



## WeEKly Update Jan. 20-24, 2025



### 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.

### Junglesport Climbing and Adventure



Junglesport is coming to Earl Kitchener the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>!! Some of the activities offered are: Wall Climbing, Traversing, Low Ropes, Ascending/Descending Static Lines, Obstacle Courses and Gorilla Gym! Information sheets and permission forms have been sent home to all families, and we are asking that permission forms be returned to the school ASAP, so that we can ensure all students are able to participate.

**This program is available to all students from JK – Grade 5, and is absolutely free, thanks to the fundraising efforts of our EK Home & School Association.**

### School Council / Home & School Meeting

The next School Council / Home & School meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons. Please consider joining us to see what is happening with the school!

### PA Day

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day – there will be no school for students.

### **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.

### **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](http://cpopek.commonshwdsb.on.ca) on a regular basis to check for updates.

### **Kindergarten Registration**



Registration for kindergarten opens up on Monday, February 3, 2025. Families with children born in 2021 will be able to register on-line starting on that date. Once the registration has been reviewed, the school will reach out to each family to discuss any additional requirements that may be needed. As part of the registration process, the school will need to see either a passport or birth certificate for the student, as well as proof of address (CURRENT utility bill, mortgage/lease agreement, property tax bill) with either parent name, and address. We will speak with each family to set up a time to come in to present this information. Further information will be coming to the HWDSB website, however, you can also call the school directly with any questions.

Current JK students do not have to register for SK – their information will automatically be updated.

### **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**.

## **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>~~ (date has passed)

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.