Dalewood Golden Hawks

May/June 2018

PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF: WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE DALEWOOD BETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Finally the warmer weather is here. That was such a long winter and I can only hope the summer is equally long. We are now into the final stretch of the year and so much is happening. We have Grade 6 EQAO starting on May 22nd, several trips are planned for the final weeks, a variety of sporting events will also be taking place, and of course we have Open House on May 10th. (Please see the attached calendar for all of the events.)

Our staffing allotment for next year remains the same (11 classrooms). One change that will take place is a move to more of a homeroom model. This means there will be eleven homeroom teachers responsible (in most cases) for Language, Math, Library, Social Studies or History/Geography, Drama/Dance, and Learning Skills. Rotary will still occur for Science, Visual Art, Health and Physical Education, and Music. The classes next year will consist of the following:

English stream: one S678 (Ms. Szabo), two Grade 6 (Mrs. Finlayson, Mrs. Diacon), two grade 7 (Mr. Adams, Mr. Mayner), and two grade 8 (Mr. Martindale, Mr. Wheeldon)

French Stream: one Grade 6 (Mrs Mason-Grant), one grade 6/7 (Mrs. Halmagean), one Grade 7/8 (Mrs. McAuslan) and one grade 8 (Mrs. Brown)

As we get closer to the end of the year I will be looking at student class placements for next year. This is an involved process and takes us some time to complete. As part of it, I am asking for your input on your child's placement for next year. I will ask only that you provide me with a sense of the <u>learning environment</u> that works best for your child and not the name of a specific teacher. I will certainly do our best to meet your request though cannot guarantee it. Please send your request to me in writing. Please submit it to the school office or by email to egrattan@hwdsb.on.ca before May 22/18.

It was very nice seeing so many of you at the Open House. It was a very successful evening. Thank you to staff for being so accommodating and to all of you for expressing your support of the school.

I will send out a final brief, newsletter near the end of June.

RAMADAN MUBARAK

Eddie Grattan

On behalf of the staff, thank you for the staff appreciation lunch. It was a wonderful array of food, and that there was enough to last us three days which was an added bonus.









MOVE REVIEW

A BAFTA nominated movie (for Best Original Screenplay), Comfort and Joy is a 1984 British movie starring Bill Patterson (more recently known for his role as George Castle on the British version of Law and Order). As a Glaswegian disc jockey, Patterson (Allan "Dicky" Bird) is depressed after his girlfriend leaves him. Attempts to console him are fruitless, and one night Dicky decides to go for a drive. After stopping to buy a cone from an ice-cream van, he witnesses the van being attacked by a group of men with baseball bats. Confused, Dicky attempts to figure out why the van was attacked - an undertaking partly motivated by his attraction to the woman selling the ice cream.

As Dicky's involvement in the dispute between rival ice-cream vans and Italian families deepens, he becomes even more determined to resolve the situation, using his radio show as a means to communicate and mediate between the two groups. Several missteps occur, and Dicky occasionally finds himself caught in the middle of the dispute, with the rival gangs taking out their displeasure on his BMW convertible.

This is a light-hearted movie that appeals in its charming simplicity, likeable characters and top -notch performance of Bill Patterson. Strong performances are also put in by Eleanor David, Claire Grogan, Alex Norton, and Ricky Fulton. Adding to the appeal of the movie is the music of Mark Knopfler (of Dire Straits). Good fun for family movie night.

Sport Shorts



Curricular...

Our students are in the process of finishing the Human Growth & Development. After this unit, the students will participating in our fielding and striking unit.

Extracurricular...

Congratulations to the Junior Girls and Boys basketball teams for making it to the championship. The girls won their game and the boys came a little short at the end. Thanks to Mr. Adams for his help and expertise.

Track and Field will be starting in the middle of the month. Please listen to the announcements and check the schedule board when your practices and events will be running.

Important Reminder...

With the changing weather, we are asking students to please bring an indoor pair of running shoes to participate in Physical Education class. As we share our facilities with the Recreation Centre and for the safety of our Dalewood students, we must take pride to keep our area safe and tidy for all.

June 7 Co-ed Soccer Tournament for Grade 6/7/8's at Riddell Sports Academy. Please see Mrs. McAuslan for further details.

June 19 ESL students have a soccer tournament please see Mrs. Miron for further details

Final Pizza Order—Friendly Reminder that the Dalewood final pizza pre-orders are due prior to May 13. Pizza days will run on Tuesdays until June 19. Please submit your



pizza order forms along with payment through school cash online, cheque, or cash to the office. TCBY frozen yogurt and popcorn is also available for purchase from the school store on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dalewood Students are taking part in the 2018 Dared to Tri triathlon. We are very proud of all these students who are attending and wish them luck. This takes place on May 25 at Firestone park in Ancaster. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. McAulsan.



Congrats to Mlle. Brown on the birth of her Healthy Baby Girl.



Please remember to send your child each day with proper sun protection such as hats, sunscreen, sunglasses now that the nice weather is upon us. Many of the classes are taking advantage of the great weather and going outside for DPA.