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**Hamilton-
Wentworth District
School Board**

**Thursday,
September 29
2016**

MRS. P. MOCHRIE, PRINCIPAL
MR. J. CORBIN HARPER, VICE PRINCIPAL
MS. M. GARDNER, SUPERINTENDENT

MRS. G. MILOVANOV, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
MRS. E. PINTO, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
MR. D. WARDELL, HEAD CARETAKER

Friday, September 30, 2016
Monday, October 3, 2016
Friday, October 7, 2016
Monday, October 10, 2016
Wednesday, October 19
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Friday, November 4, 2016
Monday November 7, and
Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Wednesday, November 30
Friday, December 2, 2016
Monday, December 26, 2016 to
Friday, January 6, 2017
Friday, January 27, 2017
Monday, February 20, 2017
Friday, March 3, 2017
Monday, March 13 to
Friday, March 17, 2017
Friday, April 14, 2017
Monday, April 17, 2017
Monday, May 22, 2017
Friday, June 9, 2017
Friday, June 23, 2017
Thursday, June 29, 2017
Friday, June 30, 2017

Terry Fox Run
Photo Day—JK/SK, Grades 1 to 8
Practice Lockdown
Thanksgiving—No School
Council Meeting—6:00 p m
Retake Photo Day—JK/SK, Grades 1 to 8
P.A. Day—No School

Grade 7 & 8 Immunization
Council Meeting—6:00 p m
P.A. Day—No School

Christmas Break—No School
P.A. Day—No School
Family Day—No School
P.A. Day—No School

March Break—No School
Good Friday—No School
Easter Monday—No School
Victoria Day—No School
P.A. Day—No School
Graduation @ Sir Allan MacNab—4:00 to 6:00 pm
Last day of School
P.A. Day—No school



September 2016 - Reorganization on the Chedoke Site for Chedoke School and Tiffany Hills

As a result of unanticipated changes to student enrolment and in order to comply with provincial class size requirements, we have had to make some adjustments to our school classroom organizations. This is a fairly common occurrence that is taking place in many elementary schools throughout HWDSB. As of September 30th, the following changes will be in place:

Chedoke School



We are saying 'Good Bye' to Ms. Bennett (FDK), Ms. Thompson and Mrs. Muschalla (LRT). Ms. Bennett has made a huge impact in our school in a very short period of time as our FDK Teacher. We wish her the best as she moves forward with her teaching career in HWDSB. Ms. Thompson has been a wonderful support to our staff and students, being apart of the ESL Teaching Team. We wish Ms. Thompson the very best as she moves onto Janet Lee School and R. A. Riddell School. Mrs. Muschalla has been a Learning Resource Teacher at Chedoke School for two and a half years. She has supported our staff, our students and our parents. Everyone in our community knows Mrs. Muschalla because of her warmth, her love for children, her kindness and her patience. We wish Mrs. Muschalla the very best as she moves onto Rousseau School, in Ancaster, as the Grade 2 /3 Teacher.

welcome

At Chedoke School, we welcome Mrs. Crumblehulme into the role of Learning Resource Teacher. She is a familiar face to our community and our students have come to appreciate her support, knowledge and organizational skills. I know that the community will continue to enjoy working with Mrs. Crumblehulme, not only in the classroom, but in the role of Resource Teacher supporting our students in FDK - Grade 6. We also welcome back Mrs. Dickenson who is joining us in Grade 8, once again. We are very thankful to Mrs. Campbell for her dedication to this amazing group of grade 8 students and do wish her well as she moves forward with her teaching career in HWDSB. Miss Kyle will be teaching in the Grade 8 classroom (one day per week) with Mrs. Dickenson, allowing both professionals to lead and support our grade 8 students.

Tiffany Hills

CHANGES

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Within our Tiffany Hills' classrooms we have a few changes to our assignments. Mrs. Russell will now be teaching Grade 1 / 2 and Mrs. Coffey will be teaching Grade 3 / 4. Both of these classes and their teacher will be travelling to the new school in Ancaster when it opens. It is an exciting time for these students and their teachers. We say good-bye to Mrs. Bulligan (Grade 3/4) who will be teaching Grade 3/4 but on the Ancaster Meadow site. It has been wonderful getting to know Mrs. Bulligan, but know that she will continue to be a familiar face within our community.

If there are any questions or comments, please reach out to Mrs. Corbin-Harper or myself.

All of the changes listed above will take effect on Friday, September 30th, 2016.

Priscilla Mochrie
Principal

Jo Ann Corbin Harper
Vice-Principal

Senior Boys Three Pitch

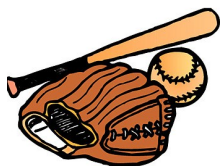
On Wednesday last week the Senior boys three pitch team won the West Mountain AA Three Pitch tournament. They then went on to play Bellmore School in the city final. Unfortunately they lost 6-4 in the final.

