



WeEKly Update Dec. 16-20, 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.

Winter Break



Winter Break will run from Monday December 23, 2024 – Friday, January 3, 2025. The first day back to school will be Monday, January 6, 2025.

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.

Snowed In



On Friday, December 20th, 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!

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.commonshwdsb.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. 22nd

Wed., Jan. 8th

Wed., Feb. 26th

Wed., Feb. 12th

Wed., April 16th

Wed., April 2nd

Wed., May 14th

Wed., April 30th

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.

