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Principal's Message April 2020

Dear Families,

Over the last few weeks we, have been able to connect with so many of you. It has been good to hear that you are safe and well. Over the last few weeks, we have been working to make sure everyone has an electronic device to support in distance learning and to continue to build our Dr. Davey community with new opportunities. These have been challenging times, with much uncertainty but it has been good to focus on what we know... the power of giving our children care, routine and opportunity to grow. Our children's safety and well-being is everyone's priority.

We are now connected to each other virtually and learning in literacy and numeracy is happening daily! We also know that the demands of our daily lives may not always allow us to get to the learning each day with our children. You may be doing chores together, or reading a book, cooking a meal. This is learning too! When we all return, we will meet our children's learning needs wherever they may be! We will work together!

It has been exciting to see the new opportunities created through distance learning! Our Grade 8s are working together during classroom meetings, our Grade 2s are having music lessons led by the teacher with his guitar from home. Our Grade 1s are doing Brags and Drags each Monday in their morning circles. It has been an opportunity for all of us to learn in a new way that will be relevant with our changing world. These are just a few of the good things that are happening.

Stay well and be safe.

Mrs. M. Finstad
Principal



Upcoming Events

May 1

Twelfth Day of Ridvan

May 7

Buddha Day (Buddhism)

May 18

Victoria Day

May 21

Ascension Day (Christianity)

May 22

Buddha's Birthday (Buddhism)

May 22, 23, 24

Eid (Islam)

May 29

Ascension (Orthodox)

Shavuot (Judaism)

May 31

Pentecost (Christianity)

DID YOU KNOW???

Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registration for the upcoming
2020-21 School Year

If your child was born in **2016**

- Immunization * Immigration status * Proof of age * Confirmation of home address (lease, hydro bill, etc.)

- Check out this link so you can registrar online at
https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/RegistrationForm_Kindergarten_03022020.pdf

More Important News

VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE POLICE CHECK: VULNERABLE SECTOR SCREENING

Part of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Volunteer Policy is that any volunteers working with children must have a Vulnerable Sector Screening Report. This is essentially a criminal record check and is put in place to protect our children.

Application forms are available at the Police Station or on-line. Complete the form and submit either in person at the Hamilton Police Services Headquarters on King William Street in Hamilton or on-line.

There is a cost of approximately \$25.00 and is valid for 3 years with the HWDSB. It could take up to 4-6 weeks for the report to be prepared. Once you have obtained the report, bring it to the school office for approval and complete Volunteer Forms for Dr. J Edgar Davey School.

If you are interested in volunteering, complete this process as soon as possible, so that you can take advantage of opportunities as they arise. You will not be permitted to attend school trips without a Police Check!



Character Traits

In the month of May we will be working on Independent work. This is something I think all students will achieve this month.

Independent Practice essentially asks students to work with little to no assistance. By this time of year we want to ensure students have a chance to reinforce skills and synthesize their newly acquired knowledge of completing a task on their own and away from the teacher's direct guidance.

In the month of June we will be working on Citizenship.

Good citizenship means that you should be nice to your classmates, community and your family....Being a good citizen is important when you are in school, in the community or at home. When you are in school, the community and at home, you should respect other people's property by not damaging it.

May 2020

Happy Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Xavier in Gr 1	2 Elon in SK Romeo in Gr 1 Madison in Gr 8
3 Kaylynn in Gr 2	4 Sheikhnoor in Gr 6	5	6	7 Isebella in Gr 2 Shehab in Gr 7	8 Ali in JK Manhattan in Gr 1 Arnisa in Gr 3 Husein in Gr 4	9 Zienab in Gr 7
10 Kayden in Gr 7 Steven in Gr 8	11 Eliza in Gr 7	12 Anthony in SK Abdirahman in Gr 2	13 Treasure in JK	14 Liliana in Gr 6	15 Mohamedali in Gr 2 Kenzie in Gr 2	16 Liban in Gr 4
17 Clive in Gr 1 George in Gr 3 Samia in Gr 8	18	19 Ahmed in SK Khloe-Rose in Gr 3 Fardosa in Gr 6	20 Faith in Gr 4 Abdulkader in Gr 7 Johnnie in Gr 8	21 Lilly in Gr 3 Riek in Gr 5	22 Viktoria in Gr 1	23 Fatuma in Gr 5
24	25	26 Kingston in JK	27 Hannah in Gr 1	28	29 Emhram in Gr 6	30 Samuel in Gr 1
31 Amira in SK Ryleigh in Gr 2						

Staying Positive during Covid-19

These times of self-isolation can make it tricky to find things to do, but also we can navigate day to day activities. There are some suggestions to support the self-isolation blahs: • **Stay Active.** Being active improves mood and is good for your overall health. Head outdoors for a walk. Indoor exercises are great too! • **Keep in Touch.** This is a great time to connect with friends and family, near and far. Take time to write letters or call. It can be such a positive boost to our spirits to touch base with those we love. • **Nurture Yourself.** When it is too cold or wet to be outside take time for yourself. Try a new recipe, read a book, or wrap up in a cozy blanket and watch the rain fall. Challenge your mind by trying a new hobby. • **Plan a Family Night.** These days are great for family time. Plan a special movie night or games night. Get creative with some new crafts. Spend time with each other and talk over a warm cup of hot chocolate. • **Write yourself a Positive Note.** Write cheerful messages or favourite moments on sticky notes and place them around the house. Have your kids find some funny pictures to post. Replaying happy memories and laughing on a regular basis promotes a positive feel-good attitude. The best way to stay positive during these times is to stay energized and do the things that make you feel good.

Grade Level	Key Focus	Timeframe of Learning	Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
Kindergarten – Grade 3	Focus on literacy and math	Five hours of work per student per week	Elementary teachers will assess students by gathering evidence of how they are progressing in their learning. Teachers will also provide feedback to their students on their progress.
Grades 4 – 6	Focus on literacy, math, science and social studies	Five hours of work per student per week	
Grades 7 – 8	Focus on core math, literacy, science and social studies (history and geography)	Ten hours of work per student per week	
Grades 9 – 12	Focus on achieving credits and graduation	Three hours of work per course per week for semestered students; 1.5 hours of work per course per week for non-semestered students	Secondary students will be assigned learning tasks, projects and culminating activities that will be marked by their teachers. Teachers will communicate results of these marked assignments to students. Results will be used by teachers to inform students' final course marks.



curiosity

creativity

possibility

Some great links to things while we are learning from home;

www.uniteforliteracy.com This site reads books in different languages to families. There are some great books on this site.

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/>

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

<https://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

<https://www.howstuffworks.com/>