



Helen Detwiler School



Hamilton Wentworth District School Board - Respect, Creativity, Excellence, Citizenship

From the Principal and Vice Principal's Desks



We would like to thank staff, students and community for a great start up in September. It's hard to believe the first month of school is behind us. We had a great first month of school focusing on building a culture where everyone belongs and is respected.

At Helen Detwiler we have been fortunate to open an additional class as of October 4th. This has meant some reorganization of students within the school. We welcome Ms. Paproski as our Grade 3 teacher and Mr. Johnston as our Primary/Junior Prep Coverage teacher. We look forward to working with them as they transition into their new roles at Helen Detwiler.

We are also saying farewell to Mrs. Mioc, our Early Childhood Educator in Room 6 who will be moving on to work in a French Immersion school and to Mrs. Skelhorn, our Early Childhood Educator in Room 7 who will be moving to another school. We thank them for their dedication to our youngest learners at Helen Detwiler and wish them all the best as they move on to their new roles.

Extracurriculars got off to a great start in the month of September with three baseball teams competing at our system 3-Pitch tournaments. We received positive feedback from our coaches and volunteers on how well Helen Detwiler was represented by our students. We are very proud of our student athletes and their accomplishments. Our cross-country and volleyball teams are also busy practising. Go Hurricanes! Thank you to our coaches for dedicating their time to our teams.

On October 12th, our school wide Terry Fox event will be held outside on our back playground. Students have an opportunity to walk, jog, or run around our school back field. Thanks to all students for participating in this fundraiser by bringing in their donations on the day of the event to support such a worthy cause.

Wishing you and your families a lovely long Thanksgiving weekend honouring the importance of being thankful & appreciative for all that life has to offer. Monday Oct. 8th is a holiday and our school will be closed to honour Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely,
Ms. Radojevic & Ms. Francis



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 8th

Thanksgiving Day - No School

Wednesday, October 10th

Cross Country Meet

Wednesday, October 17th

FDK - Lindley's Farm

Thursday, October 18th

Photo Day

Thursday, October 19th

Grade 7 Immunizations

Thursday, October 25th

School Council Meeting

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Tuesday, October 30th

Progress Reports go home

Wednesday, October 31st

Special Event Day - Halloween

K-5 - Halloween Parade 9:00 - 10:23a.m.

Gr. 6-8 Halloween Dance 12:59 - 2:55 p.m.

Thursday, November 1st

Character Ed. Assembly @11:15 a.m.

Friday, November 2nd

P.A. Day - Parent Interview Day

Character Builds - THE WORD ON THE STREET!



In order to build upon our students Character development, at Helen Detwiler we are focusing on educating our school community on the Character Traits that will support our students success in life and build upon a positive school

culture. Last month our Character focus was Respect & Belonging. This month's Character Focus is Self Control/Self Regulation.

Monthly Focus

September - Respect & Belonging	February - Empathy
October - Self Regulation	March - Honesty
November - Courage	April - Acceptance
December - Caring	May - Integrity
January - Responsibility	June - Citizenship

Lost and Found

Parents, if your child is missing an article of clothing, please have them check the Lost and Found located at the back of the school by the gymnasium.

We would encourage you to label all your child's belongings. If an item makes its way to the Lost and Found it could easily be identified and returned.

Scent Free Environment



There are staff and students in the building that have medical allergies and conditions to strong scents such as

perfumes/colognes & scented sanitizers. We ask that these scented items stay at home, and are used before students arrive at school. We appreciate your support to ensure the health & well-being of everyone at Helen Detwiler.

School Cash Online

Let us take the worry out of sending money to school for pizza, sub days, school trips, and just about everything else! To securely register your child(ren) please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.

Emergency Health Information/Permission Forms

Your child brought home an "**EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS: Emergency/Health Information**" form along with several other forms for you to fill out at the beginning of September. These forms are necessary for trips, photographs and internet access. Please be sure that you have returned them all to your child's teacher. Thank you.

A Message About Halloween from the Heart and Stroke Society

October means Halloween! Here's some tips on how to have all the fun with a little less candy! While sugar-laden treats are a big part of the occasion, there are ways to reduce the amount of sugar kids consume. These tips from our registered dietitians will help your family enjoy a healthier Halloween:

Make sure trick-or-treaters fill up on a healthy meal before they set out. Set a strict rule of no sampling on the go. Walk with kids rather than drive them. The activity is good for you too! Managing the stash- Take control over the candy after arriving home. Sort through it and discard any questionable items. Create a "least favourite" pile and toss those too. In some families, the "Switch Witch" visits after kids are asleep to take away excess candy and leave a toy or trinket in its place. Allow your child to make daily withdrawals from a "candy bank" so you can monitor their intake. Put an expiration date on the haul – for example, two weeks – and throw the rest away.

