



# COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY 2022!



January not only brings in the New Year, but the bitter cold wintery weather as well. It is time to get prepared. During cold and snowy weather, please

remember that students are to be at school no earlier than 8:40 a.m. When the weather is extremely cold, students should arrive at school as close to the entry time (8:45 a.m.) as possible. Listen to your local radio or television station for school closures and starting immediately, the automated phone messaging system will contact all parents/guardians in the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather.

Please note that Report Cards will be going home on February 18<sup>th</sup>. It is important for all students to keep up with their homework, assignments, and tests to be successful. Last minute catch-ups do not always work.

As educators and education workers, we know the trust you extend to us with your children each day; we take responsibility for school safety very seriously. A reminder that any visitors/parents are not to enter the school. Please use the video/intercom located at the front entrance doors to reach the main office. Please note that all doors are locked during the school day.

## PREPARING FOR REMOTE LEARNING

The province [announced](#) that all publicly funded and private schools in Ontario will move to remote learning starting January 5 until at least January 17, subject to public health and operational considerations.

In a letter to HWDSB families, Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, and Manny Figueiredo, Director of Education, share details about what families can expect as students switch to remote learning. Device deployment plans, supporting students in self-contained classes, public health measures, and mental health supports are outlined.

Read more: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/letter-to-families-preparing-for-remote-learning-on-january-5-2022/>

## Safety Precautions during Winter RECESS



A reminder to everyone coming back from holidays about some safety precautions during winter recess:

- No throwing snow. It can cause injury, as it may have ice.
- Beware of ice patches when running or playing because it is easy to slip and injure yourself.
- Avoid water - getting wet in the cold can cause hypothermia.
- Dress appropriately with hats, boots, scarves, mitts, snow pants, etc.
- Always remember to send an extra pair of indoor shoes to school so we can keep the school hallways, classrooms and carpets clean.

Follow these safety tips during winter recess to have a fun and safe time!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



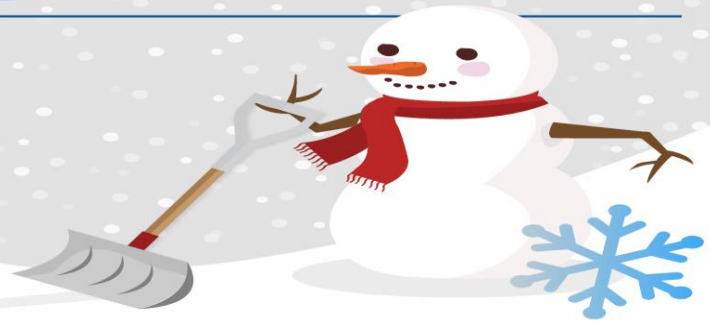
The first School Council meeting of 2022 will be held on Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The MS Teams invite will be posted on the Collegiate Website the morning of the meeting.



# HWDSB

## Snow-clearing at HWDSB Schools

A responsibility shared by Board staff, contractors and the City of Hamilton



### HWDSB Staff

Clear, salt and/or sand...

- walkways from the city sidewalk to the school
- school steps and portable steps
- walkways to the portables
- ramps to schools and portables
- area outside entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs & ramps



### HWDSB Contractors

After 5cm+ of snow, will...

- Plow parking lots and sidewalks when HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary
- Salt and sand the parking lot before school starts
- If required, Head Caretakers may also salt or sand parts of the parking lot



### City of Hamilton

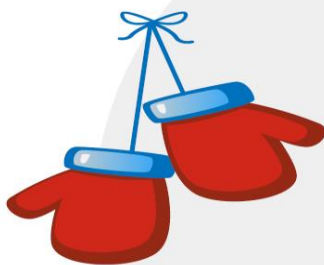
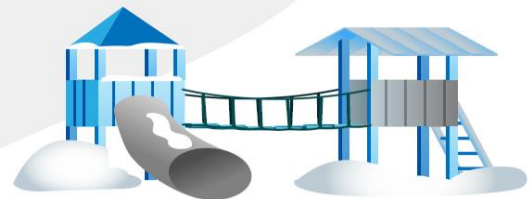
Responsible for clearing...

- Snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools, a top priority for the City.
- **Note:** It may take up to 24 hours after a snowfall for sidewalks to be cleared. Report a sidewalk fronting a school in need of clearing at **905-546-CITY (2489)**

## What about playgrounds?

Playgrounds **are not** plowed or cleared. Head Caretakers inspect playgrounds and sand and/or salt areas made slippery by changing temperatures.

Students, take extra caution when walking or playing on school property that may be slippery. Principals concerned about weather or playground conditions may hold indoor recesses and lunch/nutrition breaks.



## Benefits of outdoor play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience **fresh air, exercise and time spent time outside**. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

## Preparing for the outdoors

It's important that children come to school **prepared for the cold**. This means boots, mittens/gloves, hats and even extra mittens and socks in case they are needed.

## When is it too cold for outdoor play?

Principals decide whether to send students outside for recess. HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton guideline that we stay inside when it's at or **below -15C, or -20C with wind chill**.



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## Learn more

Please direct questions or concerns about winter outdoor play to your school Principal.

Parents should check [www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) for any potential transportation delays.