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April. 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to April – Spring is here! We are looking forward to the nice weather coming. In the meantime, please know that our play structure is still **closed** until the City completes its inspection. Once this is done, we will open the play structure – thank you with your patience on this.

Day of Pink – April 10, 2019

On Wednesday, April 10th, we invite everyone to wear pink to celebrate diversity, and to stand up and speak out for a world without bullying. At HWDSB “We All Belong.”

Easter Holiday

School is closed on April 19th and April 22nd for Holidays.

Multicultural Night: May 1, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

4:00 to 4:45 p.m.: Open House and Book Fair

4:45 p.m.: Classrooms close, and teachers will greet families in the gym.

Note, this event is a Central School Event. Students are to be accompanied by a parent/adult. Any students joining their families from another school, are to be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

For **other upcoming events**, please refer to the **attached calendar**.

Absenteeism: If your child is going to be absent, please call the school at 905-522-9690 to let us know. (Please see below for future reporting of absences.) Thank you.

Attendance Reporting System – Our Attendance Reporting System is Changing

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. To improve our safe arrival process, we are adding a new system that will make it easier for you to report – and respond to – your child’s school absences.

Once it is deployed in spring 2019, SafeArrival will let you use a website, mobile app, or an interactive toll-free phone number to report an absence in advance. This will save time when a school needs to verify student attendance, and when notifying families of unexpected or unplanned absences.

An email address is required to log in to SafeArrival and to receive notifications. HWDSB will be contacting by phone all families that did not list an email address in their child’s student record.

This new, automated SafeArrival process is part of the SchoolMessenger notification system from West, a company used by many Canadian school boards. There is also a new SchoolMessenger mobile app for iOS and Android devices. It will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to make it convenient for you to report future absences.



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You will soon receive more details on how to sign up for SafeArrival, as we look forward to all families taking part. Learn more about SafeArrival at bit.ly/safearrivalHWDSB

More information to follow.

Kindergarten Registration

We are still registering students for kindergarten. For information, please contact the school, or visit the HWDSB website at: www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/kindergarten/#Register

Emergency Procedures/Drills

We held our second Lockdown Drill this month, and it was a success. In the next few of months, we will be holding the "Bomb Threat Drill" and remaining Fire Drills. Please ask your teacher if you need more information on this.

Drills of this nature are important so we are prepared in the event of an emergency. Please remind your students to follow the procedures, and follow the directions of their teachers for these drills. Thank you.

EQAO – Grade 3 testing (May 23rd to June 3rd)

The Grade 3 EQAO is a standardized test for all students in grade 3. The questions are aligned with the Ontario Grade 3 Curriculum documents in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. For more information, please visit the EQAO website at: www.eqao.com, or speak to your teacher. For sample tests, please visit the following website:

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/primary-division/Pages/example-assessment-materials-2016.aspx>

Parking Lot:

- Please monitor your child(ren) as you walk around or enter our parking lot.
- When driving in the parking lot, please follow the directional arrows in the parking lot. Thank you.
- Also, please do not stop in the travel areas of the parking lot. If you must stop, please do so in a parking spot.
- Please be PATIENT.
Thank you.



Avoid Traffic Jams and Walk to School: As the weather is nicer, we encourage you to walk to school. This not only will take the pressure off the parking lot, but has the added benefit of an active and healthy lifestyle.

School Council

Next Meeting: April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.