



Helen Detwiler School



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From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk



We are happy to welcome longer days and Spring weather. In our final two months of the year, there are still many events planned and the learning during this time is very important.

We begin this month with an opportunity to celebrate learning during Education Week. We look forward to seeing you at our annual Open House on Wednesday May 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Harvey's will be on site to barbeque, the French Cafe will have snacks and classrooms will be open for parents and students to mingle about and enjoy time with friends and teachers. Our spring book fair will be open for parents and students to browse and make purchases during the Open House.

There are a lot of extracurricular events taking place at Helen Detwiler. Our Junior Boys Basketball season has just ended with the team making it to the playoffs. Our Grade 4 students had the opportunity to go to Tim Horton's Field for a day of football with the Tiger Cats. All of our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students attended a Musical at Pauline Johnson School. Our Grade 7 and 8 students will be going to Toronto for the day later this month. We thank our teachers and parent volunteers for making all of these learning opportunities available to students. Our Grade 7/8 class continues to raise money for Plumpy Nut by running Bingo games for younger classes. All money raised through Plumpy Nut goes to save lives of children in third world countries.

Our Kindergarten educator teams will be hosting an orientation session on May 14th from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for new parents to meet staff and become familiar with the routines of the school. On hand will be representatives from our community partners to provide information about services available to parents and children. EQAO will be administered from May 21st - June 3rd. Students in grades 3 and 6 will be writing tests in both Language and Mathematics. This time of year can place increased demands for some of our students. At Helen Detwiler, we try to help our students by altering their day schedule and closely monitoring their well-being. Getting proper nutrition and a good night's rest are also key for students to successfully manage through this time.

Our School Council planned a very successful Parent Engagement Night in April, featuring child psychologist, Dr. Pam Struiksma. Parent/Guardians who attended took away lots of great information on helping students navigate social situations. Families enjoyed a meal together and some great door prizes. On Thursday May 2nd we will be hosting a parent information session for parents of second language learners, focusing on skills to support literacy, math and maintaining one's first language.

We look forward to working together with you to support our students during the final months of the school year.

Sincerely, *Ms. Radojevic & Ms. Francis*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 2nd

Character Ed. Integrity Assembly
11:15 a.m. in the Gym

Monday, May 6th - Friday, May 10th

Education/Mental Health Awareness Week

Wednesday, May 8th

Open House/ French Cafe/ Harvey's 5:00 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Wed., May 8th & Thurs., May 9th

Spring Book Fair in the Library

Monday, April 13 - Thursday, May 16

Vision Clinic

Tuesday, May 14th

Kindergarten Orientation Night
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15th

Grade 8 Gauss Math Contest

Monday, May 20th- HOLIDAY

Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, May 23rd

School Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Library

May 21st - June 3rd

EQAO Testing for Grades 3 & 6

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, June 19th

Gr. 8 Graduation - 4p.m. Carmen's

Thursday, June 20th

Last Pizza Day

Thursday, June 21st

Kindergarten Grad

Thursday, June 27th

Last Day of School

Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Testing

Our grade 3 & 6 students continue to prepare for the EQAO assessment of reading, writing, and mathematics. The students will write the tests from May 21st to June 3rd 2019. It is important that your child be in full attendance during the assessment. Parents/guardians are asked to avoid scheduling appointments and vacations during this time. This will ensure that all students have the opportunity to complete all sections of the assessment. Letters will be sent home to all of our Grade 3 & 6 students writing the assessment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Are you moving over the summer?

If you will be moving before the start of the new school year, please call the school office to let us know. We can assist you with registering your child(ren) for the 2019/2020 school year.

Accurate Student Information with School Office

If there are any changes to your child's emergency contact info. (e.g. parent information, emergency contacts, updated phone numbers, email address) please ensure you contact the main office to keep our central office records up to date. We recognize that this information can change over the course of the year and that your child's teacher may have the updated information.

Class Building for 2019-20 School Year

With the year end at our heels, our in-school team will be engaging in the process of class building for next year. Many factors must be considered by our classroom teachers and learning teams when placing students in their classes for next year. To honour the integrity of the class building process, our students will be placed into their next grade class by our teachers. As educators, this is a very important task - one that requires much insight, professionalism and knowledge about our students as learners to create an effective learning environment. Recognizing this, our teachers are solely responsible for the class building process given they know your child's learning needs best. **As a result, parental requests are not a part of the class building process.** We thank you for respecting the integrity of this process and trusting your child's teacher and our in-school team in placing & communicating your child's next grade teacher in June. Thank you.

Kindergarten Orientation

We look forward to welcoming families of future kindergarten students! This evening has been prepared for families who have registered a child for Junior or Senior Kindergarten beginning this September. An orientation will be held in one of our kindergarten rooms on **Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**, at which time families will learn about the Full Day Kindergarten program as well as other relevant information such as Public Health requirements.

Spring Book Fair



The Spring Book Fair will be held May 8th and May 9th 2018.

Wednesday, May 8th: PREVIEW Day for students during school hours. Open for purchasing books during Open House.

Thursday, May 9th: Open for purchasing 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. A portion of all purchases go towards the Helen Detwiler Library. Thank you for your support!



The HWDSB Reach Ahead Program provides students in grade 8 with an opportunity to acquire a high school credit during the summer before regular school even begins in September.

