



# HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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## Notes from the Principal...



**Vision:**

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The Holbrook staff wish you and your family all the best for 2018. I hope you all enjoyed time with family and friends over the holidays. We look forward to the exciting year ahead celebrating a positive learning environment.

**“HOLIDAY CONCERT”**

Thank you so much for all that attended our “Holiday Concert” in December. I was so sorry to be ill and missed this exciting event. However many parents, grandparents and friends were here to see the class presentations. The students were thrilled that you came and they had a large audience to perform for. My thanks to all the students and staff for all their work for the performances.

**Thank You’s!**

Thank you to School Council and the many volunteers for putting on our “Peace” breakfast. Our special guest handed out candy canes. Our thanks are extended to Councilor Terry Whitehead for his donation that purchased food for the breakfast.

Thank you to all who donated many non-perishable food items. Our students are so fortunate to be part of such a supportive community. Congratulations to Dylan in Room 2, who won the draw from the Food Drive. He won a “pizza lunch” for his class, with Mrs. Lemmond. “Neighbour to Neighbour” appreciates the donation from our school.

**Happy New Year to all! From Mrs. Lemmond**



**Congratulations to our**

**Chocolate Bar**

**Fundraiser Winners!**

- First Place: Tymin**
- Second Place: Hayden**
- Third Place: Dakota**
- Fourth Place: Victoria**
- Gooney Bird BIG: Addison**
- Gooney Bird SMALL: Vaive**
- Top Selling Class: RM 12-4**
- Thanks to all who participated! We raised \$4,000!**

Mrs. C. Lemmond—  
Principal

Ms. L. Millar —  
Office Administrator

Mrs. L. Romano—  
Superintendent

Mr. W. Hicks —  
School Trustee

**Attention:**

- **P. D. Day—Friday, January 26**
- **Term 1 Report Cards—Tuesday, February 13**

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Please remember the allergy alert@ Holbrook

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## **WINTER MATTERS**

Staff from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will clear, salt and/or sand the following areas:

- The walkways from the City sidewalk to the school
- The school steps and portable steps
- Walkways to the portables
- Ramps to schools and portables
- Area outside of entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs and ramps

When there is an accumulation of 5 cm of snow, parking lots and sidewalks are plowed by approved contractors arranged through Facilities Management. General salting and sanding of the parking lot is also done by contracted staff prior to the commencement of the school day when deemed necessary by the Facility Management staff. Head Caretakers may salt or sand isolated areas on the parking lot on an as needed basis.

**Playgrounds will not be plowed or otherwise cleared.**

Head Caretakers will check the condition of the grounds early in the morning and during the school day to sand and/or salt isolated slippery areas that may occur due to changing temperatures. Students should take extra caution when walking onto and leaving from school grounds. Caution must also be taken playing on school grounds when conditions are slippery. Principals are asked to follow Public Health recommendation to keep students inside during recess breaks if the temperature dips below  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  (without wind chill factor).

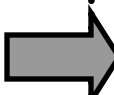
## **Newsletters**

are available on our **school website**. The address is on page 1. You may wish to **subscribe** to the website which will allow you to receive updates. HWDSB news will come to your email as well.

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## **"Peace Breakfast" - "Best day ever"**

Thank you to all the volunteers and to our special guest! Delicious!



## **Snow Safety Reminders:**

Students have been having great fun in the snow, building, digging, and creating sculptures. Although our winter weather can provide lots of fun activities, some of these activities cannot happen at school during recess.

- ◇ Snowballs and sliding down the hill are not allowed during recess as they are difficult to supervise and could lead to serious injury. Please remind your child about this restriction during recess. A range of consequences will result for students that are unable to follow this direction. Thank you for your support.
- ◇ Please remember to send your child in appropriate winter wear (boots, mittens, hats, scarves, snow pants) as students do go out twice a day (within the above temperature restrictions). Two pairs of mittens and extra socks are sometimes helpful. Students are doing very well at taking off their winter wear.
- ◇ Between 8:30 and 8:45 am, we cannot allow students to be sliding down the back hill as this poses a safety risk. Some parents meet their children after school to slide and toboggan. This activity can only happen with parent / guardian supervision. Staff are not responsible for supervising this activity.
- ◇ Another reminder is that the play structure is on City property and is not supervised by school staff before or after school.







Should you have concerns about the above information, please call Mrs. Lemmond.





JANUARY



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8—DAY 1 	9—DAY 2	10—DAY 3	11—DAY 4	12—DAY 5 
15—DAY 1 	16—DAY 2	17—DAY 3 <b>PIZZA ORDERS DUE: Pizza day moving to Wednesday</b>	18—DAY 4	19—DAY 5 
22—DAY 1	23—DAY 2	24—DAY 3 	25—DAY 4 <b>TREAT DAY \$2 TCBY OR KERNELS</b>	26 <b>P.D. DAY No school for students</b>
29—DAY 5 <b>“SNUGGLE UP AND READ” ADULT READERS NEEDED:)</b>	30—DAY 1	31—DAY 2 	1—DAY 3	2—DAY 4

**FUTURE DATES:**

Monday, February 5—Kindergarten Registration begins

Tuesday, February 13—Term 1 Report Cards distributed

Monday, February 19—Family Day Holiday

Friday, March 2—P. D. Day—no school for students

Monday March 12 to Friday, March 16—March Break

Friday, March 23—SPECIAL PRESENTATION—Magician with a message—performing in the afternoon and an evening presentation for families

Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2—Easter Holidays

Thursday, May 3—“Open House” and “Family Meal”

Tuesday, June 26—“Farewell” Assembly for Grade 6 students and families

Friday, June 29—P.D. Day





### School Council Adventures



Happy New Year to all & we hope your Holiday Season was filled with fun & laughter.

Schools back in & we have snow creations everywhere, Yeah !

Friendly reminder to take extra care coming to & leaving school, winter brings with it some challenging & slippery conditions.

We would like to send out a HUGE Thank You to all the volunteers who helped with the peace breakfast. The turnout was awesome. Tons & Tons of pancakes were consumed along with a few candy canes.

Please note we have moved the date for Movie Night to Friday 2 February 2018 doors open at 6pm.

Our next School Council meeting is the 18th of January at 6pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend & share your thoughts...

#### Up & Coming Events:

Movie Night Friday 2 February 2018;

Snuggle Up & Read Monday 29 January 2018;

Family Dance Night Friday 9 February 2018;

Anti - Bullying Magic Show Friday 23 March 2018; Parent

Reaching Out Grant April 2018 TBD;

Family Meal Thursday 3 May 2018;

Summer Carnival Thursday 7 June 2018;

Groove Edgucation Thursday 21 June 2018.

More information will be sent home as events get closer.

Mike Palma (School Council Chair 2017—2018)

(A creative person is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others.)

#### Picking up and Dropping off Students

Some reminder about the safe arrival and departure of our students. Using the Staff Parking lot is not a safe option for this task. The accessible spot is for people who have an "accessible" license. The front of the school is a bus zone and we want to keep our students safe that use these buses. Please follow the "no stopping" signage. Should by-law officers be supervising the area, a ticket will be given to those who stop there. Thank you for your cooperation.



Please remember that the entry bell rings at **8:45 a.m.** and all students should be at the **back doors** awaiting entry. Parents, please drop off your child(ren) at the back door. Instruction begins at 8:45 a.m. Punctuality is an important skill to teach our children. When your child comes in late, this can disrupt your child's learning and the learning of others. We appreciate that there are unique circumstances however let's set a goal to be on time, or early, every day in 2018.