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February 2023

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Kindergarten Online Registration Opens: **February 6, 2023** 

2023 Underclass Grad Photos:

SK - February 9, 2023 Grade 8 - February 9, 2023

Family Day - No School February 20, 2023



#### **ILLNESS**

HWDSB diligently follows Public Health guidelines. If your child is sick, please keep them home to prevent transmission to others, except to seek testing or medical care if required. You should stay home until all of the following apply to you:

- your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea)
- you do not have a fever
- you do not develop any additional symptoms

When your symptoms are improving and you are no longer isolating at home, doing the following can provide extra protection against the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses circulating in the community. If in doubt, below is the self assessment tool:

https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment/

# Message From The Principal & Vice-Principal

February is here and there are many exciting things happening at Chedoke School. Today, February 1st, we will be holding our Winter Concert at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School and look forward to seeing many families and friends there for an evening of music. Thanks to Mrs. McLeod for her leadership with this event, as well as the many other staff who have supported making this event possible. We were

disappointed to have to postpone it from last week due to bad weather, but the show must go on and we were happy that it could be re-scheduled without too much delay.

Our Senior Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams have been practicing and playing other teams in HWDSB since the beginning of January and continue to make us proud on the court. A big thank you to Ms. Lolua, Ms. Beavers, Mr. Speksnyder, Mr. Dykman, and Mr. Heath for the numerous hours they have dedicated to support these players early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

In February, you will see the start of pizza days at school (each Friday). These food days would not be possible without the support of the members of school council and parent volunteers each week. In order to support moving forward with these and other food days in the next few months, we would like to remind families that we are ONLY accepting School Cash Online payment (NO CASH). Please see the school website for instructions on how to sign up for School Cash Online payments. SCO is a safe, secure way for schools to accept payments for items throughout the year. Thank you all for your support with this moving forward.

At this time, we are still awaiting the completion of our new gym floor. This is scheduled for installation over the March Break.

Staff are busy preparing Term 1 report cards that will be coming home on Friday, February 17th. All staff remain committed to providing information on your child's progress and will continue to support the learning of each and every student at the school. Staying in close communication with your child's educators is an important part of supporting their education and development, and we welcome your involvement in their learning.

Thank you all for a wonderful month. We continue to be amazed and inspired by the students and families at Chedoke School.

Paul Zadvorny Sue Pasian Principal Vice-Principal

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City of Hamilton
Public Health Services – Healthy Families
Healthy and Safe Communities
Vision Screening Program
110 King Street West, 2nd Floor
Hamilton, ON LSP 456
Phone: 905 546 2424 Ext. 5389 Fax: 905 546 3007.

#### Child Vision Screening

#### Dear Parent/Guardian:

McMaster Pediatric Eye Research Group, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, will be at your child's school to carry out the *Child Visual Health and Vision Screening Protocol, 2018* as mandated by the Ministry of Health (MOH). The screening will include all students in **Kindergarten year two (Senior Kindergarten)**. The visual health information collected will be used to identify children who may have risk factors for vision disorders. This information is collected as required by the Child Visual Health and Vision Screening Protocol, 2018, under the authority of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, RSO 1990*.

To conduct the vision screening, a trained screener will use three separate vision tests, as required by the MOH. These tests are non-invasive. They include:

- Vision chart (child identifies a letter on flip chart),
- · 3D vision test (child identifies which picture is further forward in book), and
- · Handheld device that automatically checks for near or far-sightedness.

#### We will notify you if there may be issues with your child's vision.

This vision screening does not replace a comprehensive eye exam, and your child should continue to have annual eye exams completed by an optometrist. McMaster Pediatric Eye Research Group meets the standards of infection control set out by Public Health Ontario, and the MOH.

If you have any concerns or wish to withdraw your child from the vision screening, please send a note to the school with the child's name and grade within the next 5 business days.

If you have questions about the vision screening program, please contact Hamilton Public Health Services at 905-546-2424 ext. 5369.

Yours Sincerely,

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Pat Armstrong Manager, Vision Screening and Dental Programs City of Hamilton, Public Health Services





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SOCIAL MEDIA
AND ONLINE SAFETY
AN EVENING FOR
PARENTS WITH
PAUL DAVIS
GEORGE L.
ARMSTRONG

6:30 P M
TOPICS INCLUDE:

SNAPCHAT / TIKTOK / INSTAGRAM / DISCORD SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TRAILS CYBERBULLYING / IMAGE SHARING PRIVACY & ONLINE SECURITY

> EMPOWERING PARENTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE



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#### George L. Armstrong Elementary School

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### Social Networking Safety Presentation











George L. Armstrong School Council would like to invite our families and neighbouring schools to an evening presentation on Social Network Safety, featuring Paul Davis a renowned expert on cyber safety and screen time health habits. Paul has presented all over Canada and the United States to various school organizations. He is also a regular guest on radio and television news shows.

The presentation will focus on the risks of social media, ways to avoid being a victim and practices that will help families and students be safe when on-line. Paul will discuss Instagram, Snapchat, BeReal, Facebook, Twitter, Online Privacy, Cyberbullying and more!

Paul Davis: https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/pauldavisSNS

When: Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm followed by Q&A

Location: George L. Armstrong Elementary School (Small Gym)

RSVP by February 7th to: georgelarmstrong@hwdsb.on.ca or by calling (905) 385-5337

On the night of the event, please enter using the blacktop door located on the East 18th Parking Lot side.

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#### Protect Yourself and Each Other

Masks are strongly recommended. We encourage all students and staff to follow Hamilton Public Health Services direction by masking in all HWDSB facilities. Masks will be provide upon request.

HWDSB continues to be a mask-friendly environment.

Learn more at https://hwdsb.info/HPHS-Protect



#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2023-24 school year opens **February 6, 2023**. Please check back on this date for the updated registration form.

https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/

Your child is eligible for the two-year Kindergarten program in the calendar year that they turn four or five.

Your child must attend school if they are age six by September 1.



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