



# Helen Detwiler School



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

## ***From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk***

Believe it or not, March has arrived. Even though February ended with some really cold temperatures and some more snow, it seems like March will begin to warm up. Just as the season begins to change, Helen Detwiler will also experience some change this month. At this point in time, we want to wish our current Vice Principal, Karen Francis, all the best in her new adventure as Vice Principal at Cathy Weaver. We also want to welcome Louise van der Put, our incoming Vice Principal who will be joining us from Cootes Paradise Elementary School. Both Karen and Louise will start in their new roles on Monday, March 23rd.

In February, our Learning Commons (library) began to undergo a revitalization. We have now set up 3 laptop workstations with a total of 12 laptops, ordered over \$4,500 worth of new books based on student input from Grade(s) 1-8, and reduced the amount of furniture in this area. We are so excited to see the new books be placed on our shelves in the Learning Commons once they are catalogued. Black History Month was also recognized in our Learning Commons where students had a chance to learn about some of the most influential black leaders around the world. Thank you to a few of our Mohawk students who helped organize the Learning Commons and some of our classroom spaces. It has been great learning for all.

We are also excited to announce that in March, Scientists in the School, has provided a grant to Helen Detwiler to cover the cost for 11 of our 21 classes to receive half day science workshops. Our students in Grades 3/4-8 will have their workshop in March, while our Grade K-3 students will have their presentation paid for by the school by the end of the school year. Our staff and students are so excited about this opportunity coming to our school!

Kindergarten registration is now open and we look forward to welcoming our youngest students to Helen Detwiler in September. Please feel free to set up an appointment to tour the school and submit your registration packages. We are excited to have you be part of the Helen Detwiler family.

We hope everyone enjoys March break beginning Monday, March 16th. Enjoy your break and please be safe while travelling whether locally or abroad. We wish you all the best over the month of March.

*Sincerely Mr. Azzopardi & Ms. Francis*

## **MARCH 2020**

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**Mr. Azzopardi - Principal**  
**Ms. Francis - Vice-Principal**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thursday, March 5th**  
Grade 8 Grad Photo Day

**Friday, March 6th**  
P A Day - No School

**Sunday, March 8th**  
Daylight Savings Reminder  
Set your clocks forward one hour.

**March 16th - March 20th**  
**MARCH BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

## **LOOKING AHEAD...**

**Friday, April 10th**  
Good Friday - No School

**Monday, April 13th**  
Easter Monday - No School



## French Immersion Begins in Grade 1

If your senior kindergarten child has been enrolled in the French Immersion program for September 2020, please advise Mrs. Orgar in the office.

## Umbrella Family Child Care

The Umbrella Family Before and After School Program has space available for part-time and full-time children. Please contact Tina the program leader at 905-317-5718 for more information.



**Umbrella Family and Child Centres of Hamilton**  
*Good care educates. Good education cares.*

## Grade 8 Graduation Update(s)

Grade 8 students and families, please mark these dates on your calendar. More details will be released as we get more information:

**Tuesday, March 3 @ 1:20pm** - Graduation Sweatshirt information session. Sizing options will be available for students to try on. Order forms due no later than Wednesday, March 11th.

**Thursday, March 5th - Graduation Photo Day.** Order forms went home on Thursday, February 27th. Please bring \$30 on the day of Graduation photos if you wish to order the class composite.

**June 17th @ 4:30pm - Graduation Day!**



## For Children Born in 2016 It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration is now open. If your child has or will be turning four or five this year, you are welcome to register for 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.

**HWDSB**  
**Kindergarten**  
Registration is  
**NOW OPEN!**  
[www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten)

## Prom Project Hamilton

An event that gives students a chance to select formal wear free of charge to attend their formals, graduations and special events feeling confident, stylish and proud.



To provide more opportunities the event will be held on two days:

- ❖ Saturday, April 4 th 9:00 - 2:00  
OR
- ❖ Saturday, May 2nd 9:00 - 2:00

**At Sir Winston Churchill (1715 Main St E, Hamilton)**

Prom Project is accepting donations at drop-off points across the city. The foundation is also welcoming staff and parent volunteers with their Vulnerable Sector Police checks. The foundation is also always in need of accessories, hygienic products and financial support for Prom Project Hamilton. Find a donation point and more information at [www.promprojecthamilton.ca](http://www.promprojecthamilton.ca).