

February 2024 Update,

Hello Rosedale Families;

We welcome the month of February, 2024 and time to reflect on this month's days of significance. Black History Month, Chinese New Year, Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Pink Shirt Day all carry a message of *oneness* where all are included, and allowed the freedom to live our true nature. We thank you for adding to the fabric of the Rosedale community with the gifts that each of our family brings.

A few updates and reminders for our families:

- **Staffing Update** – Congratulations to Educational Assistant *Rosemary Lee* who is retiring after 30 years of service in our Board. Rosemary is looking forward to some well-deserved vacation time and will continue in a supply role with HWDSB. We will miss you Mrs. Lee and thank you for your years of service to the many students and staff you have supported. Please welcome Mrs. Cruz who will be replacing Mrs. Lee until the end of June 2024.
- **Arriving to school on time and entering the building with classmates** benefits everyone. We appreciate you supporting your child to be at school on time each day. If you are arriving late, staff will receive your child in the front foyer and direct them to their classroom. *Parents are to remain outside and not enter the hallways, portables, or classrooms at this busy time. We appreciate you supporting our safe school measures.*
- **Parking** – Rosedale is a busy place at bell times. We are grateful when City of Hamilton by-law officers support traffic regulations around our school. Please help us keep students and staff safe during these busy times by adhering to all traffic regulations, as well as being a good and kind neighbour to families who reside adjacent to our school. Parking on neighbours' lawns and on the sidewalk are not acceptable or appropriate acts of care.
- **End of Day Dismissal** – When the end of day bell has sounded at 2:40 pm, students are to proceed home. We appreciate you supervising your child K to Grade 3 student on the playground if they are remaining on site after the bell. Please remind your student that they are not to re enter the school after end of day dismissal as there is no supervision in the school after hours. Please remain at the gates until the bell has sounded. Only school staff should be on the blacktop area at this time.
- **Head lice** can be common in school aged children. Please continue to check your child's head regularly for live lice or eggs. Ask your naturopath, doctor, or pharmacist for ways to naturally support the riddance of head lice. We will continue to send letters home with students in classrooms where live head lice have been detected.
- We encourage students to **leave all valuable items at home**. We cannot be responsible for loss, damage or missing items. Keep precious belongings to share during play dates where parent/caregiver supervision is available.

- **Volunteers** – We are updating our volunteer records at Rosedale. Mrs. Crispo will see you upon sign in, and will review your vulnerable sector screen expiration date, volunteer agreement, offence declaration, and other important volunteer forms required. We value and thank you for your time with us.
- **Home and School** – Our Home and School meetings occur on the first Wednesday of every month. You do not need to be a voting member to attend and contribute. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Room 124**. We hope to see you there.
- **Popcorn Sales** – Popcorn is available every Tuesday for a toonie in the front foyer and is supported by Home and School members and students during this time.
- **Pizza, Milk & Special Lunch Days**– are purchased through School Cash Online. Please call the office if you need support registering your students for school cash online. All HWDSB schools utilize school cash online for purchases from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- **Valentine’s Day** – Your child’s teacher will communicate classroom plans for February 14<sup>th</sup>. Rosedale is a nut safe school. Many of our students have severe allergic reactions to nut products. Please check with your teacher for further information and details of the day to ensure everyone is safe. Staff will share the number of students in each class should you wish to create Valentine cards with your child. Please address the Valentine to *My Friend*. This is an inclusive day for all.
- **Family Day** – We hope you find time to appreciate the day with your Family. There is no school for students on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Report Card 1** – is carried home this month. Please take time to celebrate your child’s achievement this term. Talking together about next steps will support a positive plan for continued growth and development. Please reach out to your child’s teacher for conversation about their progress, and next steps communicated on the Report Card.
- **Kindergarten Registration opens February 5<sup>th</sup>** – If you have a child who was born in 2020 please register online at the link below, or contact our school office between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday to Friday. If you have any concerns about your child’s development please contact the school office for further guidance. Please register as soon as you can as this ensures the proper number of staff in our classrooms this September. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>

**Events to note:**

- February 5 – Kindergarten Registration begins in HWDSB for the Fall of 2024
- February 7 – Home & School Meeting at 6:00 pm in Room 124
- February 12 – 100’s Day (we have reached 100 days in school this academic year)
- February 12 to 16 – Random Acts of Kindness Week
- February 13 – Pancake Tuesday – order through school cash online by February 6th
- February 14 – Valentine’s Day
- February 16 – Report Card 1 is carried home

- February 19 – Family Day Holiday (no school for students on this day)
- February 22 – March pizza and milk orders are due through school cash online
- February 28 – Pink shirt Day – wear pink to welcome and respect all others
- March 1 – A regular school day for students and staff – PD Day has been changed to Monday, April 8, 2024.