



**COMMUNITY LETTER: Community
News, Updates and Reminders
December 5, 2025.**



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,
Below are the updates for December 5, 2025.

Have a great weekend!

Regards,
Kwame Djan & Lynda Southon

EQAO 2024-2025 Results

Individual EQAO results for students have been sent home. Overall, our school made gains in all subject areas for both Grade 3 and Grade 6 students.

Percentage of students achieving or exceeding provincial expectations (Level 3 and 4):

- Grade 3: Reading 66% Writing 63% Math 44%
- Grade 6: Reading 76% Writing 80% Math 36%

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Grade 3: Reading 70% (+3%), Writing 59% (-1%), Math 54% (+3%)

Grade 6: Reading 81% (+6%), Writing 80% (+8%), Math 41% (+4%)

Detwiler School Spirit Wristbands

Our next round of school spirit wristbands will be sold from November 14-December 12. All purchases will be distributed to students the week of December 15.

Photo retake day

January 15, 2026

Pizza lunches

Our next pizza day is Wednesday, December 10. All orders must be submitted by Sunday, December 7th through School Cash Online only.



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Popcorn Days

Our next Popcorn Day is Friday, December 12th. Popcorn is available for \$2.00 and must be ordered by Wednesday, December 10th through School Cash Online only.

Fundraising

Did you know that you can support **Helen Detwiler** when you place any order with Mabel's Labels? These labels are ideal for all your child's belongings, including water bottles, clothing, backpacks, shoes, etc. Best of all, they are a local business operating right here in Hamilton!

To order visit the website <https://mabelslabels.ca/>

Select "**Support a Fundraiser**"

Enter "**Helen Detwiler**" and select it then click "**Shop Now**"

Parent council meeting

Date: January 15, 2026

Time: 6:30-7:30 (library)

Access to school: Front entrance

Format: Hybrid (see below for MS Teams link)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 276 246 225 591 76

Passcode: SM25a82x

Parent council meeting

Date: February 15, 2026

Time: 6:30-7:30 (library)

Access to school: Front entrance

Format: Hybrid (see below for MS Teams link)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 255 774 889 525 45

Passcode: kA7Jd7fz

Parking By-Laws

This is a reminder that there is no stopping from 6am-7pm on the school side of Brigade Dr., from Bonaparte Way to Bastille St. These by-laws are in place to keep pedestrians and drivers safe. By-law officers will be on-site throughout the year to ensure compliance.

Additionally, the staff parking lot is for staff only – this is not a space for student drop



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off or pick up. We appreciate your support in this as we prioritize the safety of our students on a daily basis.

Kiss ‘N Ride

The Kindergarten loop is a no-stopping zone, as indicated by the City of Hamilton bylaw signs posted. When dropping off, students must immediately exit the vehicle safely and *independently*. At the end of the day, parents must park in the lot or on the opposite side of the street to wait for students.

Volunteering in 2025-2026 school year

All applicants looking to volunteer are now required to present a Vulnerable Sector Screening **specific to HWDSB** before they will be able to begin their volunteer activities. An offence Declaration is required for the subsequent years until a new Vulnerable Sector is required (after 3 years). The Vulnerable Sector Screening is the property of the volunteer. A letter to be presented to the respective police department can be obtained through the office.

Family Math Challenge: “Plan a Family Pizza Night”

Goal: Practice real-life math skills like addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, and budgeting.

Step 1: Choose Your Pizza

- Look at a local pizza menu (online or paper).
- Each family member picks their favorite toppings.
- Write down the cost of each pizza or topping.

Step 2: Do the Math

- **K-3:**
 - Count how many toppings you have in total.
 - Add up the cost of your pizza.



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- Compare which pizza costs more or less.
- **Grades 4–6:**
 - Find the total cost for the whole family.
 - If you have \$50, how much money will you have left after buying the pizzas?
 - If you share one large pizza among 4 people, what fraction of the pizza does each person get?
- **Grades 7–8:**
 - Calculate the tax (use 13% HST).
 - If you leave a 15% tip, what is the final cost?
 - If each person pays an equal share, how much does each person pay?

Step 3: Bonus Challenge

- Design your own pizza deal!
 - Offer a discount (like 10% off) and calculate the new price.
 - Compare which deal saves the most money.

Family Reflection

- Was it cheaper to share one big pizza or buy individual pizzas?
- How did fractions and percentages help you make decisions?

This activity connects to **Number Sense, Fractions, Financial Literacy**, and **Problem Solving**, which are all part of the Ontario curriculum.