



# Ray Lewis Legends Newsletter

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## December 2022

### From the Principal's Desk...

#### SCHOOL BELL TIMES:

Supervision Begins 9:00AM  
Entry Bell 9:15AM  
1st Nutrition Break  
10:55AM -11:35AM  
2nd Nutrition Break  
1:15PM-1:55PM  
Dismissal Bell 3:35PM  
Supervision Ends 3:50PM

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Our next meeting is Tuesday  
January 24 at 6:00pm in the  
Library. All are welcome!

**WINTER BREAK:** Last Day of  
School: Friday December 23  
2022 First Day of School:  
Monday January 9, 2023

**PARKING:** A reminder that the  
front of the school building  
has NO Parking and NO  
Stopping signs. Parents are  
asked to use the "drop zone"  
in the side parking lot for all  
drop offs and pick ups.

#### SUB DAYS:

Friday Dec 2 & 16

#### PIZZA DAYS:

Wednesday Dec 7, 14, & 21

Please click on the links below  
to view the HWDSB School  
Year Calendar. Check for  
statutory, board holidays and  
PA Days.

[Elementary-2022-2023-  
Calendar-5-Day-Cycle-  
Approved.pdf \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

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#### School Activities

Primary students (grades 1-3) are participating in various intramural activities in the gymnasium on Days 1 & 2 during 1st Nutrition Break. Thank you Ms. Troop & Ms. Davis for organizing.

Junior students (grades 4, 5 & 6) are invited to participate in Intramurals, beginning the week of December 5th. Intramurals will require a one Nutrition Break per week commitment and will include a variety of sports. Students will be assigned teams. Proper footwear is required. Thank you Ms. Fiddes & Ms. Hughes for organizing.

Intermediate students are currently participating in intramurals on Day 2 and will be invited to participate in additional Intramurals when we return from our winter break. Thank you Mr. Foutris for organizing.

#### Student Absences or Early Pick-Ups from School

If your child is absent or late, please use the Safe Arrival Program. This can be done by website, app or phone. [www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival](http://www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival). If you cannot access School Messenger, please call 1- 844-506-4350 to report their absence. Parents are also asked to please limit early pick-ups from school and to do so only when necessary. The office is incredibly busy at the end of the day so it would be helpful if early pick-ups could be done before 3:00pm. They should also be entered into the School Messenger App so the office knows in advance. We appreciate your support and cooperation.

#### Cold Weather Attire

Going outside for recess and for DPA is an integral part of the school day. Students need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside is an opportunity to take a movement break from the structure of the classroom. In the winter, it is important that children come to school prepared for the cold weather— please send them with jackets, boots, hats, mittens or gloves.

#### Safe Student Drop off and Pick up

For the safety of all students, when dropping children off in the morning, parents/ caregivers are required to use the parking lot at the curb side of the lot only. We have limited parking and lots of vehicular traffic each day. We also ask that families who walk their dogs to school that they please remain off the tarmac and that they stay on the perimeter of the playground for the safety of our staff and students.

#### Personal Device Policy

This is a reminder that personal devices are to be used ONLY for learning with the teacher's permission and direct supervision. If not in use, they are to be secured in backpack or locker.

#### Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild

At Ray Lewis, we support HWDSB's Board Annual Plan and Equity Action Plan through the work we do in our school and in our classrooms. HWDSB is committed to developing safer, more equitable, and more inclusive learning environments. Schools have an important role in learning about equity and supporting student and staff well-being. You can find more information about **Learn.Disrupt.Rebuild@HWDSB: Building a Community of Care** on the HWDSB website:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/equity/learn-disrupt-rebuild-hwdsb/>

## Student Council Updates

**MacMillan's Fundraiser** - We would like to extend a BIG thank you to all of the families and community members who were able to support our MacMillan's school fundraiser this year. Together we sold \$5,260.45 in product and the school made a profit of \$2832.55.

The proceeds will be going towards student and school-based needs.

Orders will be ready for pickup on Tuesday December 13th between 2:30pm-6:30pm.



## **Student Council has planned lots of exciting activities for December!**

- ◆ Our annual RLES Toy Drive in support of the **Mighty Mateo Fund** and **McMaster Children's Hospital** runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> through 14th. Flyers have been sent home to families.
- ◆ Winter Spirit Week December 19<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ School-wide Winter Bingo
- ◆ Winter Activity Day on Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> - all students will have the opportunity to participate in a winter-themed activity run by our Student Council leaders.

## **Wellness Wednesdays**

December 7 - Disney Day




December 14 - Mismatch Day

December 21 - Tye Dye Day



**The school also has Kernels popcorn sales every Thursday in December for \$2/bag. Funds raised support commencement. Pre-orders for Kindergarten students on Wednesdays.**

## **SNOW REMOVAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

 <b>HWDSB Staff</b> <i>Clear, salt and/or sand...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ walkways from the city sidewalk to the school</li><li>▪ school steps and portable steps</li><li>▪ walkways to the portables</li><li>▪ ramps to schools and portables</li><li>▪ area outside entrances and Fire Exit Doors</li><li>▪ Fire Exit stairs &amp; ramps</li></ul>	 <b>HWDSB Contactors</b> <i>After 5cm+ of snow, will...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Plow parking lots and sidewalks when HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary</li><li>▪ Salt and sand the parking lot before school starts</li><li>▪ If required, Head Caretakers may also salt or sand parts of the parking lot</li></ul>	 <b>City of Hamilton</b> <i>Responsible for clearing...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools, a top priority for the City.</li><li>▪ <b>Note:</b> It may take up to 24 hours after a snowfall for sidewalks to be cleared. Report a sidewalk fronting a school in need of clearing at <b>905-546-CITY (2489)</b></li></ul>
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