



**Mountview School News
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DECEMBER 2019

From the Principal's Desk...

Wow! I can't believe that it is already December. We have a very busy month ahead, please check the school calendar included with this newsletter for all the events happening at Mountview this month. Our Holiday Concert will be on Tuesday December 17 @ 1:30 pm and Wednesday December 18 @ 9:00 am. We look forward celebrating with you.

We will be collecting new hats, mitts and socks for students in HWDSB who will need these items to keep warm this winter. Donations will be accepted at the school beginning Monday December 2 and end on Friday December 13, in order for us to have time to get them to those in need before the winter break. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to help students in need keep warm this winter.

Holiday Cookie Sale

We will be selling Christmas Sprinkle Cookies at the office during 1st nutrition break from December 9— December 20. Cookies will be \$1.00 each while supplies last. All proceeds will go directly to reducing the per student cost of the year end field trip. The cookies are nut free and meet the nutrition policy guidelines for HWDSB.



Holiday Performance 2019

This year, our school will be presenting "Stormy the Singing Snowman". We will be hosting two performances, December 17 @ 1:30 pm and December 18 @ 9:00 am. Due to fire codes and the number of people allowed in the gym at one time, we respectfully request that parents/grandparents/caregivers attend only one of the two performances, in order to allow everyone a chance to see one production.



The Lunch Lady in Back!

The Lunch Lady Hot Lunch Program is back at Mountview. Take a break from packing lunches and order a hot and nutritious lunch delivered right to your child's classroom. Flyers have already gone home and we had our first set of hot lunches delivered November 22. We have two more scheduled days for 2019, December 6 and December 20. There is a special Holiday Menu available for December 20. Their regular menu options are also available. More dates will be available in the new year.



Outdoor Play

As we enter the winter months, we will continue to play outdoors at different times throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots, mitts or gloves, hats and winter outerwear are necessary for students to be able to enjoy their time outdoors. It is also a good idea to send extra socks and mittens in an event that they are needed. As always, Principals can use their professional judgement to determine whether students remain inside for the Nutrition Breaks.



Inclement Weather / School Closures

As per the HWDSB Website: The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. In the event of inclement weather, our Transportation Department advises our carriers to drive predetermined routes to assess the condition of the roads. This is done between 4:00 am and 5:00 am. The drivers report back to the carriers and HWDSB begins to receive reports between 5:30 am and 6:00 am. In the meantime, our Transportation Department is verifying the weather forecast through our local media outlets as well as contacting the City of Hamilton Works Department to determine where possible, what roads have been cleared or when they are expected to be serviced. The decision to close our schools is made in conjunction with our colleagues at the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board based on relevant information at the time. Please remember, as a parent/guardian, you always have the choice whether or not to send your child to school.

Hotline # 905 521-253

HWDSB will NOT post a weather alert on its website to signal that schools are open.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Hats, Mitts and Socks donation begins	3	4 Pizza Day	5	6 Lunch Lady	7
8	9 Christmas Cookies on sale first break \$1.00 every day until December 20	10	11 Pizza Day	12	13 Hats, Mitts and Socks donation ends	14
15	16	17 Holiday Concert 1:30 pm	18 Holiday Concert 9:00 am Pizza Day	19	20 PJ Day! Lunch Lady	21
22	23 	24 WINTER BREAK			27 	28
29	30 	31 WINTER BREAK			3 	4 See you Monday!

As noted in our October Newsletter, we are going electronic with our newsletter. Going forward we will only be sending home the calendar page. The full newsletter will be available on our website. Please follow the directions below to subscribe to our website to get notifications of changes to the website.

Visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/mountview/

1. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Subscribe envelope
2. Enter the email address where you would like the notification emails sent
3. We recommend that you also say yes to receiving Board News as this will give you notifications of school closures, changes, events etc...

Thank you for your cooperation and support of this new process.