



Dr. J. Edgar Davey Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Dear Families,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer. We are excited to welcome you back to school! Students' best interests are our priority at Dr. Davey School. Respect, positive communication, patience and seeking to understand is the most effective way for us to all work together to support our students at Dr. Davey.

Here are some Important Dates for you to be aware of:

Tuesday Sept 3 - First day of school for New to Kindergarten students (by appointment) and Gr 1-8

Wednesday Sept 4 - All Kindergarten students attend school

Thursday Sept 5 - Meet the Staff 3:30-4:30pm

Friday Sept 20 PA Day - no school for students

Meet the Staff – Thursday Sept 5 from 3:30-4:30

Please come and introduce yourself to your child's educator and see their classroom! We are excited to meet you and begin a productive and positive working partnership between home and school. Be sure to visit our student run Dragons Snack Shack and support our fundraising. Proceeds help support educational excursions, athletics and student subsidies.



Bell Times

8:50-3:10

We have two 40-minute nutrition breaks, please send snacks and drinks. Due to anaphylaxis allergies, peanuts and anything containing peanuts is prohibited.

Change of Clothes and Shoes

Please send students with a change of clothes and shoes that can be left at school for accidents, spills and puddles.

Class Assignments

You can find your child's teacher by logging onto the Parent Portal beginning August 26. Many factors go into student placements. All placements are considered temporary until reorganization at the end of September. To balance enrolment, minor changes are often required. This happens at all schools across the district.

Parent Portal

It is critically important that we have current contact information (address and phone number) for every student in case of emergency, accident or illness. In the portal, you can complete:

- Media consent



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- Human and Sexual Development exemption
- Emergency Closure Information
- Nutrition Break Information

If you are having difficulty with the Parent Portal, please call the school for assistance.

SchoolMessenger

All HWDSB schools use SchoolMessenger to notify families about unexplained absences, as well as other important announcements. Families can use the free [SchoolMessenger app or website](#) to choose how they wish to receive these messages. Please contact your child(ren)'s school to provide current - or to change - your information.

Transportation

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) provides students with safe and secure transportation for eligible students by HWSTS. This may take the form of traditional school buses, school purpose vans or Hamilton Street Railway transit. For more information, visit HWDSB's [Transportation webpage](#). If your child qualifies for transportation, please remember to re-check information prior to sending your child(ren) to their assigned pickup location on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, as changes can occur.

Code of Conduct

HWDSB is committed to making each one of its schools a caring place that is safe for learning. Every student deserves to feel and be safe in a school, on the school grounds, on the school bus and at school events and activities. Visit HWDSB's [Code of Conduct webpage](#) to learn about these changes.

Family Communication

Staying connected with your child(ren)'s schools, the Board and services matters. HWDSB offers many ways for parents and caregivers to stay connected. To learn how you can access the most up-to-date information, visit [HWDSB's Parent page](#). We also invite families to keep up with HWDSB by [subscribing to email updates](#) or following HWDSB [on social media](#).

Student Dress Guidelines

Starting in September 2024, HWDSB is sharing updated Student Dress Guidelines to help foster positive and inclusive learning environments. Developed with extensive student input and community consultation, these guidelines focus on equity, dignity, and well-being for every student. They can express themselves freely, without fear of bias or discrimination. Visit hwdsb.info/student-dress to learn more.



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Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or continuing your volunteer service, please come to the office to obtain and complete the paperwork. A Vulnerable Sector Check is required for all new volunteers and for returning volunteers, if 3 years have lapsed since your last one. Please see HWDSB's [Volunteers in Schools](#) page for more information.

School Cash Online

Except for our school store, we do not accept any cash at the school. Please register for School Cash Online.

[School Cash Online](#) | [Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

School Council

The first meeting will take place on Sept 30 at 9:10. Please see nomination forms if you are interested in serving on the Council.

Attachments/Links

HWDSB calendar [HWDSB-Elementary-School-Calendar-2024-25-5-Day-ONE-PAGE-FINAL.pdf](#)

Addressing Concerns [Addressing-Concerns-HWDSB.pdf](#)

Useful Link - [Parent | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

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ASP Girls Only

School Council Nomination Form

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Sept 20 – PA Day

Sept 27 – Terry Fox Run

Sept 30 – School Council

Oct 14 – Thanksgiving Holiday

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