



HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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Notes from the Principal...



Vision:

“Working together to provide program and service to our community”

Once again, there was a great turn out for “**Meet the Teacher**”! Connecting with your child’s teacher and visiting the classrooms is important as it takes a team to educate our students and we appreciate your support. Congratulations to Holly and Rm. 3 for winning the prize pack; \$25 for Holly and \$25 for the class to purchase books from the “Book Fair”. Thank you to Mrs. Lupal for organizing the event and all the staff that helped out.

Halloween at Holbrook

An exciting day, as always! The parade had a supportive audience that enjoyed all the different costumes. Idlewhyld Manor. It is a highlight for many of the seniors that watched the costume parade. There was smiles of joy as they watched the children parade past. The children were respectful and kind visitors. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to watch and take pictures. It was a fun day!

Progress Report Card

The Ministry Progress Report Card was distributed on October 30th. This progress report gives you a general idea of how your child is doing at this early point in the school year. A key component of this report card is the “Learning Skills” section. Learning skills and work habits help your child access the curriculum and accelerates their progress in learning. Please read these carefully and note the suggestions the teachers make for further growth. This report is to allow for rich discussion between you as parent and your child’s classroom teacher. If you were unable to make it to an interview with the teacher, please arrange a phone call interview.

Remembrance Day



The Legion provides the school with “poppies” for the children to wear however a donation would be appreciated for the veterans. Ms. Millar has a box on her desk for donations.

Safe & Secure Schools

An important HWDSB policy is “Safe & Secure Schools”. The requirements in this policy is to prepare students in the event of a “unsafe” occurrence in or around the school. On October 6, we had a “Lockdown” practice with the support of our school liaison officer. On October 24, we had our Evacuation/Bomb Threat drill again with Officer Dinning’s support. On both occasions, our students demonstrated exemplary safe behaviour and we continue to work on our school being a safe learning environment.

As always, please call me if you have questions about the above information.

From Mrs. Lemmond

Mrs. C. Lemmond— Principal
Mrs. L. Millar — Office Administrator
Mrs. L. Romano— Superintendent
Mr. W. Hicks — School Trustee

Attention:

- **Please remember that no nuts products (eg. Nutella, peanut butter) are allowed at school due to severe allergies.**

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Congratulations to Holly in Rm 3 for winning the draw from the Book Fair. Holly and her class won \$25 worth of books!



Rapid Phone Messaging for Snow Days!

HWDSB will be once again using the phone messaging system (called Synrevoice) to contact all parents/guardians in the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather. HWDSB will continue to make cancellation decisions by 6 a.m.

Cancellation of School and Board Administrative Operations

Severe Weather Conditions – Severe weather across the District or in any part of the District may result in the cancellation of transportation services to the entire District. If the weather is severe enough, the General Manager of the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System will advise the Director or Designate of the road conditions and weather conditions. The Director of Education or Designate will then decide whether or not to cancel all school and board administrative operations. If the conditions are determined to be unsafe, The Director of Education or Designate will then inform Corporate Communications and the General Manager of Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System of the cancellation of all school and board administrative operations. Corporate Communications will inform the community by contacting the media, the City of Hamilton, school-based child care providers and by posting cancellation information on the website and on a School Cancellation “Hotline”. The Director or Designate

will make every effort to cancel all school and board administrative operations by 6:00 a.m.

For more information on the Cancellation of School & Board Operations visit our Policy page at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/inclement-weather/>

Cold Weather and Outdoor Play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom.

With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning **extra mittens and a hat**, depending on the season. In the winter, it’s important children come to school prepared for the cold. **Boots, mittens or gloves and hats** should be worn to school and it’s a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed.

As always, Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton’s Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill.

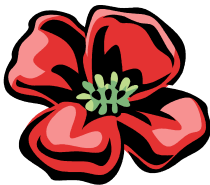
Holbrook Dress Code:

Some students were asking about the “dress code” for Holbrook School. I noticed that I had inadvertently removed it from the front end of the students agendas. Here is the “dress code”:







Clothing should be conducive to the learning environment at Holbrook school.

