



Helen Detwiler School



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

From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk



With us now into the final month of the school year, staff and students are looking forward to upcoming outdoor events, year-end trips and school celebrations.

Our last Character Education assembly will take place on Tuesday, June 4th at 11:30 a.m. Students will have an opportunity to reflect on their learning of Integrity and then be introduced to the final trait of "Citizenship". This new learning will help our students transfer their skills of being great citizens into the community during the summer months.

Education & Mental Health week was welcomed at Helen Detwiler during our Open House in May! We had a successful night entertaining our families with the band, choir and ukulele clubs playing at our French Cafe. The desserts were delicious, thank you to Madame Payant and our students for running the event. The book fair was a success all week with students excited to make some book purchases! Thank you to our dedicated staff, students and volunteers for helping with set up and sales!

With the end of a school year, we have news to share with regards to our staff members. Congratulations to Mrs. Bodo who will be retiring from Helen Detwiler in June. We thank Mrs. Bodo for all of her years of dedication to teaching students in HWDSB! Madame Amore, Mr. Johnston & Mrs. Johnston will also be moving on supporting another school within our district in September. We will also have our occasional staff leaving us at the end of the year. Thank you to Mr. Martins, Mr. Bottosso, Ms. MacArthur, Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Wilkinson, Ms. Trieu, Mrs. Akthker & Mrs. Lowenburg for committing to Helen Detwiler this year! We wish you all the best in your new assignments in the fall.

Coming to the end of this school year, we take pride in acknowledging the growth and success seen in student achievement and development. We thank our wonderful and dedicated staff for their professionalism, care and commitment to helping our students achieve their full potential. As they say, "it takes a village to raise a child" and the success achieved is a result of the joint partnership with home and school. We thank all of our families for being collaborative with our school team to achieve student success!

We hope you make the best of the start to June and wish all of our families a fabulous summer holiday with sunshine to look forward to!

Sincerely, *Ms. Radojevic & Ms. Francis*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, June 4th

*Character Ed Assembly 11:30 am in the Gym

Wednesday, June 5th

Pita Pit Lunch

Friday, June 7th

P A Day - No School

Wednesday, June 11th

Volunteer Appreciation Tea 11:00 am in the library

Thursday, June 13th

Band & Choir to Canada's Wonderland

Thursday, June 14th

Twin Day and Ice Cream Sandwich Day

Monday, June 17th

Room 2 and 3 trip to RBG

Wednesday, June 19th

Grade 8 Graduation - 4:30 p.m. at Carmen's

Friday, June 21st

LAST DAY FOR NUTRITION PROGRAM
SK Graduation 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Grade 6 Trip To Wild Waterworks

Wednesday, June 26th

Kindergarten Trip to Lil' Monkeys

Thursday, June 27th

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Red & White Day

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, September 3rd

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

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 Integrity. This month's Character Focus is Citizenship.

Monthly Focus

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

2019/2020 Important Dates

- ❖ The first day of instruction for ALL students (Elementary and Secondary) is Tuesday September 3rd, 2019.
8:35 a.m. Entry
2:55 p.m. Dismissal
Please note Supervision Begins at 8:20 a.m.
- ❖ Winter School Holiday Break is December 23rd, 2019 to January 6th, 2020 inclusive
- ❖ March School Holiday Break is March 16th, 2020 to March 20th, 2020 inclusive

First Day of School Protocol

- ❖ The name of your child's teacher/advisor for September will be located on your child's Report Card. Please ensure you keep track of your child's teacher to ensure they locate them easily on the first day of school. A sticker will be placed on each report card to highlight your child's teacher/advisor for next year.
- ❖ Please have your child locate their teacher/advisor on the back playground and line up in the designated area on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is open. If your child has or will be turning four or five this year, you are welcome to register to our Full Day Kindergarten Program. Our 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! Please come into Helen Detwiler any time between 9:35 a.m. and 2:55 p.m. to pick up a registration package at the office. Our office administrators would be happy to answer any questions you may have about registering your child. Online registration is now available at:

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

We look forward to making Helen Detwiler an exciting and engaging learning environment for your child!

Please share this information with others in your neighbourhood.

From the Library



The library will be starting the year end procedures. To begin this, all books that are out must be returned to the library by **Thursday June 6 th**. No sign-outs will occur after this date. Thank you for your help in keeping the library organized!

Health and Safety During a Heat Event



A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading. The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event.

Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move pupils through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton

www.hamilton.ca/healthandsocialservices/publichealth

<http://bit.ly/nB4ZQp>

Health Canada

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php>

Helen Detwiler Dress Code

With warmer temperatures approaching we would like our students to be neat and comfortable for learning. Students are expected to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion and appropriate for the school environment. Please ensure that your child dresses appropriately to ensure that the “bottom of their top” meets the “top of their bottom”. Please ensure that your child’s shorts are of an appropriate and modest length to respect our learning environment. Thank you.

