



## WeEKly Update Feb. 17-21, 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.

### Parking Lot

This is a reminder that the parking lot is for Staff Parking only. This area is NOT for drop off or pick up of students, and students are NOT to be playing on the snow banks in the parking lot. Should you choose to drive your students to school, please park in designated parking spaces only. The bus loading zone in front of the school is also NOT for pick up or drop off. Parking enforcement is aware of these issues, and will be on site more frequently.



### Family Day

Monday, February 17, 2025 is Family Day, and the school will be closed. We hope that you enjoy some extra time with your family and friends!!

### Pizza Day

Our next Pizza Day will be Friday, February 21.

## **Pink Shirt Day**



Pink Shirt (anti-bullying) Day is recognized in schools on Wednesday, February 26th. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink *anything* to show support for the ongoing battle against bullying behaviour.

## **Kindergarten Registration**



Registration for kindergarten opened up on Friday, February 7, 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.

**Please tell a friend if you think they have children that would be kindergarten age.**

## **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.

## **Popcorn Days**



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

### Popcorn Day

### Order by Date

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 schoolcashionline 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.