



## **WeEKly Update Dec. 9-13, 2024**

### **Snow Clearing at HWDSB Schools**

HWDSB staff will clear, salt and/or sand walkways from the city sidewalk to the school, school steps and portable steps, walkways to portables, ramps to schools, and fire exit stairs and ramps.

City of Hamilton is responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools which is a top priority for the city. It may take up to 24 hours after a snowfall for sidewalks to be cleared. Report a sidewalk fronting a school in need of clearing at 905-546-2489.

HWDSB Contractors (after 5 cm of snow) will plow parking lots and sidewalks when HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary, salt and sand the parking lot before school starts, and if required, Head Caretakers may also salt or sand parking lots.

Playgrounds will be plowed or cleared up to half of the asphalt play area at schools by Contractors. Head Caretakers also inspect playgrounds and spot sand and/or salt significant icy areas.

### **Pizza Day**



Our next pizza day is Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Snow/Ice on the Playground**

Please have a conversation with your child about keeping the snow and ice on the ground. It is exciting to see the new snow, however, there have been several injuries already with student being hit with ice, and we want to ensure everyone enjoys their outdoor time.

### **Wesley's Holiday Drive**



This has been a long-standing tradition at Earl Kitchener. Flyers have gone home with all students outlining items that are in need this year. Items donated should be sent in with your child to their classroom, and will all be dropped off on December 10<sup>th</sup> to the Main Street East location.

## Snowed In



On Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, students and staff are encouraged to wear their comfiest clothes (pajamas, track suits, onesies etc.) to celebrate the last day of school before winter break! Each class will be decorating their classrooms with snowflakes using a variety of items (cut out snowflakes, handprints, coloured snowflake printables).

## Cold Weather is Here!



It's that time of year when the temperature had dipped. Please make sure that your child has what is needed (or might be needed) for the day. Mitts, hats, coats, boots etc. If unsure, simply put the items in their backpack so they have them should the weather change during the day. Please **LABEL ALL ITEMS**.

## Extra Clothing



Now is a great time to check the extra clothing that you send with your student (especially the younger ones) to make sure it is updated with more seasonal clothes. Replace shorts and t-shirts with pants and warmer tops. Sometimes we don't realize that they weren't changed until they are needed. Thank you!

## Parking



Please remember to park **ONLY** in authorized parking spots. We have had many neighbours and businesses call the school because they are unable to access their own properties due to cars being parked for pick up or drop off. If parking is not available, simply park a little further away, and walk your child to school. Parking enforcement has been made aware of the situation, and will be increasing their patrols during these peak times.

## Music at EK



A lot is happening with the music program here at EK. Mr. Popek has set up a web page to keep the school community up to date on what is currently happening, along with what will be coming up. Please visit the web page at [cpopek.common.hwdsb.on.ca](http://cpopek.common.hwdsb.on.ca) on a regular basis to check for updates.

## **Popcorn Days**



Please note the upcoming popcorn days, and the order due dates:

### **Popcorn Day**

### **Order by Date**

Wed., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Wed., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

Wed., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

Wed., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

Wed., April 16<sup>th</sup>

Wed., April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wed., May 14<sup>th</sup>

Wed., April 30<sup>th</sup>

As a reminder orders MUST be done on the schoolcashonline platform (we cannot accept cash orders), and there will not be “same day sales” or late orders as purchasing will be based on pre-orders.