

May 26, 2020

Greetings from Continuing Education,

We are pleased to attach our 2020 Summer Programs brochure which will be shared with HWDSB families across the system electronically.

In these unprecedented times, Continuing Education is offering a variety of FREE programs to meet the needs of families across the Hamilton area trying to help their students build or retain skills needed to be successful in school when programming returns in the fall. We would encourage you to take a few minutes to look over the brochure or to visit our website, but in summary there are three primary types of programs available to students in **current** Grades 6-8:

- **Summer Literacy and Numeracy Skill Builder Programs** – these programs are available to students in **current** Grades 6 & 7 (Elementary) and Grades 8-12 (Secondary). The purpose of these programs is to enrich and develop Literacy and Numeracy skills and to assist students with fluency on our new platforms including the HUB and MS Teams. There is also a Fractions program as well as interest based Art & Literacy and Coding & Numeracy programs offered. These programs will include a 2-hour real time/synchronous online lesson each day and fun activities for the students to complete beyond the lesson time. Any support you can provide to help engage students who would benefit from this type of program would be appreciated.
- **Grade 9 Orientation programs** – we encourage all of our **current** Grade 8's to participate in the Grade 9 Orientation program offered in conjunction with HWDSB Secondary Schools during the last week of August. These programs will help support and ease the transition to High School, Students will feel more comfortable with tools and expectations of Secondary School, meet teachers and connect/re-connect with fellow students. The program may be completely online with access to the schools subject to Public Health protocols.
- **Reach Ahead CREDIT program** for **current** Grade 8's transitioning to Grade 9 – in 2020 our Reach Ahead program has changed and we are now offering Civics and Careers courses to all Grade 8's who will transition to Grade 9 in the fall. These open level half-credit courses can be taken individually (9 days) or in combination (18 days). This is the only credit program available to students reaching ahead before grade 9. These courses will run on-line. Students looking for Literacy or Math content should be referred to the Skill Builder programs.
- ***In order to participate in a Summer program, students must have access to a technology device and reliable internet. Continuing Education does not provide technology devices or internet access so please ensure that your students have the tools they require to participate.***

Additional program and REGISTRATION information is available on our website at:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer/ (on-line registration for most programs)

If you have any questions about these programs, please feel free to contact the CE Main Office by e-mail at ce@hwdsb.on.ca for assistance.

Sincerely,



Jeff Moore
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