Communications to Post on school websites; Schools can share in newsletters

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Weather-Cancellation-Infographic.pdf>

Drinking Water Testing and Drinking Water Fixture Signage

Ontario is continuing to protect children's health with new regulation changes aimed at improving drinking water testing in child care centres and schools to minimize children's exposure to lead. New amendments to Ontario Regulation 243/07 that took effect July 1, 2017, now require lead testing within these facilities for all fixtures used to provide drinking water and/or prepare food or drink for children under 18. There is a three-year period to test at elementary schools and child care centres, and a five-year period to complete testing at secondary schools.

Ontario Regulation 243/07 also requires testing to measure the presence of lead in drinking water against the provincial drinking water quality standard of 10 micrograms per litre, based on a national guideline set by Health Canada.

As we go through testing each year at Cathy Wever you may notice stickers around certain sinks in the school. Any water fixture that is meant to provide water for consumption or for food preparation will be clearly labelled with a sign illustrating that the water is provided for drinking purposes. Water fountains will not have these signs as their intended purpose is for drinking.



Upcoming Dates for 2017-2018 <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

Jan. 26 th – PA day – no classes	April 23/24 th - Immunization Day G7s
Feb 5 th – FDK Registration Begins (2018/19)	May 7 th – Open House
Feb 13 th – Report Card 1 send home	May 21 st – Holiday – no school
Feb. 19 th – Family Day – no school	June 8 th – PA Day – no school
March 2 nd – PA Day – no school	June 21 st – G8 Grad
March 12-16 th – March Break	June 25 th – Report Card 2 sent home
March 30 th April 2 nd – Holiday – no school	June 28 th – Last day of Classes
	June 29 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 2017-2018

Nutrition Free Event	Date
Valentine’s Day	February 14, 2018
Easter	March 29, 2018
Pink Day	April 11, 2018
Year End Celebrations	June 28, 2018
PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL DAYS WILL BE ADDED	

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Spirit Days	
Jan 31	Pajama Day
Feb 14	Bling Day
Mar 9	Green Day (St Pats)
Apr 11	Pink Day
Apr 30	Wacky Hair Day
May 31	Super Hero Day
June 28	Crazy Socks

Staff 2017-2018

Grade	Staff 2017-2018		Ext	Rm
JSA(A)	A. Mussner/T. Kukulj		109	128
JSB(B)	L. Draper/T. Slade		112	121
JSC(C)	K. Vidler /P.Sparks		113	120
JSD(D)	N. Tisma/S. Breckon		108	129
JSE(E)	C.Schinkel/A.Mina		111	122
JSE(F)	J.Dingwell/S.Gould		114	119
1A	L.Steeves		106	131
1B	L.Lisco		105	132
1C	A.Parker		104	137
12A	M.Bellavia		107	130
2A	C.Jaggard		209	235
2B	J.Delle Monache		208	236A
23A	M.Siltamaki		210	233
23B	K. Watson		103	138A
3A	E.Wilson		207	236B
34A	H. Alabakopoulos		203	250A
34B	P.Shahid		206	237
4A	M.Cecilioni		205	239
4B	S.Sirkett		204	249
45A	T. Brujic/E.Evans		202	251
5A	D.Pantitis		201	253
5B	C.Wilson		220	204
56A	K.Owen		219	208
6A	M.Fong		222	202
6B	C. Barker		218	209A
6C	L.Robinson		221	203A
7A	M.Cantwell		215	215
7B	K.Kelly		217	210
7C	S.Parker		216	214
78A	J.Urbanek		213	224
8A	P.Zadvorny		212	226A
8B	J. Nijse(0.8), L.Williams (0.2)		211	228
68	C.Fazzari		102	139
HPE/Dance	K.Grace & C. Foreman		115	123
Music	N.Minotti		214	216
French	E.Hall, M.Nazi, T.Munisteri		161	243
Lib/Media	C.Carrothers		116	103
LRT	J.Swanton (Day 3)		223	206
LRT (K-2)	M.Tansley		223	206
LRT (3-5)	D.Wallace		223	206
LRT (6-8)	K.McCambridge		223	206
ESL	L. Castellan			
ESL	T.Opie			
ESL	D. Del Conte			
ESL	D. Martin			
Educational Assistants	C. Owens R. Szoczek M. Colvin A. Rivers	C. Day L. Roussell S. Brillinger L. Gardner	V. Raposo G. Piazza E. Coffey	A. Morrison J. Cotton T. Cowan-Johnson
Reading Spec.	J. Burlanette			
Office Admin	S. Langille, L. Milmine, L. McLean			Office
Vice-Principal	J. Ngan			Office
Principal	S. Johnston			Office