

## From the Desk of the Principal: Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson

For the week of November 30-December 4, 2020

Lockdown Drill on Thursday, December 3 at 8:45 am.

Dear Families, Our school will be holding a secure schools protocol drill so that staff and students are prepared in case of an emergency. The drill will happen on Thursday, December 3 at 8:45 am. We appreciate the co-operation of our students and staff during the drill. It is also important that we all remain aware of secure schools terminology used in all of Ontario's publicly funded schools. You can learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools at <https://hwdsb.info/secureschools>.

## **HWDSB** Secure Schools and Bomb Threats

Terminology is important when a situation impacts the safety of students and staff. Schools, police and media outlets use four specific terms during such events.

The term **LOCKDOWN** must be used appropriately and leave no misunderstanding as to what is expected.



### Communication to Families in Secure School Situations:

HWDSB will post safety updates on its website [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) and Twitter [@HWDSB](https://twitter.com/HWDSB).

#### Where appropriate...

Phone messages will be sent to the parent/guardian's contact phone number provided to the school. HWDSB will be in contact with local media outlets. Monitor broadcast and print outlets.

**During such events, cellphone use between parents and student is restricted.**

**Phone lines must be free for emergency services.**

*Thank you for your continued efforts as we adhere to the public health measures. Screening for COVID-19 symptoms and staying home if sick is key to minimizing the risk of spread in school. Wearing a mask, washing hands, and keeping physically distant are also important measures.*

**Retirement News:**

*It is with excitement that I share with you the news of my retirement. After 31 years in education, it is time to celebrate my professional success and plan for new opportunities in retirement. My last day of work at Dalewood is on Friday, December 18, before the Winter Holidays.*

*I would like to welcome Ms. Kimberly Chute who is taking over the role of Principal of Dalewood. Ms. Chute will officially begin her position at Dalewood on Monday, January 4th, 2021.*

*I am very grateful to have ended my career at this beautiful school.*

*Sincerely, Mrs. Johnson*