### Dalewood Golden Hawks

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

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETT

Dear Parents / Guardians:

It looks like we have finally moved into winter. We are reminding students to dress properly for the weather and to be careful when outside.

Progress report interviews have just taken place and I hope you had an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers.

Our grade eights were recently at Westdale Secondary School to experience "A Day in the Life" of a high school student. The students were given a flavor of life at secondary school through a look at the various subject options available.

We are presently finalizing the selection of year-end trips. More details will be provided soon.

A reminder that there is no school on Friday, November 29th. On that day the staff will be working on initiatives related to Positive Culture and Well Being.

TVO mathify. This is live after-school math tutoring by Ontario Certified Teachers. Please see the information on the school website.

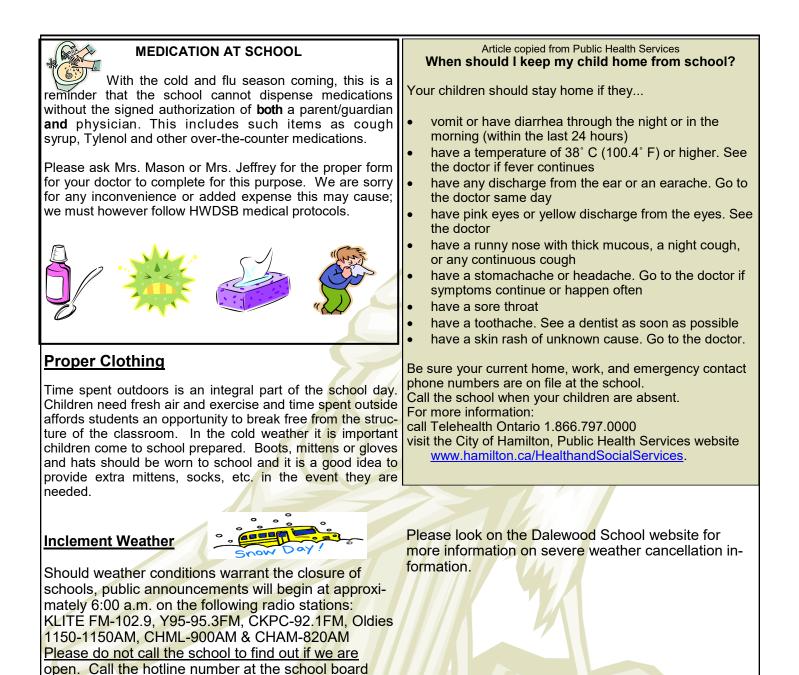
Eddie Grattan

**Assessment Practices.** 

Assessment and evaluation of students at the elementary level is governed by the Ministry of Education's Growing Success document. This is available online. Assessment and evaluation practices in elementary schools focus on observations of student work, conversations, and products. While homework does occur, it should not be formally assessed (all assessed work should be completed at school). Also, there are no exams (or study periods) in elementary schools. Exams do not meet the focus in Growing Success on on-going feedback/discussion which is used to provide next steps, etc. Assessment and evaluation focus on the most consistent and recent work the student has completed. In this way, assessment and evaluation differ from some of the practices in high school, though changes in assessment and evaluation are occurring there also.

#### 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.



FROM THE ART ROOM



(905-521-2535) to find out about school closings.

Hello from the Art Room! Art Workshop is every day 2, from 11:35-12:15 in the Art Room (Room 129). The workshop is typically for kids who are not yet finished a project for which class time is done. If possible, their projects can also be brought home to finish. At this moment all classes have wrapped up their second project (8A, F8, 8s from 78 - Mixed Media Promotional Posters; 7A, F7, 7s from 78 - Graphic Art Magazine Covers; 6B, F6, 6s from 67 - Clay Vessels; 7s from 67 - Clay Gargoyles or Crossed Creatures) and are venturing into their third project (8A, F8 - Architectural Rendering of a building or landmark from somewhere they would like to travel; 8s from 78 - Clay Figures; 7A, F7 and 7s from 78 - Clay Gargoyles or Crossed Creatures; 7s from 67 - Graphic Art Magazine Covers; 6B, F6 and 6s from 67 - Yarn Painting Nierikas). There will also be Art Workshops to create specific interest projects. These will be on the Announcements and will be done via signup, on the Art Room door, one week prior to the workshop date. Please stay tuned to the Announcements for more details on these special Art Workshops.

# November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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3	4	<b>5</b> Pizza Day	6 A Day in the Life of a West- dale Student	7 IT I-Cubed	8 PA Day	9
10	<b>11</b> Remembrance Day Assembly	<b>12</b> Pizza Day	13	14	15 IT I-Cubed	16
17	18 Art Workshop Junior Girls Volleyball	<b>19</b> Pizza Day	20	21	22 IT I-Cubed	23
24	25 Art Workshop	26 Pizza Day Grade 7 & 8 Open House at Westdale	27	28	29 PD Day	30

# December 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 IT I-Cubed	<b>3</b> Pizza Day Art Workshop	<b>4</b> All students to Westdale for Charlie Brown Play	5	6	7
8	9 IT I-Cubed	<b>10</b> Pizza Day Art Workshop	11	12	13	14
15	16 IT I-Cubed	<b>17</b> Pizza Day Art Workshop	18 IB Information Night at Westdale 6:00 to 8:00 pm	19	20	21
22	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28
29	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break	1 January Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break	4