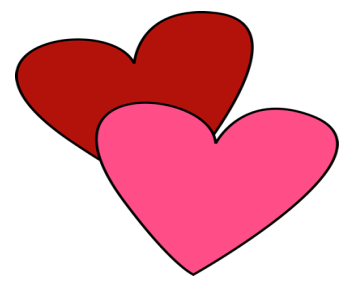


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Ray Lewis Legends Newsletter

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February 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

CLASS PHOTO RETAKE DAY:

Thursday, February 23, 2023

PARKING:

Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building has No Parking and No Stopping signs. Please do not effect the bus route.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Our next meeting is February 21, 2023 at 6:00PM in the library. All are welcome!

FAMILY DAY:

Monday, February 20th, 2023 - No School!

PA DAY:

Friday, March 3rd, 2023 - No School!

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

[@RayLewisHWDSB](http://RayLewisElementarySchool(hwdsb.on.ca))

Dear Ray Lewis Families,

My name is Ms. Rodney and I am absolutely thrilled to be here at Ray Lewis where we are grateful to have such incredible students, educators, and families, who support one another in our school community.

February 1st marks the start of Black History and Heritage Month in Ontario and across Canada. In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honorable Jean Augustine. During Black History Month, Ray Lewis educators will focus on the history and accomplishments of people of African heritage as well as engage in various activities to celebrate Black culture and history and explore the achievements and significant contributions Black Canadians have made to help Canada become the diverse and strong nation it is today.

School Activities

Our student council continues to organize Wellness Wednesdays: February 8th is Hat Day, February 15th is Workout Day, February 22 is Dream Job Day. Also this month, February 13th is Valentine's Bingo Day, February 14th is Red, Pink & White Day and February 17th is Pancakes and Pajama Day!

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)) or contact the school at (905) 318-3131.

Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 report cards will go home on Friday, February 17th. 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, as well as next steps for improvement.

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. A Cold Weather Alert is issued by the City of Hamilton when current or anticipated weather conditions are at or below -15C or -20C with wind chill. All HWDSB schools support the City of Hamilton recommendation that individuals stay inside when the temperature is at or below -15C or -20C with wind chill. Otherwise students are outside, so should dress for the conditions.

School Cancellations & Closures

For information on the cancellation of school due to inclement weather go to [Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board(hwdsb.on.ca)) and subscribe for notifications.