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January 2019 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8 Pizza Orders & Money due
- January 8 Recycling Plant Trip (Coddington/Hauser)
- January 10 Pizza Day
- January 18 Wear School Colours Day (Red & Blue)
- January 22 Grad Photos 9:00 AM
- January 24 Pizza Day
- January 25 P.A. Day - No School
- February 4 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- February 4 Pizza Orders & Money due



SENSORY ROOM

We have a sensory room! Many thanks to the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success for donating \$1000 to assist with purchases for our sensory room. This area is used to assist students who need a calm space to help them regulate intense feelings and emotions during their day.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Just a reminder to all parents that the school requires notification if you child will be absent for any reason. Please contact us before 9:30 AM if your child will be absent or late. Messages can be left 24 hours a day.



www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca
(905) 523-2318

With the extreme weather conditions bus delays often occur. When delays are longer than 10 minutes Student Transportation will post the delayed pick up / drop off time on their website. Their contact information is listed above.

COLD WEATHER



Parents/Guardians, we sometimes have inquiries regarding our policy for outdoor play during cold weather. The City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill. The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board asks Principals to follow this recommendation and ensure children are not outside when it is that cold. In addition, we assess the condition of the playground as well as consider reported wind chill temperatures in determining if the students will go out. Whenever possible we do try to have the students enjoy a period of outdoor play during the day, so we ask that parents send students to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

SCHOOL CLOSING

Hotline # 905-521-2535

In the event of inclement weather, the Transportation Department advises the carriers to drive predetermined routes to assess the condition of the roads. This is done between 4:00 AM and 5:00 AM. The drivers report back to the carriers and HWDSB begins to receive reports between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. In the meantime, the Transportation Department is verifying the weather forecast through our local media outlets as well as contacting the City of Hamilton Works Department to determine where possible what roads have been cleared or when they are expected to be serviced. The decision to close schools is made in conjunction with our colleagues at the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board based on relevant information at that time. School Boards across Ontario have varying policies about the cancellation of schools. At HWDSB, the cancellation of transportation due to inclement weather immediately triggers the closure of our schools and Board office. Please remember, as a parent/guardian you always have the choice on whether or not to send your child to school. Once the decision to close schools has been made it will be posted/communicated by 6:00 AM via the following: the HWDSB website: www.hwdsb.on.ca, HWDSB's Twitter account: www.twitter.com/HWDSB, HWSTS website: www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca, Local media outlets: CHCH TV, CHML (900 AM), CHAM (820 FM), KLITE FM (102.9 FM), Oldies 1150 (1150 AM), Hamilton Spectator.

Please note it is possible that if buses are cancelled due to **extreme cold** (not inclement weather), the HWDSB may decide to keep schools open.

HWDSB will NOT post a weather alert on its website to signal that schools are open.

For more information about this policy, please view Cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operations at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/severe-weather/>.