

# NOVEMBER



## COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 2023

Principal: L. Barzetti



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### BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

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#### SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**CHEESE!**



Please bring your biggest smiles!

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY – No School

**Friday, November 17, 2023**

#### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS & PROGRESS REPORTS



Student Progress Reports will be going home **Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews** will be scheduled for either **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> p.m.**, or **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**.



Our next School Council meeting is **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in Room 107. Everyone is welcome to join us!

### School Council

#### BELL TIMES 2022 – 2023

School Grounds Open	8:30
Entry Bell	8:45
1 <sup>st</sup> Nutritional Break	10:33 – 11:13
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nutritional Break	12:49 – 1:29
Dismissal Bell	3:05
School Grounds Close	3:20



#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Daylight Savings Time – clocks fall back 1 hour



#### REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION

**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** the students will participate in a Remembrance Day celebration.

#### CHOCOLATE BAR FALL FUNDRAISER

Once again, thank you to all our families for supporting our fundraiser! All winners will be announced soon!  
Good luck to everyone!!



#### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

#### SCHOOL SAFETY



Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building



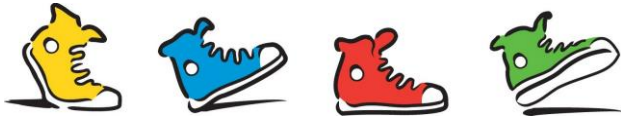
has **No Parking** and **No Stopping** signs. Several students cross at the crosswalk, and we are having parents/guardians stopping their cars, making and creating an unsafe environment for our students. This is a safety concern for our students. **\*\*Vehicular traffic in School bus loading zones is prohibited.**



Please take every possible opportunity to show appreciation and respect for the service that school bus drivers provide. Your support is appreciated. Thank you for keeping the safety of our students a priority.

## INDOOR SHOES

As the weather begins to change, we ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that will be used throughout the school to keep the messy weather outside. We need to work together to keep our classroom carpets clean and in good condition so our children do not sit on wet, muddy carpets. We thank you for your support!



## CLASSROOM KLEENEX BOXES



As we continue with allergy season and move into cold and flu season, we would appreciate if all students could bring in a box of Kleenex to add to our classroom supply! Tissues are in great demand at school and we appreciate your support. Let's reduce the spread of germs and always use a tissue when needed. Thank you!

## MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If a student requires medication to be administered at school, forms must be obtained from the office and completed by the child's physician. All medication will be kept at the office. Epi-Pens must be carried in a pouch by the student at all times, or a plan needs to be developed between home and school.

## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR e-NEWSLETTER!

1. Type the following into your browser:  
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/collegiate/newsletters/>
2. Click SUBSCRIBE at far right of screen
3. Enter your email address

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Today's Family Program will be running from 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Families can register for both the before and after school program, and the early learning and child care program, by [clicking here](#).

One of our placement team members will connect with families once they register to confirm spaces. Families can connect with team members at [childcare@todaysfamily.ca](mailto:childcare@todaysfamily.ca)

Should families not have access to technology, they can call us at to complete the registration process at (905) 574 – 9344 ext. 112.

## ATTENDANCE CHECK – ABSENT OR LATE

If your child is absent or late, please use either...

**Safe Arrival Program** – by website, App, or phone



- Learn more about *Safe Arrival* at [www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival](http://www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival)

## **Call the School Directly**

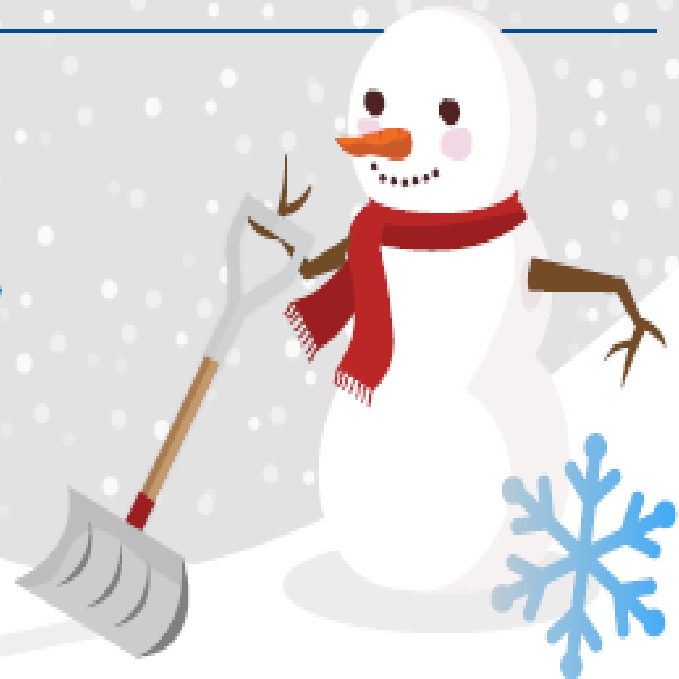
- *Call the school at (905) 662-2990. State your child's name, grade, teacher, reason, and length of absence.*

These services are available 24 hours, seven days a week. When your child is going to be absent, it is essential for your child's safety to notify the school. If we do not receive a notification and your child is absent, our automated attendance notification program will call your home and send you an email to inform you of your child's absence. We ask you call the school or use the *Safe Arrival* program to explain the reason for the absence.

# 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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wind chill*

## 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.