



COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

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COLLEGIATE FAMILIES...

The beginning of the new year has brought with it more challenges as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. It is difficult to stay positive, but we have to continue to pick through our daily lives, find the positive things, and take time to enjoy them. Wishing everyone good health... stay well!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration began on February 7th 2022. If you have a child who will be 4 or 5 years of age by December 31, 2022.

Kindergarten **on-line registration** will be available on February 7th. All forms will be available on our school and board websites under Kindergarten Registration at www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten, or contact the school at 905-662-2990.



GRADE 8 GRADUATION PICTURES



Wednesday **March 2nd** is Grade 8 Graduation Picture Day! Please bring a white collared shirt for your picture and bring your biggest smiles!



PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY



Wednesday **March 2nd** is Picture Re-Take! Please your biggest smiles!

COLD WEATHER OUTDOOR PLAY



When we return to the school building, time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise, and time spent outside is an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom. With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it is important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves, and hats should be worn to school and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

As always, Staff can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 Celsius without the wind chill.



CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL / BOARD OPERATION

For information on the cancellation of school due to inclement weather or prolonged power or water outage go to:

www.hwdsb.on.ca

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Our March School Council meeting will be held on Monday March 7th at 6:00pm on MS Teams.

P.A. DAY



Friday March 4th, 2022
No School!

EARTH HOUR

Earth Hour 2022 will take place on Saturday March 26th at 8.30 p.m. This Earth Hour we want you to go beyond the hour, so after the lights go back on think about what else you can do to make a difference. To learn more, go to www.earthhour.org

MARCH BREAK

Just a reminder that the March Break runs from Monday, March 14th to Friday, March 18th.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards have come home. As our students have been learning online and in-person, we continue to do our best with instruction and assessment. Your child's teacher continues to use information gathered from observations, conversations, and student products to share specific examples of what your child has done to demonstrate their strengths.



SCHOOL SAFETY



Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building has **No**



Parking and **No Stopping** signs. Several students cross at the crosswalk, and we are having parents/guardians stopping their cars, making and creating an unsafe environment for our students. This is a safety concern for our students.

****Vehicular traffic in School Bus Loading Zones is prohibited.****

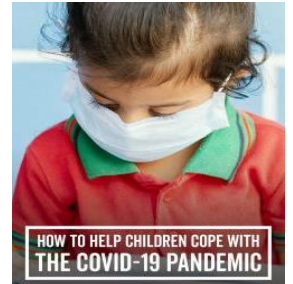
Please take every possible opportunity to show appreciation and respect for the service that school bus drivers provide.



Thank you for keeping the safety of our students a priority.

SUPPORTING OUR KIDS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Coping with the uncertainty around COVID-19 is challenging for most adults, and kids may be having an even tougher time during the pandemic. Social isolation, being off school or learning remotely for an extended period of time, and uncertainty about what all this means for their friends and family are just a few of the concerns young children and teens may have at this time.



Our children may be afraid of a number of different things during this situation, so let them know you're looking out for them and things will inevitably return to normal. It's OK to provide a little reassurance during this time. Don't be afraid to tell your child you're anxious too – normalize their worries by helping them know it's OK and healthy to worry a little (it keeps us safe!) but that we never want to let worry take over and become unhelpful.

We can't expect children to understand or even be OK or happy with staying home and not seeing their friends during periods of lockdown or isolation. Explain to them you're not happy either but that you're working on this together. Take a break from the news and social media and take this time to play/hang out with your kids and help build an even better parent-child relationship during this time. With school closures or disruptions like remote learning, try to build in new routines and predictability to help kids adjust to the changes in their lives. Kids still need consistency, fun, and attention even in the midst of all this anxiety and uncertainty.

Last but not least, don't hesitate to reach out for help. There are a number of agencies out there available to provide some support to help us all cope as best as we can with the pandemic.

<https://www.anxietycanada.com/articles/talking-to-kids-about-covid-19/>

SMOKE AND VAPE FREE SCHOOLS

Smoking cannabis or tobacco and vaping any substance is prohibited anywhere on school property and in public areas within 20 metres of the perimeter of the school grounds. If you are caught smoking or vaping in school or on school property, you may be ticketed and fined. Fines start at \$305.00

GRIZZLIES RATHER BE READING

Collegiate will offer an 8-week Reading Drop-in Club for Junior/Intermediate students. Students can curl up with a good book during the outside portion of nutrition break on Day 4 as follows:



Day 4: 1st NB Grades 5-6

Day 4: 2nd NB Grades 7-8

COLLEGIATE GOT TALENT



A Talent Show is a performance where participants perform talents such as singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or other activities to showcase their skills.

The Student Leadership Group will be hosting a virtual talent show in the Spring!



Students have created and submitted audition videos that captured their talent to be considered for entry in the talent show!

We are proud of all our Grizzlies!

GRIZZLY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The students from the photography club have been busily taking pictures during Grizzly spirit days. They have been learning about different photography techniques such as filling space, lighting etc. Keep up the great work!



GRIZZLY ROBOTICS



A group from the senior robotics team built the playing field and has organized the parts and is now brainstorming ideas for an obstacle course. Once the obstacle course has been created, the building of the robots will begin. Junior robotics team members will be invited to work with senior team members to build and program robots in small groups.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Senior Boys Basketball season will begin on Tuesday, March 8th with an away-game at Viscount Montgomery School. The season will include a total of four games in March with two home games and two away-games. This year there will be no playoffs, and unfortunately spectators are currently not permitted to attend games. The goal of HWDSB athletics for this year is to get our kids active and participating in athletics again with a focus on learning, skill development, and fun.



GRIZZLY FITNESS CLUB

Collegiate will be starting a weekly fitness club after the March Break! The fitness club will be geared towards students in Grades 6, 7, and 8. Students will be provided with the opportunity to develop and refine various areas of fitness (i.e. cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, flexibility, through age-appropriate activities twice a week).



COLLEGIATE GRIZZLY TIME CAPSULE

To commemorate our first year as the Collegiate Grizzlies, we will be putting together a time capsule. Each class will have the opportunity to add their artifacts to the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate capsules. Items will reflect the challenges we have faced and overcome this year. We will also encourage the students to incorporate items that represent the cultural diversity within our school.

