

# Dalewood Golden Hawks

PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF:

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE DALEWOOD BETTER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The real winter weather has finally arrived. We are reminding students to dress properly as the Dalewood playground offers few areas of shelter.

Our *School Improvement Plan* focuses on improving Mathematics and overall thinking skills. Our positive culture goal focuses on increasing the number of students who can identify an important/caring adult in the school.

Our Tuesday pizza days have started again. A third opportunity to sign up for pizza will be offered in March and will be our last pizza sign-up for the year.

**Daily School Announcements:** School announcements are done daily in the classroom. This approach enables students to ask for clarification and for teachers to focus more on those announcements that pertain to their students. The announcements also stream continuously on the screen in the foyer. Students can also access announcements on any electronic device at any time throughout the day as they are available on the school website. Parents and guardians can also access the announcements there at any time.

F7 (Mme McAuslan) and F8 (Mme Wong) will be visiting the Ontario Science Centre with their classes on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Grade 7s will also be attending Camp Couchiching on June 17-18. More details to follow.

**Grade 8 Trip:** The parent/guardian response on the Ottawa trip was very positive so the grade 8 trip in June will be going ahead. More details on the payment schedule and other information will follow soon. There is a parent information night for the Ottawa Trip on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the school auditorium.

Please look on the Dalewood School website under Events for more information on Calendar Events.

**McMaster Nursing Students:** We are pleased to have another group of McMaster Nursing Students with us for one day a week for the next few months. The nurses work with staff and students on public health related issues.

Mr. Grattan

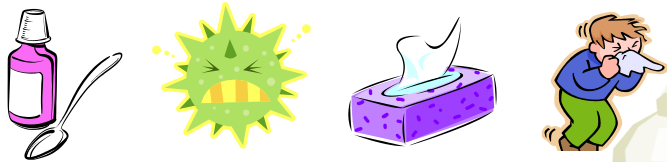
### School Cash Online:

Did you know that a prepaid Mastercard or Visa can be used to make payments in School Cash Online? Using a prepaid credit card with a set dollar limit is a great option for parents/guardians who aren't comfortable entering their personal bank account numbers or credit cards online. Prepaid cards can be purchased at many grocery stores and other retailers selling generic gift cards. Please contact the school office for your student(s) PIN number to register at: <https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

## MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

With the cold and flu season coming, this is a reminder that the school cannot dispense medications without the signed authorization of **both** a parent/guardian **and** physician. This includes such items as cough syrup, Tylenol and other over-the-counter medications.

Please ask Mrs. Jeffrey for the proper form for your doctor to complete for this purpose. We are sorry for any inconvenience or added expense this may cause; we must however follow HWDSB medical protocols.



## Inclement Weather



Should weather conditions warrant the closure of schools, public announcements will begin at approximately 6:00 a.m. on the following radio stations: KLITE FM-102.9, Y95-95.3FM, CKPC-92.1FM, Oldies 1150-1150AM, CHML-900AM & CHAM-820AM. Please do not call the school to find out if we are open. Call the hotline number at the school board (**905-521-2535**) to find out about school closings.

Please look on the Dalewood School website for more information on severe weather cancellation information.

## Snow and Cold Weather:

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow..... **Students are reminded to dress for the cold weather. Hats, gloves and winter coats are necessary clothing.** If the weather is extremely cold (-15 Celsius; -20 with windchill) students will be kept inside. We also remind students that snow stays on the ground. Students can roll the snow, make snow angels, etc. but picking up the snow often leads to throwing snow. We enforce this rule because the safety of our students comes first. Staff from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand an area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors. When there is an accumulation of 5cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as-needed basis. Playgrounds will not be plowed or otherwise cleared. Head Caretakers will check the condition of the grounds early in the morning and during the school day to sand and/or salt isolated slippery areas that may occur due to changing temperatures.

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## When should I keep my child home from school?

Your children should stay home if they...

- vomit or have diarrhea through the night or in the morning (within the last 24 hours)
- have a temperature of 38° C (100.4° F) or higher. See the doctor if fever continues
- have any discharge from the ear or an earache. Go to the doctor same day
- have pink eyes or yellow discharge from the eyes. See the doctor
- have a runny nose with thick mucous, a night cough, or any continuous cough
- have a stomachache or headache. Go to the doctor if symptoms continue or happen often
- have a sore throat
- have a toothache. See a dentist as soon as possible
- have a skin rash of unknown cause. Go to the doctor.

Be sure your current home, work, and emergency contact phone numbers are on file at the school.

Call the school when your children are absent.

For more information:

call Telehealth Ontario 1.866.797.0000

visit the City of Hamilton, Public Health Services website

[www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices](http://www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices).



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Christine Bingham and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 1 and 2.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our wards. I can be reached by email at [cbingham@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:cbingham@hwdsb.on.ca) or by phone at 289-339-6902.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

### **Dalewood Science Fair**

Dalewood Science Fair is quickly approaching; it will be held at Dalewood, on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, from 3 to 6:30 pm.

Several of our grade 7 and 8 students are in the midst of preparations for the Fair. Students are encouraged to discuss their projects with their Science teachers, and to share with them their project Journals and Notebooks. Please remember that the Notebooks and Journals contribute 20% to the project's evaluation. For details of the project evaluation and other key information please see the Dalewood Science Fair Website.

Dalewood Science Fair participants are asked to make transportation arrangements for their return home after the fair; last year the fair ended after 6:30 p.m.




Science Fair is a wonderful opportunity for students to expand their Science horizons. Have fun and best of luck. Mrs. Diacon and Mr. Maclean.

Thanks!

### **Wash your hands!** **Sneeze/Cough into your elbow!**

This time of year we see an increase in illness with our students. Students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently at school. Most illness is avoided with proper hand washing technique and proper cough/sneezing protocol (sneeze and cough into your elbow). Please remind your child(ren) about these important prevention practices.

## Virtual Communication Spaces @Dalewood\_HWDSB

 <p>Please visit our <b>school website</b> at <a href="http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood">hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood</a> for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*<b>Announcements</b> posted</li> <li>*<b>Twitter</b> account is @Dalewood_HWDSB</li> <li>*<b>Dalewood website</b> News Section for weekly updates, including a Parent Page</li> <li>*<b>Instagram</b> account is @dalewood_hwdsb</li> </ul>	 <p><b>The HUB</b> &gt; please visit the HUB by having your child logon @ <a href="http://home.hwdsb.on.ca/students.php">http://home.hwdsb.on.ca/students.php</a>. Here you will find out what is being taught and happening in the classroom and school.</p>	 <p>Visit our Dalewood Website for all upcoming dates, events, curriculum, staff etc. on our <b>school calendar</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood/events/">http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood/events/</a></p>
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## Learning/Resource Spaces @HWDSB

 <p>French as a Second Language at HWDSB visit <a href="http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/progr/ams/french-as-a-second-language/">http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/progr/ams/french-as-a-second-language/</a></p>	 <p>School Cash online at Dalewood &gt; make it easy and register for our CASH ONLINE at <a href="https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/">https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/</a></p>	 <p><b>Homework Help</b> &gt; Please visit for safe and effective homework help <a href="https://homeworkhelp.commons.hwdsb.on.ca/homework-help/student-registration/">https://homeworkhelp.commons.hwdsb.on.ca/homework-help/student-registration/</a></p>
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We thank you in advance for your support.

Eddie Grattan (Principal)

Linda Coburn (ITC Lead at Dalewood)