- Hats will be removed upon entry to the school – religious garments excepted.
- Clothing will provide adequate protection from the weather.
- Jackets and coats will be removed prior to entry into the classroom.
- School bags and knapsacks will be left in the lockers.
- No clothing, hats or jewelry will be worn that bears: Any sexual or racial comment, suggestive or disrespectful message or advertisement for alcohol, drugs or tobacco
- Clothing that reveals underwear, navels or midriiffs will not be worn. Shirt straps should be two fingers wide. Shorts should be to the finger tips.
- Proper footwear is needed for P.E. Having a change of footwear is helpful for cleanliness and safety in the gym.

The administration will be available to determine and follow through with parents and guardians should there be questions or concern. Parents/guardians will be called and asked to bring in proper attire. This code is in effect at all school activities and school sponsored activities.



NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30—Day 3 Progress Reports going home	31—Day 4	1—Day 5	2—Day 1 Teacher Parent Interviews 	3 Teacher Parent Interviews PD DAY No school for students
6—Day 2	7—Day 3	8—Day 4 PIZZA ORDERS DUE Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Assembly 11:30 AM	9—Day 5	10—Day 1 Remembrance Day assembly 9:30 AM Chocolates go home 
13—Day 2 Anti-Bullying Awareness Week	14—Day 3	15—Day 4	16—Day 5 “Fresh from the Farm” Delivery day Officer presenting	17—Day 1 
20—Day 2	21—Day 3	22—Day 4	23—Day 5 Treat Day \$2 TCBY or Kernel Popcorn  Family Games Night	24—Day 1 
27—Day 2	28—Day 3	29—Day 4	30—Day 5 	1 PD DAY No school for students

FUTURE DATES:

- Friday, December 1—PD DAY
- Tuesday, December 14—“Peace Breakfast” volunteers needed
- Friday, December 22—Last day before the Winter Break
- Monday, January 8, 2018—Welcome back





School Council Adventures



I am pleased to announce we have one of the largest School Councils in a long time, 16 Members. We'd like to welcome our newest member Ava Mamkak to the team. We still have room for one more voting member, come out get informed on the latest teaching & school news, meet new people & have some fun. Parents, guardians & teachers are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 16, 2017, 6 pm School library.

To all those who participated in the Fresh from the Farm & Spirit Wear. "Fresh from the Farm" will be delivered on November 16. The "Spirit Wear" delivery date has not been determined. Thank you for your support.

***** Chocolate *** Chocolate *** Chocolate *****

Our biggest & sweetest fundraiser of the year kicks off on Wednesday November 8 with an assembly of the students. Permission letters will be sent home and must be signed by the parents prior to students receiving a box of chocolate to sell. As always there will be awesome prizes for the top sellers.

If you are not comfortable participating in fundraisers & would prefer to make a onetime donation instead please contact Cathie Lemmond and she will guide you through the process.

Volunteers needed: We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help out with Pizza Day on Fridays & Healthy Snack Monday through Friday. Police checks are required to be a volunteer within the school. Please contact the office if you have questions. To have these opportunities for our students, we need more support.

Up & Coming Events: As you can see with the list of events below council has been very busy. Volunteers are also needed to help run these events. Please let the School Council know if you are able to help out with any of the events.

Chocolate fundraiser Kick-Off Assembly Wednesday, November 8, 2017;

Games Night Thursday, November 23, 2017;

***Peace Breakfast** Thursday, December 14, 2017; (8:30—11:00 am volunteers needed)

Movie Night Friday, January 19, 2018;

***Snuggle Up & Read** Monday, January 28 2018;

Family Dance Night Friday, February 9, 2018;

Anti - Bullying Magic Show Friday, March 23 2018;

Parent presentation on **Self-Regulation by the Merrit Centre:** Parent Reaching Out Grant April 2018;

Family Meal and Open House Thursday, May 3, 2018;

Summer Carnival Thursday, June 7, 2018;

***Groove Edgucation** Thursday, June 21, 2018.

*indicates the event happens during the day

More information will be sent home as events get closer.

Mike Palma (When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.)

Have questions, feel free to drop us a line anytime holbrookschoolcouncil@gmail.com