Early ON - Check it Out Clinics

Early On Check it Out Clinics are free drop in clinics for families of children 0-6 years. These clinics are a great opportunity for families to have questions answered about their child's health, growth and development. If there are lags in growth or development referrals can be made to begin the early intervention process.

Helen Detwiler Early ON - Clinic Dates

Thursday, October 11 - 10am-noon

Thursday, December 6 - 10am-noon



Terry Fox Run

Our annual **Terry Fox Run** will be held on Friday, October 12th during periods 2, 3 and 4. Classes will be signing up for 20-30 minute time slots, so if you would like to come out to watch your child participate in this awesome event please contact his or her classroom teacher for information on run times.

Over the next two weeks, we will be collecting **"Toonies for Terry"** for this very worthwhile cause... Our school fundraising goal this year is \$1000.00, and I KNOW we can raise this amount as a school and community!

You can help us reach or surpass our goal using the following **Donation Options:**

- **Send a toonie** (or any amount of cash or spare change) with your child between now and October 12th (cash donations will be collected and tallied daily)
- Ask your child's teacher for a **Pledge Package** (if you would like to collect extra donations at work, in the community, etc)
- Use our school's **Fundraising Page:**
<http://www.terryfox.ca/HelenDetwilerESHamilton>
(tax receipts are available for larger donations using the last two payment methods)

We will also be collecting cash donations during Meet the Teacher night and on the day of the event... thank you for your support and see you on the 12th!

Ms. Stainton

EQAO Update

Every year, students in Grades 3 and 6 write the provincial EQAO test which assesses their skills in Reading, Writing and Math. The results of these tests will be sent home along with a Guide for Parents of students in Grade 3 & 6. If you have a child who attended our school and was in Grade 3 or 6 last year, your child will receive their results from their classroom teacher/advisor.

If your child wrote the test but did not attend Helen Detwiler School last year, their results will be forwarded to us by the previous school and we will send them to you. If you have not received them by the end of October, you can contact the previous school or let us know and we will follow up for you. Remember that the EQAO test is only written by students who attended school in Ontario. Additional information and a detailed report can be found at www.eqao.com



Transportation Parent Portal



The Parent's Portal tool on the HWSTS website (www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) allows parents/guardians to create a secure online account where they can access transportation details for their

child(s). Parents with accounts can choose to receive email notification when their bus is delayed by more than 10 minutes.

As part of the Parent's Portal Tool, parents/guardians of JK & SK students can provide names of individuals (including siblings 12yrs+) whom they wish to designate as authorized to receive their child. This list of authorized individuals is made available to the appropriate bus operator to assist with allowing the kindergarten students to leave the bus.

Nutrition Policy



HWDSB's Nutrition Policy guides school communities in the development of healthy school nutrition environments in which

everyone is encouraged to make nutritious food choices and beverage choices. Schools are entitled to 10 Special Event Days in which food & beverages sold or served in schools are exempt from the nutrition standard outlined in the Policy. Our first Special Event Day will be Halloween held on Wednesday Oct. 31st. Sweet Treats are welcome to celebrate!

Parent Drop Off & Pick Up

With 500 students entering and exiting the building on a daily basis, we ask that you are patient and cautious when driving down Brigade Drive. Setting a designated area that is off school grounds will make for an easier drop off and pick up routine for you and your child. Parents, if you plan to drop off or pick up your child, you must determine a meeting point location that is off school grounds to ensure the safety of our bussed students & families exiting the building in front of the school. If you are **coming into the school for a meeting or to visit the office**, we ask that you **please park at the Early ON Years Community Agency/Partnership Parking lot, located Southeast of the school**. We thank you for relying on the Southeast parking lot and supporting the safety of our students every day.

Parent Volunteers Needed!!

With many extracurricular events taking place throughout the school year, we are looking for the support of parents as volunteers on Pizza Days, extracurricular trips and as drivers to help our students get to their events. If you are interested, please contact the office and our office administrators will share the process involved to have you a part of our volunteer support team!

