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# Ray Lewis Legends Newsletter

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## January 2023

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

#### SCHOOL BELL TIMES:

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

#### PIZZA DAYS:

Wednesday Jan 18, 25. Order using school cash online ONLY.

#### PARKING:

Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building has No Parking and No Stopping signs. Parents are asked to drop students off in the side parking lot.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL:

The next meeting is Tuesday January 24, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons. All are welcome!

#### PA DAY:

Friday January 27th.  
School is closed.

Please check out our school website, and click on subscribe. OR follow us on Twitter.

[Ray Lewis Elementary School \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://RayLewisElementarySchool(hwdsb.on.ca))

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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 \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://Elementary-2022-2023-Calendar-5-Day-Cycle-Approved.pdf(hwdsb.on.ca))

Dear Ray Lewis Families,

WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY 2023! I hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday. As we enter a new year we will continue to find the joy in all of the positive things that are happening at Ray Lewis. We wish everyone good health and are grateful to have such incredible students, educators, and families, who support one another in our school community. Our goal as a school is to keep our students safe, healthy, and engaged in their learning.

Regrettably, I do have some bittersweet news to share with the community. Sadly, I will be leaving Ray Lewis as I have accepted the role of System Principal of Learning Services and Student Success. I would like to thank the entire school community for their support and for the opportunity to serve such a wonderful school community. I will miss all of the Ray Lewis students, staff, and parent community deeply. I would also like to thank everyone for making these past three years so memorable and for welcoming me with open arms. At this time the board has not announced who will be replacing me as the new Principal however, Ms. Tovey our current Vice Principal will continue to support the school with my departure. My last day at Ray Lewis will be Friday January 20th. I wish everyone well as they continue their educational journey as a Legend!

Ms. Burleigh

#### School Activities

A big thank you goes out to our student council who organized and planned several activities and events before we left for the break in December. Given that we had a snow day on the last day they are planning to have JOY DAY on Friday January 13th.

A copy of our athletic and extra-curricular schedule for January was included in the synervice email message that was sent home with our Newsletter. It is also posted on our school website.

#### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will begin for parents on Monday, February 6th 2023. If you have a child who will be 4 or 5 years of age by December 31, 2023 the online registration will be available. All forms will be available on our school and board websites under Kindergarten Registration at [Kindergarten | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://Kindergarten|Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board(hwdsb.on.ca)). Parents can also access the transition to school information night here. [Transition-to-School-flyer-2023-1.pdf \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://Transition-to-School-flyer-2023-1.pdf(hwdsb.on.ca)).

#### Term 1 Report Cards

As our students have been learning online and in-person this year, we continue to do our best with instruction and assessment. Your child's teacher continues to use information gathered from observations, conversations, and student products to share specific examples of what your child has done to demonstrate their strengths. Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students on February 17th.




◆ **As per the HWDSB Website:**

The decision to cancel school is often a difficult call to make. 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. Please visit and subscribe for updates [Severe Weather | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/severe-weather).



- ◆ As we enter the colder 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, we will follow the boards cold weather policy and the school can use their professional judgement to determine whether students remain inside for the Nutrition Breaks.
- ◆ Also, please remember that Ray Lewis is a **NUT FREE** school. Please refrain from sending nuts and nut products to school as we have many people who have very serious allergies.

**SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION & RESPONSIBILITIES**

		
<p><b>HWDSB Staff</b></p> <p><i>Clear, salt and/or sand...</i></p> <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>	<p><b>HWDSB Contactors</b></p> <p><i>After 5cm+ of snow, will...</i></p> <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>	<p><b>City of Hamilton</b></p> <p><i>Responsible for clearing...</i></p> <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>