



FRIDAY HOMEWORK

(week ending December 4, 2020)

Welcome to this week's edition of Friday Homework!

> We encourage all parents to subscribe to Mountview's website in order to be notified when new content is posted and to be informed of any changes to school protocols or school closures due to inclement weather.

Steps: 1. Visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/Mountview/ 2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Subscribe Envelope 3. Enter the email address where you would like to receive notifications 4. We recommend that you also say yes to receiving Board News as this will give you notifications about school closures, changes, events etc...

Action Items	What	Action by
IMPORTANT Safety Reminder	With the new drop off and pick up routines, we recognize that San Antonio Drive gets very congested. Please be extra vigilant when dropping off and picking up your students as safety needs to be a priority. Remember to also be respectful of our neighbours by not blocking their driveways. Members of our school council will be patrolling this area over the next couple of weeks to remind everyone of the importance of taking the extra moment or two required to slow down, wait for others and keep our students safe. City By-Law officers will also be doing random checks and tickets will be issued if you are parked illegally.	All
Hold & Secure Drill	<p>Mountview School will be conducting a Hold & Secure Drill on Tuesday December 8, 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">"Hold and Secure": (School most likely to be notified by Hamilton Police Services)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is used when the school is secured due to an ongoing situation outside and not related to the school that requires all persons to remain in the building (e.g. bank robbery near a school) • the school continues to function normally, with the exterior doors locked until the situation is resolved • a staff member posted near each entrance to ensure no one leaves the building • all movement in and out of the school is restricted • exterior facing windows should be covered or blinds drawn, lights dimmed, where possible • police will notify the school when it can come out of 'Hold and Secure' 	Staff & Students
Cold Weather	Cold weather is here! We will be going outdoors as often as possible. Please ensure that your child(ren) have appropriate warm clothing for their outside time. Thinking ahead to mitten weather and the need for hand sanitizing, this may be a good year to invest in mitten strings or clips to help keep mittens from getting lost. We also encourage you to label all your child(ren)'s items so that if lost they can find their way home. Extra socks and mittens in the back pack also come in handy for the really wet days.	All
Severe Weather	<p>During severe winter weather, the difficult decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. Here are some guidelines to remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When bad weather is expected, Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) carriers check weather reports, road conditions and road clearing, starting as early as 4 a.m. - Based on this information, the Director of Education makes the decision in conjunction with Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. - HWDSB will announce the cancellation of school and board operations by 6 a.m. based on the best information at the time. We share this announcement on the HWDSB website, HWDSB's Twitter account and on the HWSTS website. We also contact local media outlets including CHCH TV, CHML and the Hamilton Spectator. - In extreme cold, buses may not start or run as expected and HWDSB may need to cancel transportation. But this does not automatically mean that schools will close. The Director (or designate) has the discretion to keep schools open when busing is cancelled due to extreme cold. <p>Closing a school and administrative buildings is a tough decision – and some families may disagree with HWDSB's call. Families can always make the choice they feel is best when it comes to sending their child to school.</p>	All