Members of the team were:

Matt S.
Luke T.
Liam T.
Noah B.

Cooper S.
Tyson B.
Ethan S.
Connor M.

Joel B.
Owen G.
Jake D.



**Practice Lockdown
at Chedoke School
October 7th at 8:45 am**



THE TERRY FOX for cancer research RUN

Chedoke school will be holding the annual Terry Fox Run on [Friday, September 30, 2016](#).

Fundraising forms are available for those students who are interested. Please ask your teacher for the form. You can also make your donation online at the following website:

www.terryfox.org

Rain date is Tuesday, October 4th.



HWDSB

Information sharing for
student safety and well-being

Safe &
Caring
SCHOOLS

Safety and well-being are priorities at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board. We work with community partners to ensure safe and caring schools. At times, we may need to share student information with or without consent.

This may occur in three circumstances:

- Risk of maltreatment by a caregiver
- Risk to self
- Risk to others

HWDSB limits the sharing of personal information without consent. It will only occur on a "need to know" basis to maintain health and safety. HWDSB will only share information necessary for agencies, including police, to respond.



Sharing Information about...

Risk of Maltreatment by a Caregiver

We all have a responsibility to keep children and youth from harm – but people who work with children have an added responsibility. By law, people who work with children must report suspected child maltreatment. Our staff must report to the local children's aid societies. Local children's aid societies may ask us for information to help them investigate and protect children. We may share this information.

HWDSB has agreements with local children's aid societies that outline our legal and ethical duties to keep students safe from maltreatment.



Sharing Information about...

Risk of Self Harm

If there is a real risk that a student will harm themselves, we will share necessary information until appropriate care occurs. We may do this without a student's consent.

Generally, we will inform parents/guardians about their student's health and wellness. Working together, we will help parents/guardians understand who to contact and what details are useful to share to keep their children safe.

Sharing Information about...

Threats to Others

Schools must report certain criminal activities to police. At times, HWDSB staff learn of violent threats. These may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture. We must take these seriously, investigate and respond so that we can:

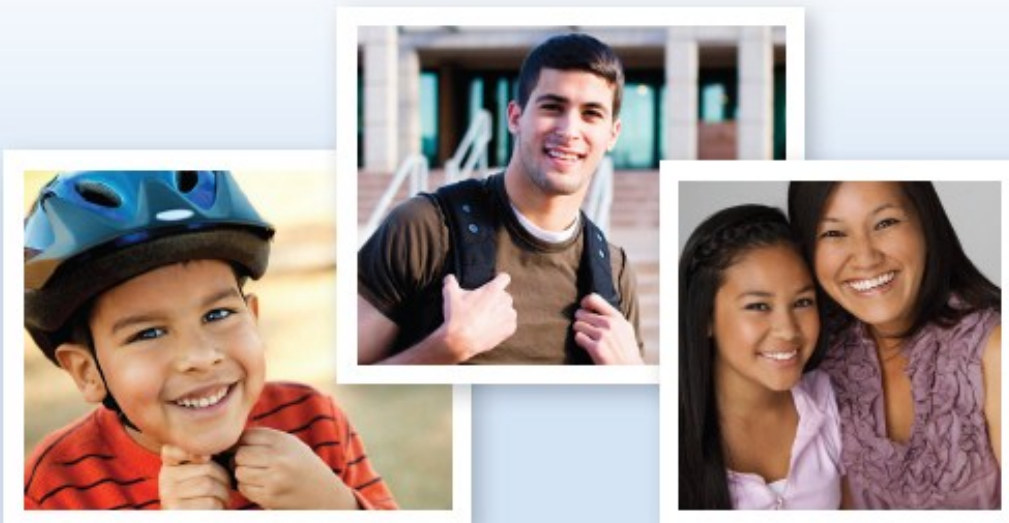
- Ensure the emotional and physical safety of students, staff and others
- Understand the context of the threat and any contributing factors

To support this work, HWDSB is a partner in the Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) – Hamilton Community Protocol. Together, the partners manage violent threats and promote safety. This may involve the sharing of relevant information. (Partners include school boards, police, hospitals and agencies serving children and youth.)

If violence seems imminent, HWDSB can legally share private information. The Privacy Commissioner of Ontario has stated that “life trumps privacy.” School boards must ensure that they follow relevant legislation and obtain consent when required.

For more information, please contact:

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HWDSB

Tiffany Hills Elementary School Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Ancaster Meadow Gym

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Come hear about the new
Tiffany Hills Elementary School

- School organization
- Construction update
- Transportation plan
- Daycare and extended daycare

Childcare is available.

