



# Janet Lee Update

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe it's December! Our staff has been working very hard to ensure that students feel safe and welcomed here at school. I am proud of our school, it's students, staff and families. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our young people. I would like to wish everyone a safe, restful, healthy, holiday season. I wish you and all of your loved ones a new year filled with happiness and good health! Classes begin again on January 4th!

## CONGRATULATIONS MRS. STEWART!

This month we say goodbye and congratulations to Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart has been the Crossing Guard for Janet Lee School for the last 25 years. She has safely guided 100's of students to and from Janet Lee for many years. In addition to this job, she has been a long time volunteer at our school, supporting both staff and students in ways too numerous to mention. Her retirement is well deserved, but we will definitely miss her. Congratulations on your retirement Mrs. Stewart! On behalf of all the staff and students at Janet Lee, we wish you all the best as you begin this next phase of your life.

## IMPORTANT PARKING LOT CONCERNS (Sent with students Dec. 11)

We continue to have ongoing concerns about student safety during morning drop off and after school pick-up. Hamilton Police have been contacted and will be monitoring traffic safety in our area.

It is extremely important that parents navigate our school parking lot appropriately, adhering to signage and speed limits, to ensure the safety of all our students. We encourage all parents to use the Kiss and Drop Zone if not walking children to the back playground. At all times, please watch for children who may be getting out of cars and walking through the parking lot. Parents are not permitted to park in the Staff Parking area nor the front of the school as this is the Bus Loading Zone. If the parking lot is full, please do not enter, as this congestion greatly impacts the safety of our students.

I cannot stress enough the seriousness of this concern and appreciate your immediate cooperation to improve this situation. Thank you for your support.

## WINTER HOLIDAY EVENTS

Thursday Dec. 17th is Pajama Day. On Friday, we will have a virtual assembly. Any individual class events will be communicated by teachers.

## LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing some items of clothing? We have accumulated a number of items in our "Lost and Found" bin over the course of the term. All items remaining in the Lost and Found on Dec. 18th will be given to charity. If your child is missing anything, please encourage them to visit the lost and found. Also, a reminder to please label all items that come to school so that lost items can be returned to your child easily. Our Lost and Found bin will now be emptied monthly and donated the last Friday of the month.

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## SNOW CLEARING AND SALTING OF PROPERTY

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
- Ramps to schools
- An 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.

## DAILY SELF SCREENING PROCESS

Please ensure that you are reviewing the self screening checklist daily with your child(ren). If children come down with Covid related symptoms during school, we **must** follow Public Health protocols to support the safety of all students and staff. The first step to this process is that parents pick up **immediately**. We recognize that this may be challenging for some parents, but we are required to adhere to Public Health protocols. Although we are not Dr.'s, we respond according to what your child tells us they are feeling, by observing their general demeanor and by determining if the symptoms they are reporting are Covid related according to the protocol. If a student has a symptom that is normal for them related to a known cause or condition, parents, guardian/caregivers are encouraged to provide this information.

RETURN TO SCHOOL ATTESTATION FORM: If a student fails the screening for any of the above reasons and is absent from school, the student requires a completed "Attestation for return to school following illness or self isolation." If a student is sent home from school, we will provide a hard copy of this form to families to complete upon return of the student. If a student fails the screening while at home, please contact the school when the student is ready to return to school and we will help you with this attestation process.

*Sincerely,*

*Mrs. S. Costa-Popovich*  
*Principal*

