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Arrival Check Program Please call the school to let us know that your child(ren) will **not** be attending school for the day or will be arriving late. For your convenience, the answering machine is available 24hrs/day, 7days/week.

Principals Message:

Report Cards

Report Cards go home with students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. It is important to work with your child's teacher throughout the year to help them succeed and achieve success. When going over the report cards it is important to celebrate your child's successes and if there are improvements to be made, set some goals with your child to help them achieve success. Any questions about your child's report card, please connect with your child's teacher.

Out of Catchment

Next year Green Acres will be a holding school for students coming from Collegiate who will be going to the new Eastdale School. Given that we will be a holding school for the 2019-2020 School Year, Green Acres will be closed for Out of Catchment.

Literacy Day - February 15th

Save the date...on February 15th Green Acres will hold their Literacy Day. Parents and Guardians will be invited in to spend 20 minutes with their child to read and or play a game. Thank you to Mrs. Blunsdon, Madame Woods, Mrs. Cave and the Student Leadership Group for their work in organizing the day. More information will be sent home soon.



Dental Screening

On Wednesday, February 27, JK, SK and Grade 2 students will be taking part in Dental Screening. More information from Public Health will go home closer to the date.

Kindergarten Registration

HWDSB schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten Program helps students get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring educators are with them every step of the way!

Registration starts on **Monday, February 4, 2019**. To register your child for Kindergarten please find your home school using our online School Locator at www.hwdsb.on.ca/find or call 905-527-5092 ext. 2391.

Please bring the following with you to register:

- Proof of date of birth - birth certificate, birth registration or passport
- Proof of status in Canada - Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Refugee.
- Guardianship/Custodianship documents (if applicable)
- Ontario Health Card
- Proof of address (one of the following) - utility bill, rental agreement, offer to purchase or driver's licence
- Immunization Records (for City of Hamilton Public Health Services)

Student Leadership Group:

The Green Acres Student Leadership Group will be selling Candy Grams starting on Friday, February 8. Proceeds from the sale of Candy Grams will be going to *Free the Children*. Free The Children is an international charity and educational partner. Their organization is unique among Canadian charities in that it operates collaborative programs both domestically and internationally. Green Acres students are proud to continue supporting this global organization and helping children across the world.

School Council Update

Now that school is back into the swing of things after the holiday break, we wanted to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to speed on what the School Council is working on.

We put out a request on our Facebook page earlier this month asking if there are any volunteers willing to help with the school snack program. If this is something you are interested in doing, please contact the school directly and let them know your interest. It is a small commitment (less than an hour first thing in the morning) and can fit into whatever schedule you have. There is no obligation as to how many days per week you can commit.

Pancake Day is right around the corner, Tuesday, March 5, 2019. It is a Green Acres School Council tradition to serve up pancakes to every student during the first nutrition break of that day. If anyone is available to help make pancakes that morning, please reach out to us either through Facebook or by calling the school. We usually start at around 7:30 a.m. and have everything wrapped up by 11:00 a.m. We want to be sure to keep this tradition alive.

We have also started planning for our STEAM Event that will be held on the same night as Open House in May. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. If you would like to help plan for this event or have any suggestions please do not hesitate to reach out. We are hoping that it will be a fabulous night full of hands on experiments and class competitions. Stay tuned for more information to come.

As part of the parent voice, we want to assure everyone that we are staying on top of all of the developments related to the renovations at Collegiate and the plans for September 2019 when a significant number of Collegiate students will be joining us at Green Acres. There was an information night held at the end of December that reviewed the board plan. There has been a Transition Committee created that had its first meeting on January 31, 2019. There is both a teacher representative and a parent representative on this committee. Also community spectators are allowed to attend any of the meetings. More details can be found posted on the HWDSB website under Accommodation Reviews. We will be actively reaching out to both R.L. Hyslop and Collegiate School Councils to discuss how we can start working together through what could be a challenging, but exciting transition. We are hopeful that we may be able to host an event in the near future that all schools will be able to participate in.

Our next School Council meeting is on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room. As always, everyone is welcome to attend and child care can be made available.