

# Franklin Road News



from the Principal's desk....

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A couple of announcements and Thank You's:  
Thank you to our community for supporting our Terry Fox Run and Fall Fundraisers.

We were able to reach our goal and raise over \$1200 dollars to support Cancer research. Our Fall Fundraiser is complete and we are still totaling up our sales. Thank you to the Franklin community for supporting our fundraising Initiative.

We are selling Poinsettias from Terra Greenhouse again this year. Watch for a flyer coming home soon!  
We will use the funds raised from poinsettias to support the purchase of additional technology for the classroom.

Our first Scholastic book fair will be arriving at Franklin Road in November. It will be open in the library from Tuesday November 18th to Monday November 24th. Thank you for supporting our book fair again this year.

## Student Safety at Franklin Road—Stopping on East 27th and on Franklin Road

This is a reminder to everyone to refrain from PARKING OR STOPPING in the no stopping/ parking zones around the areas of Franklin Road School - this includes East 27th Street and in front of the school in the Bus Loading Zones.

Do not park or unload children in the no stopping side of East 27th street. This may be inconvenient, but this will ensure that the neighbours in our community can enter and exit their driveways safely. This will also ensure the safety of our students as they cross the street. This will also help us with congestion of traffic on this street.

Thank you for your help with this issue. Mrs. J. Robertson-Heath

## Progress Report Cards

On November 18th, students from Grades 1 through 8 will be coming home with a Progress Report Card.

This report shows a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum as well as the 6 areas of learning skills and work habits.

A form for interviews will come home with individual students to determine interview times.

Please be sure to complete the parent and student comment section of the report, detach and return it to school to your child's teacher.



## Instructional Rounds at Franklin Road

On Wednesday, November 5th our school will be welcoming several guests who are visiting to look and learn about the great things happening in our classrooms. We are welcoming a group of administrators, teachers, coaches and consultants who work across the HWDSB that morning who will spend an hour talking to students while they learn. Small groups of HWDSB staff will visit individual classes and are hoping to learn more about how our students learn best. The team will then work with the Franklin Road team to continue to make this a great place to learn.

## FRANKLIN ROAD EXTRA-CURRICULAR UPDATE!

Our Junior Swim Team competed on October 30th and came home with the Overall Girls Banner! Many individual wins as well for this group. We will be honouring the team at our assembly on Friday November 7th. Thank you to Mrs. Harman-Rammo and Mrs. Calvert for their dedication to this small but mighty team.

Congratulations to our Cross Country team that participated in the meet at Christie Conservation Area in October. We had many great finishes and definitely great sportsmanship was demonstrated by all. Your dedication and hard work paid off! Thanks to Mrs. Noiles and Ms. McGowan for their dedication to both Junior and Senior teams.

Volleyball continues for both boys and girls. Thank you to Mr. Weingartner and Miss Mair for their dedication to these teams.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014

A Canadian tradition, the poppy is worn by many members of society during the two weeks prior to November 11<sup>th</sup>. The eleventh hour of the eleventh month marks the signing of the Armistice, on November 11<sup>th</sup> 1918, to signal the end of World War One. At 11:00 a.m. on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare.

Remembrance Day is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. Please join us for our Remembrance Day assembly at 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday November 11th, 2014.



## **Rapid Phone Messaging for Snow Days!**

HWDSB is pleased to announce that it is now able to use an automated phone messaging system (called Synrevoice) to contact all parents/guardians in the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather. HWDSB will continue to make cancellation decisions by 6 a.m. But, starting immediately, the Board now has the ability to quickly call every parent immediately after a cancellation is required.

Below you will find some information related to cold weather, outdoor play and school/board cancellations:

## **Cold Weather and Outdoor Play**

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom.

With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

As always, Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, 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.

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board asks Principals to follow this recommendation and ensure children are not outside when it is that cold. Questions or concerns regarding outdoor activities in the winter should be directed to the school Principal.

## **Cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operations**

Severe Weather Conditions – Severe weather across the District or in any part of the District may result in the cancellation of transportation services to the entire District. If the weather is severe enough, the General Manager of the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System will advise the Director or Designate of the road conditions and weather conditions. The Director of Education or Designate will then decide whether or not to cancel all school and board administrative operations. If the conditions are determined to be unsafe, The Director of Education or Designate will then inform Corporate Communications and the General Manager of Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System of the cancellation of all school and board administrative operations. Corporate Communications will inform the community by contacting the media, the City of Hamilton, school-based child care providers and by posting cancellation information on the website and on a School Cancellation "Hotline". The Director or Designate will make every effort to cancel all school and board administrative operations by 6:00 a.m.

For more information on the Cancellation of School & Board Operations visit our Policy page at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/inclement-weather/>

**PITA PIT LUNCH - December 2nd, 2014**

Forms will come home with students on Monday

November 17th and they need to be returned with money by Monday November

24th. Watch for more information to come!

