



## February 2025 Update

Hello Rosedale Families;

We welcomed the Chinese Lunar New Year (Year of the Wood Snake) on January 29<sup>th</sup>. February is Black History, African History, and Chinese Heritage Month. Learning about the heritage of other cultures is embedded into the curriculum through out the year. Please visit HWDSB equity and well being form more information. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/equity/>. In addition, we also note Family Day and Valentine's Day in the month of February. Please connect with your child's teacher for information about classroom Valentine's Day celebrations. As well, **Pink Shirt Day** is observed on February 26<sup>th</sup>, a day where we reflect on the ways in which we include everyone. Please note that Ramadan begins at sunset on February 28 and ends on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to your child's teacher regarding accommodations that may be needed during this time.

It is nice to see so many families utilizing the outdoor creative park after school. Outdoor activity is beneficial for the mind, body and soul. Sunshine on our faces helps to lift the spirits of everyone during the shorter days of winter. Let's keep a mindful watch on one another and think about our mental health and the mental health of our loved ones. Bell's Let's Talk About Mental Health Day was held on January 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Do not ever hesitate to reach out to someone for support for yourself or a loved one as needed. <https://cmhahamilton.ca/>

### A few updates to share:

**Construction** – We are still on schedule with the following milestone dates.

- New Gym Construction Complete – June 2025
- Existing Gym Demolition Start (New Library Construction) – June 2025
- New Library Interior Renovation Complete – September 2025
- Exterior work including Landscaping and Paving to begin in July 2025 and to be complete in August 2025

**Winter Playground** –Please review information about snow maintenance on playgrounds in HWDSB. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Snow-clearing-Infographic-revised-Oct-2022.pdf> It is important that students arrive to school each day ready for outdoor play. Boots, snow pants, a heavy jacket, gloves, and a hat are essentials to enjoyable outdoor play. Pylons indicate areas that are out of bounds for students during the school day due to

unsafe conditions e.g. icy patches. If your child is not wearing boots, they are asked to remain on the blacktop and not on the snowy field area. The board threshold for remaining indoors at nutrition breaks is minus 20 degrees. Principal discretion applies. Students at Rosedale remain indoors at nutrition breaks when the temperature reaches minus 15. This does not apply to morning arrival. Students are asked to arrive on site a few minutes before our warning bell which sounds at 8:18 am. Supervision is available on the yard beginning at 8:05 a.m. No students should be arriving before 8:05 a.m., as there is no supervision on the yard. When it is raining, students will be lead indoors.

**Rosedale Home and School Association**—Elections were held at the January 2025 Home and School Meeting. Please review the following update to the Rosedale Home and School Executive: Elected Home and School Executives are:

- President - Emily Cote
- Vice-President - Scott Foster
- Secretary - Tracey Thomas
- Treasurer - Jessica Toni

Home and School meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 6-7 pm in Room 124 at Rosedale School. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 5th from 6-7 pm in Room 124. Child minding is available. Follow Rosedale Home and School on **Facebook** at *rosedale home & school*

**Home and School Family Day Spaghetti Dinner**- Rosedale Home and School along with Faith Gospel Church are hosting a Family Spaghetti Dinner on Family Day (Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>). There will be two seating's beginning at 4:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased through school cash online.

**Home and School Krispy Kreme Donuts Fundraiser** –During the month of March 2025, Home and School will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts. Orders will be due on March 18 with delivery to the school on the afternoon of March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please look for a school cash online message in your inbox detailing this sweet offering.

**Valentine's Day Events** will be held on Friday, February 14, 2025. Please connect with your child's teacher regarding classroom events and activities.

**Kindergarten Registration** – Begins on February 3 in HWDSB. Please review information shared on the Rosedale School website about the registration process for students who will begin school in September 2025. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rosedale/2025/01/10/kindergarten-registration-for-september-2025/>

**Student Assemblies** – This month our student assembly will focus on the affirmation *I am loving kindness*. Teachers will recognize students in each class who exhibit this behavior as we acknowledge one another in the gym.

**RHL – Rosedale Hockey League** – Mr. Harvey has organized indoor floor hockey for our Junior students during nutrition breaks over the next weeks. Both boys and girls are actively participating in this opportunity.

**Family Day** – Is on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Time to connect and share in some special moments with loved ones is honoured on this day.

**Pink Shirt Day** – On February 26 we **wear pink**, and reflect on ways to include everyone through acceptance, forgiveness and compassion.

**Random Acts of Kindness Week** – Runs from February 17<sup>th</sup> to 21. Students will receive slips of paper to record acts of kindness given or received. These notes will create a chain of kindness as a testament to the kind acts our Rosedale staff and students offer one another each day.

*Have a wonderful and love filled February. Let's all focus on how we can be of positive service to one another.*



### **Events**

- ✓ January 27 – Umbrella Room Switch
- ✓ January 27 – Family Literacy Day – Wear your pajamas and bring your favourite book
- ✓ January 28 – Kinder Entry to School Meetings for students with significant needs at the Ed Centre
- ✓ January 29 – February Pizza orders due through school cash on line
- ✓ January 29 – Harvey's Lunch (Burger and Chips)
- ✓ January 29 – Chinese Lunar New Year – Year of the Wood Snake
- ✓ January 29 – February Pizza orders are due on school cash online
- ✓ February 3 – Kindergarten Registration begins in HWDSB
- ✓ February 5 – Home and School Meeting from 6-7 pm in Room 124
- ✓ February 13 - Junior classes to The Art Gallery of Hamilton

- ✓ February 14 – Valentine’s Day
- ✓ February 14 – Report Card 1 carried home
- ✓ February 17 – Family Day Holiday
- ✓ February 17 – Home and School Spaghetti Dinner at Faith Gospel from 4-6:30 pm.  
February 17-21 – Random Acts of Kindness Week – *Chain of Kindness*
- ✓ February 19 – B Sharp Boys present an interactive concert to all students in the gym
- ✓ February 26 – **Pink Shirt Day**
- ✓ February 28 – PD Day