Grade 8 Students

Community Involvement Hours - Don't Wait

What's the Big Deal about Community Involvement Hours?

In addition to 30 credits and the literacy test, all HWDSB students must complete at least 40 Community Involvement Hours (CIH) to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students can start earning these hours the summer after Grade 8.

Don't wait - get started on your hours in July!

Student Medical Alerts

With the end of the year, it is very important to ensure that all medications and epi-pens are picked up from the main office and classrooms. Parents, if you have medication that is stored here at school it is important that you make arrangements for pick up with the teacher and come by the main office on Thursday, June 27th. We will provide you with new medical forms to fill out in September.

Parents for Children's Mental Health

Are you caring for a child or youth who is living with mental health challenges? Support is available through PCMH's Hamilton Chapter!

Upcoming sessions include:

June 5 (6:00-7:30 p.m.) - Dad's Group "Coping with Summer"

June 20 (6:30-8:00 p.m.) - "Keeping your cool through the summer"

July 18 (6:30-8:00 p.m.) - "Strengthening Families at the Kitchen Table"

Aug 15 (6:00-7:30 p.m.) - "Back to School Transitions"

For more information and for location details, please visit www.pcmh.ca or call/text 905-536-9323.

PIZZA ORDERS



***LAST DAY OF PIZZA - Thursday,
June 20th***

***Nutrition Program Winding Down - Last Day is
Friday, June 21st***

Please be advised that our nutrition program will no longer be operating after Friday, June 21st.

We wish to thank all of our volunteers who have helped provide nutritious snacks to students each day. We are truly lucky to have such a committed group of volunteers.

THANK YOU!

Understanding The Teenage Mind

Thursday June 13, 2019 - Dr. Jean Clinton will be sharing

"Understanding the Teenage Mind & the Challenges our Kids are Facing Today" at Westdale

Secondary School in the auditorium from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This presentation is hosted by a number of Secondary Schools in Hamilton and is open to all HWDSB families.



Mabel's Labels

Mabel's Labels are personalized, peel & stick, super-durable labels that safely go in the laundry, dishwasher and microwave. They're loved by parents & kids alike. And they're perfect for all your kids' stuff – from shoes & clothes to water bottles, lunch boxes, backpacks and more!

Our fundraiser with Mabel's Labels gets:

- A useful way to shrink our lost & found while also raising funds
- Peel & stick, personalized, stylish labels
- No deadline. Order them when you need them.

To order:

Enter the website below and indicate that you want to support Helen Detwiler School.

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/



2019 Summer Library Program Guide **Now Available**

The library has published its Summer Program Guide. It contains information about many programs for toddlers to adults from stories and rhymes, to reading buddies, to yoga and computer classes. There is lots for everybody! Summer time can be a long time. Why not check in at the Turner Park branch now and plan some activities for your child and yourself?

The library has a Summer Reading Buddies Program for students who have completed Grade 1, up to age 12. Children are paired with a volunteer Reading Buddy who gives them individual attention. Stop by any Hamilton Public Library to sign up or go to kids.hpl.ca

Courtesy Bus Riders

As we are coming to the end of the school year, please be reminded that courtesy riders will need to complete a courtesy rider application for the 2019-2020 school year. All applications will receive consideration in early October. If you require an application, please call or visit the school office.



School Bus Information

Have you signed up? Get up to the minute news about busing delays/issues by registering with Transportation Services at:

<https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/parents/default.aspx>

Follow us on Twitter

Follow our school 'HD Hurricanes' on Twitter for up to the date information about what is happening at our school. We regularly post pictures of students in the classroom and participating in extracurricular activities.



Early ON Child and Family Centre

At the Early ON Child and Family Centre we strive to provide a high-quality play based learning environment for children newborn to 6 years of age and their families/caregivers. Please drop in and visit with any of the Early Years Facilitators to learn more about the free programs that we offer.

Schedule

MAIN SITE – Helen Detwiler 320 Brigade Drive, Hamilton

Monday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All programs are free of charge

For more information call 905 385-3020

Home Reading Materials

We are excited to share that we have purchased new home reading materials for students, using money from school fundraisers. Practising reading at home is an important part of a student's reading development so we are excited that we are able to provide new and engaging materials for students.



Council Corner



To celebrate the end of the year we will be selling ice cream cookie sandwiches on Friday June 14th, for \$2.00 each. There will be an order form sent home with your child and payment can be made using cash online from Wednesday May 29th until Thursday June 6th, or you can send in cash along with your order.

Volunteer Appreciation

To acknowledge the hard work, dedication & commitment of our school volunteers this year, we will be holding a Volunteer Tea on June 11th at 12:00 pm in the library. We look forward to celebrating all the hard work of our Helen Detwiler Volunteers.