



Dalewood Elementary School

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From Mr. Grattan

Report Card marks

Report card marks are now available. I will be able to share this data with you on the phone. Please note that this may take up to a few days as I may be dealing with a high volume of requests. In order to ensure confidentiality, I will not share marks via email. **Please let me know the best contact number to reach you at and a time frame in which we can call (morning, afternoon, anytime).**

Please know that I can only share report card marks and will not be able to speak to how these marks were determined.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Congratulations to Arawyn in F6. Arawyn was co-winner of the Director's Holiday Card contest. Arawyn's class received a pizza party, hosted by the director of the school board, Mr. Figuerido. A framed version of the winning holiday card is on display in the office.

Subscribe to the Dalewood Website

Parents are asked to go to the Dalewood website and click on "Subscribe" (or go directly to: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dalewood/subscribe/>). This will enable us to update you when new items are posted to our website. You may unsubscribe any time in the future.

Allergy Alert

Please remember that we have several students and staff with life-threatening allergies to nuts and certain scents and perfumes. Please refrain from sending food items that may contain nuts and please ensure your child is not wearing strong perfumes/sprays or deodorants. Thank you so much for your support.

Balanced School Day for September 2020

I would like to inform you of a change we will be undertaking to our school schedule beginning in September 2020.

Dalewood will be moving from the current Traditional School Day to a Balanced School Day. The Traditional School Day that we currently operate sees our students have a single one-hour

lunch period, where students are provided 30 minutes to eat their lunch and then are outside for active play for 30 minutes. The Balanced School Day will see the students have two forty-minute nutrition breaks in the day – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Students will eat for 20 minutes and then have active outdoor play for 20 minutes. Most schools within HWDSB operate under a Balanced School Day.

The positive results of this type of school day are:

Improved concentration: Because students are eating later in the day they are less likely to run out of energy by the end of the school day. This means they are better able to focus and concentrate on their school work for the full day.

More time to eat: Instead of rushing to consume snacks at recess, students have more time to sit and eat. Students that are nutritionally satisfied are more likely to learn better throughout the day.

More time for learning: A Balanced School Day schedule provides for blocks of focused learning time and less interruptions throughout the day.

Moving to a Balanced Day Schedule will also impact our bell times.

Currently, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) and the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWDCSB) are jointly undertaking a review of all school bell times through the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System (HWSTS) for the 2020-21 school year. The bell time study report is expected to be shared with the HWSTS governance committee. The final report, outlining the recommended school bell times will be shared with both HWDSB and HWDCSB at their meetings early in the new year. We will communicate any changes to our bell times early so that parents, guardians and caregivers will have time to plan for childcare in September.

To answer any questions, you may have about this change, I will be available from 5-6pm on Thursday, February 20th at the school in room 105 or please email me or drop by the school.

Thank you

E. Grattan

Principal