



# PRINCE OF WALES NEWSLETTER

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### School Council

Our next meeting is on Mar 18th in the Nutrition Room at 9:15 am. Minutes, members names, and meeting dates can be found on the school website.

### Home and School

Our next meeting is on Mar 18th in the Nutrition Room at 6:30 pm.

March 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Community,

February is already a short month and with a record breaking 6 snow days, 5 of which were in February, it felt like this month just disappeared. I would like to thank the outstanding work of the custodial staff, especially Tina, who worked very hard to ensure the doors and pathways were cleared and safe. As a reminder, playgrounds are not salted as per Board policy. If they are not safe we do not go out. The sidewalks are cleared by the city. HWDSB actually contracts them to clear the snow for us. Let's hope that March brings us far better weather.

First term is over and Reports were handed out. Please make sure you connect with staff if you have any questions about what you read. Second term is an opportunity to seek goals for improvement.

March Break starts this Saturday March 9th, and concludes March 17th. The first day back is March 18th. We have noticed an increase in absent rates and lates. Many students are late everyday. Think of it this way, 20 mins late everyday is 100 mins a week, do this over 5 months of a year, which is 2000 mins, about 33 hours or 6.5 school days worth of instruction. (remember school has 5 hours of direct instruction a day) School starts at 8:30, try to be here on time.

I would like to correct a message of thanks from last newsletter. I had thanked Parent Council for running the nutrition program. In fact we have a very dedicated team lead by Jen Z. Our nutrition room parent volunteers that run the program. While many are the same people, I want to ensure the right group is named. Thanks also needs to go to Home and School for the coffee and treats cart offered to staff as well.

Grade 8 Grad info will be coming out shortly. The new grad photo day is March 29th. A flyer will go home.

We have just 4 months left of school. Let's set goals that makes the best use of that time!!

M.Castellani

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PD Day	2
3	4	5	6 Pita Pit	7	8	9
10	11 March Break	12 March Break	13 March Break	14 March Break	15 March Break	16
17	18 School Council meeting @9:15am  Home and School meeting @ 6:30pm	19 Craft Families Art Studio After School	20 Burger Priest	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27 Booster Juice	28	29 Grade 8 Grad Photos	30

**Key Dates in April**

April 10—International Day of Pink

April 19-22 Easter Long Weekend