



Franklin Road News



from the Principal's desk....

Welcome Back and Happy New Year to all of our Franklin Road families!

The New Year is a good time for all of us to think about setting new personal goals. Our first Provincial report card will be coming home on February 12th and with the start to a new year, it is a good time to reflect on an area or areas of learning skills/work habits that you would like to improve upon.

The development of learning skills and work habits help students in their self-development, their social and interpersonal competencies and helps them "learn how to learn." The development of learning skills and work habits focuses on the "how" of learning.

Students achieving 4 E's, no N's or S's will be invited to join us at our Breakfast of Champions in February.

Please take some time to talk to your child about setting a new personal goal for 2015.

As well, if you have changed phone numbers, either home or cell over the past few months or need to update any other information, please see Mrs. Eustace in the office or send us a note with updated information.

Thank you so much for your help,

Mrs. Robertson-Heath
Principal
Franklin Road



FRANKLIN ROAD WEBSITE: UPDATE!!

Our school website is up and running! A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Murray for taking the lead on this initiative. It is our hope to move to paperless newsletters by putting our monthly newsletter up on the website for all to see. Please take a minute to look at our new website at:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/franklinroad>

VOLUNTEERING At Franklin Road

If you are thinking about volunteering on year end trips, you will need a completed police check (Vulnerable Sector Screening). Please come to the office to pick up the appropriate forms that are needed to be taken to the police department. Thank you for being an active part of the Franklin Road Community.



Once again this year we have been provided with a small pocket of funds to support Parent Engagement activities. We will continue to use these funds to reimburse our volunteers for their police checks. It is on a first come, first serve basis.

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FUNDRAISING Update

A big thank you goes out to Ms. McGowan and her support team of staff who organized our poinsettia fundraiser through Terra Greenhouses. It was a success again this year. The product was excellent quality and we were able to raise over \$500 dollars for school trips and technology.

Our December Cookie sales were also a great success and we look forward to continuing with cookie sales again in January and February on Mondays. The cookies are Purchased through the Terra Cotta Cookie Company. They are completely nut free. All cookies are sold for \$1.00 and the profits go to Grade 8 Graduation.



Athletics at Franklin Road

Basketball teams for Intermediate boys and girls are starting their season shortly - Good luck to both of our Franklin Road teams!



Congratulations to our Senior Girls Volleyball Team who was awarded the Mountain East Senior Girls A Division Championship. We are so proud of all of you!

HWDSB WINTER GROUNDS ADVISORY



Staff from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand the following areas:

- ⇒ Walkways from the City sidewalk to the school
- ⇒ School steps and portable steps
- ⇒ Walkways to the portables
- ⇒ Ramps to schools and portables
- ⇒ An area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- ⇒ Fire Exit stairs and ramps

When there is an accumulation of 5 cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as needed basis.

Playgrounds will not be plowed or otherwise cleared. Head Caretakers will check the condition of the grounds early in the morning and during the school day to sand and/or salt isolated slippery areas that may occur due to changing temperatures.

Students should take extra caution when walking onto and leaving from school grounds.

Caution must also be taken when playing on school grounds when conditions are slippery.

Principals may decide, dependent on weather and playground conditions, to have indoor recess and lunch/nutrition breaks.

Inclement Weather

This is a reminder that if the weather turns for the worse and there are school closures, our school website will have a banner and video on it's homepage to let you know. If the school is open, no such banner will appear. The decision to close HWDSB schools is made through discussions with the Board Transportation Department, the City of Hamilton Works Department, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board; and through weather forecast predictions.

For more information, visit: [HWDSB's Inclement Weather Page](#). If the school is open but parents desire to keep their children at home, please contact the school to let them know you are doing so. Monitoring the local media for closures is recommended during poor weather days.

Food Drive



Thank you for your contributions to the food drive at Franklin Road during the month of December. All donations were picked up by Neighbour to Neighbour. Thank you to our Franklin Road families for your generosity.

Message for Lillian Orban—Former Trustee

“It has been a privilege and honour to have served the Franklin Road School community for the past 23 years. As a life-long learner, I have been humbled by the strong expression of advocacy by you as parents for your children. Your voices and those of your children/our students will continue to remind trustees of their commitment and responsibility to serve with respect and humility.

Good luck in all your endeavours and may your educational journey be a satisfying experience.”

Lillian Orban