Classes start on July 3rd and finish on July 26th, 2019 and run Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Check out this website for more information about these exciting summer offerings:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/youth-programs/summer-credit-programs/reach-ahead/>

You can also contact Continuing Education at 905-561-2190 or by e-mail at ce@hwdsb.on.ca.

Dogs on School Property



A dog is a person's best friend, however, we need you to know that they are not allowed on school property, even if you have the dog on a leash. A number of children are uncomfortable with dogs and not all dogs are as well behaved as yours. We thank you for your support!

Smoking On School Property

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 prohibits the smoking of tobacco, the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) to vape any substance, and the smoking of cannabis (medical and recreational), on Board of Education properties and during Board of Education activities. This Act protects workers, and the public, from second-hand smoke and vapour.

Enforcement Officers will issue anyone smoking on school property a fine of \$300.

We appreciate everyone honouring the Smoke Free Act.



Detwiler Checkers Team

Members of our checkers team competed at the 50th Annual HWDSB Checkers Tournament in March. The tournament one of the oldest and largest tournaments in North America. This year marked the 50th anniversary, and also made it into the Guinness World Book of Records with over 800 students participating! Our Grade 5 team of Declan, Edmond, Jawad, Zaid, Ben, Amir, and our Grade 7 team of Zaid, Haziq, Alita, Hassan, Jose, and Alexia finished second overall in the board and brought back two championships banners for the school! Thanks to Mr. Murray, Mr. Bottasso, and Mr. Ho for taking the team.



Team members include:

Grade 8 - Skylar T., Owen W., Abd, Mirsib A., Tyler M., Trent C., Brayden C., Keiya G., Ethan M., Shaima I., Erica D., Ben M., Jasmine L., Emma D.

Grade 7 - Zaid S., Haziq K., Alita P., Hassan K., Jose C.

Grade 6 - Jeffrey A., Serje K., Mr. Aziz., Nathaneal B., Lisi K., Wyatt W., Thomas, Cardin L., Idris, Andrew D., Deon A., Mantadar A., Alexia Y.

Grade 5 - Declan C., Edmund Z., Jawad, Zaid, Ben B., Amir, Rayyan, Niaz, Hayley W., Maddie R., Casey A., Violet, Emma

Graduation Award Sponsorship

If you know of a local business or organization that would be able to support our school by sponsoring a grade 8 graduation award, please call Mrs. Orgar or Mrs. Potts at 905-574-2662. Sponsors will be acknowledged in our Graduation Ceremony program. This year, our Gr. 8 Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 19th.

Jump Rope for Heart

Detwiler students are busy in phys ed class working on their skipping skills. We have students working on a variety of leg tricks, arm tricks, and partner tricks.

We are two weeks into our fundraising and we are close to \$1000 dollars!

Our Jump Rope for Heart week is scheduled for the week for **May 13 to 17th**. Students can bring back their envelopes anytime once they have completed collecting pledges, however May 17 is the final day for collection before we send in our tally for the prizes earned by students.

Let's keep working on it and see if we can match our goal of \$2500 from last year!

HARVEY'S COMES TO HELEN DETWILER FOR OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 8th 5-6:30pm



Save yourself the hassle of making dinner on Open House night! Harvey's will be serving both hamburger and hotdog meals (including a drink and bag of chips) at Helen Detwiler from 5-6:30 pm. Hamburger meal Tickets are \$5.00 and hotdog meal tickets are \$4.00. Tickets will be sold outside the main entrance school doors beginning at 4:45pm. Don't miss this opportunity to grab dinner either before or after you visit your child's classroom or the French Café in the gymnasium.

FRENCH CAFÉ

Wednesday, May 8th 5-6:30 pm during Open House



HD students have been very busy preparing for our upcoming French Café on Wednesday, May 8th. In the gymnasium, there will be an art walk, live performances by both the band and choir and delicious desserts and beverages that will be served to you en français! All French Café pastries and beverages will be sold for \$2.00 or less so don't miss this opportunity to order and dine in French at a very economical price! There will also be a French prize raffle so do not forget to buy your raffle tickets along with your food tickets in the front foyer! There is something for everyone at the French Café so don't miss us in the gym at our Open House on Wednesday, May 8th! **Bon appétit tout le monde!**

Grade 5 Fibonacci Math Contest

On April 17th, students from all over Canada participated in the Fibonacci math contest. Helen Detwiler was one of the participating schools! Students from Mrs. Austin's, Mrs. Zolis, and Mr Ho/Miss MacArthur's class put their math skills to the test! We look forward to finding our results in late May/June! Congratulations to our students who participated:

Room 11 - Alyssa, Awwab, Anfal, James, Pixie, Amir, Rayyan, Joseph, Caleb, Mackenzie

Room 12 - Haya, Ben, Heer, Yassin, Ibraheem, Violet, Alyas, Gaver, Alishba, Kate

Room 13 - Kyleigh, Maddie, Hayley, Edmond, Jawad, Zaid, Orkhan, Joshua, Declan

Council Corner

Our next council meeting will be held on Thursday May 23rd. All are welcome to attend.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Vesey's fundraiser. The profits will help us improve our playground! Cookies will be on sale every Thursday at second nutrition break.