

Dalewood Golden Hawks

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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.



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. Mason or 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.



Proper Clothing

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom. In the cold weather it is important children come to school prepared. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it is a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

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.



FROM THE ART ROOM

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.

Article copied from Public Health Services

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.

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

November 2019

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Pizza Day

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A Day in the
Life of a West-
dale Student

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IT
I-Cubed

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PA Day

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Remembrance
Day Assembly

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Pizza Day

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IT
I-Cubed

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Art Workshop

Junior Girls
Volleyball

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Pizza Day

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IT
I-Cubed

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Art Workshop

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Pizza Day

Grade 7 & 8
Open House at
Westdale

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PD Day

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December 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 IT I-Cubed	3 Pizza Day Art Workshop	4 All students to Westdale for Charlie Brown Play	5	6	7
8	9 IT I-Cubed	10 Pizza Day Art Workshop	11	12	13	14
15	16 IT I-Cubed	17 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
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