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Weekly Update for February 1, 2021

Good bye January and hello to February! It has been a month that we have not seen in education before! Gone were the indoor recesses for extreme cold or icy playgrounds! Our challenges were “frozen” computer screens and dropped meetings. I continue to be grateful for our school community’s perseverance and effort for remote learning. Some families have 3 and 4 children who are online at the same time. It is recommended each child has their own workspace to minimize distraction and noise from other children’s meetings. Ongoing communication between home and school helps the learning and well-being of students and educators. Please send an email or call the school to speak with your child’s teacher.

January 29th PA Day: No SCHOOL for Students! Our staff will be engaging in reporting and assessment activities. Report Cards will be sent home February 19th.

Move to In-Person/Remote Learning

Families have requested changes to in-person or remote learning. HWDSB continues to work through the requests to best accommodate families. Once details are finalized, families will be contacted with timelines and next steps.

Financial Support for Families

Ontario is offering funding for parents to help offset costs during the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline to apply for this one-time funding has been extended to **February 8, 2021**. For more details, click here <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/ontario-financial-support-learners/>.

Attendance

Attendance is taken twice a day- 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. If your child is not present at the meeting, you will receive an attendance call. We recognize some families are balancing many demands and students may be late or absent. You can enter an absence in School Messenger.

Family Activities

January 27th was Family Literacy Day. With families staying at home, everyday can be Family Literacy Day. After a busy of work at home or remote learning, we encourage families to spend time reading their favourite stories together.

January 28th was Let’s Talk Day raising the awareness of Mental Health and Well-being. Some suggestions include: physical activity, break from screen time, good sleep habits, eating healthy, outdoor activity and practice mindfulness activities.

Did you hear about it?

Family Bingo Night: Monday night 6:30 pm on Cable 14. Click here for more information, <https://www.cable14.com/tv-shows/kiwanis-tv-bingo>

Frosty Fun Activities with City of Hamilton: There are fun outdoor activities planned by the City of Hamilton while adhering to COVID Protocols. Visit <https://www.hamilton.ca/recreation/frosty-fun-recreation> for more information.

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