Please call 905-527 5092, extension 2626 to reserve a spot.

Reservations for childcare must be made 48 hours in advance.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

2016/2017 School Year

Chair

Emma Topping

Vice-Chairs

Jacelyn Rowlands and Cindy Stewart

Secretary

T.B.D.

Treasurer

Sara Putman



It begins on October 3rd, 2016.

Pizza will be **\$2.00 per slice**,
and it will be sold using **CASH ONLINE** or **CASH** the day of orders,
every Monday and Friday for the remainder of the school year.

Families Worrying Less Together

A Program for Primary Caregivers of Kids Whose Worries Get the Best of Them

Information Session

Tuesday September 27, 2016

10:00 am-11:30 am OR 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

HWDSB Education Centre

20 Education Court

Families Worrying Less Together is an evidenced-informed program based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

RSVP by
September 21, 2016:
Email: FWLT@hwdsb.on.ca
Call: 905 527 5092 ext 3555



If you are a primary caregiver of a student in Grades 3 – 6 who is shy, or has intense worries and fears, come learn about the “Families Worrying Less Together” program. This program will give you practical strategies to help your child learn to cope differently.

**THIS IS A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND PRIMARY CAREGIVERS.
CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND.**



*This program is offered by the
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
Social Work Department.*



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.

Website: <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



EARN A CREDIT

REACH AHEAD

FUN FOR EVERYONE

SIR ALLAN MACNAB

Grade 8 ORCHESTRA

EVENING MUSIC PROGRAM

- WHEN:** Thursdays, from September 15, 2016 to June 15, 2017
- WHERE:** Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School
- WHAT:** REACH AHEAD and earn a high school credit
- TARGET:** Grade 8 students (September 2016) from Chedoke, G.L. Armstrong, Gordon Price, R.A. Riddell and Westview Elementary Schools.



information:

Who is eligible?

- This program is designed to meet the needs of our Grade 8 students with Brass, Percussion, Strings and Woodwind experience.
- Students must be approved by their Elementary School Principal. Students must demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity.

Program Details:

- Students will learn exciting new band music, perform at festivals and participate in music concerts.
- There will be a small fee to cover a uniform shirt.
- Thursday evenings, 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Register ON-LINE at: www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/reach-ahead



ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

Combined Classrooms



Why is my child in a combined class?

Principals and staff create combined classes as an organizational tool to meet the Ministry of Education's standards for class size. A variety of other factors are considered when grouping children into classes, including:

- Learning styles
- Social skills
- Academic strengths and needs
- And many other factors



All classrooms, whether single-grade or combined, include students performing at a range of achievement levels. Example: a single-grade class of Grade 4 students may have students ranging in ability from multiple grades.

How can the teacher teach more than one grade at a time?

Teachers in HWDSB use many different strategies to meet students needs at various levels. Teachers use various strategies to meet expectations related to the students Grade Level in the Ontario Curriculum. These may include:

- Introducing a common topic then giving each grade a different task or problem
- Organizing students into flexible groups depending on student interests and skills
- Differentiate instruction based on students' individual strengths and needs

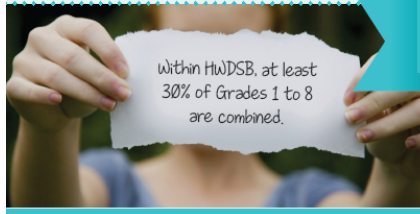
An Introduction to Combined Grades



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Combined Classrooms



How will a combined class affect my child?

Academically

Several studies have found that students in combined classes achieve at the same level as students in single-grade classes.

Socially

Canadian studies also show that children in combined classes have the same opportunities for emotional and social growth as single-grade students.

The social environment helps students:

- Learn how to work on their own and as part of a team
- Build leadership abilities as they work together and help each other
- Develop decision-making skills, and become more self-motivated and responsible
- The diverse ideas and opinions of classmates help expand students' perspectives and help them learn in an environment that reflects the real world
- Combined grades provide more flexibility for classroom composition



"Several studies have found that students in combined classes achieve at the same level as students in single-grade classes."

Combined classes group children from two or more consecutive grades in one classroom. This type of classroom is very common. Within HWDSB, at least 30% of Grades 1 to 8 are combined.

Schools combine classes for a variety of reasons. This includes organizing classes to meet student learning needs and combining grades to balance class size.

Over the years, HWDSB has found that using combined grades as a strategy, has reduced the number of timetable reorganizations that occur in late fall.

All classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students' academic and social development needs.

Will my child get enough individual attention?

Teachers teach students and address each individual's strengths and needs, regardless of the grade level.

Every day, in both single-grade classes and combined grades, teachers work with large groups, small groups, and individual students.