



Tapleystown Elementary School

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October 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message – Mr. Berketa

The beginning of the school year is always a busy, exciting and energetic time of the year. With 4 weeks of school behind us procedures and routines have been established, practiced and refined and our students are well engaged in meaningful, authentic learning opportunities each and every day.

Currently Tapleystown has an enrolment of about 220 students in 10 classes. In a community where parents have a choice in what school to send their children to we are honoured and thankful that you choose Tapleystown.

Communication is essential between home and school. Should you have any questions, concerns or compliments please contact your child's teacher first. They are accessible by phone and their contact information can be found on our school website. You can also write a note in the student agenda. If you wish to meet with a teacher and/or administrator, please contact us to make an appointment.

We hope that you will visit us on Thursday October 3 for our "Meet the Educators" Open House from 5:30-7:00pm.

School Board Trustee Message



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Cam Galindo and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 9 and 10.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our wards.

I can be reached by email at cgalind@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-515-2563.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

Class Re-Organization

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board reviews its student enrolment numbers in each school at this time of year. The enrolment numbers are compared to the projected enrolment numbers determined at the end of the previous school year, which initiates the staffing process.

As we look to meet the provincial class size requirements and finalize the enrolment numbers for this school year, it's typical for student enrolment to fluctuate.

There is a need to make some adjustments to our school classroom organizations based on our confirmed enrolment. Specifically, at our school on Monday September 30th:

- Mr. Perry's class will change from a Gr. 3/4 class to a Grade 2/3 class. The 5 Grade 4 students from Mr. Perry's class will be moving to Mrs. Goehner's Grade 4/5 class.
- 4 Grade 2 students from Mrs. McNabb's class will move to Mr. Perry's class.
- Mr. Levantis' class will change from a Grade 5 class to a Grade 5/6 class. 6 Grade 6 students from Mr. Lewis' class will be moving to Mr. Levantis' class.



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We apologize in advance for any disruption this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we finalize class organizations for this school year. As always, our team of dedicated professional educators will partner with you to ensure students are well cared for and experience educational success

OH LA LA! IT'S FRENCH CAFE!

Please be sure to visit room 103 on **Meet the Teacher Night (October 3 5:30-7:00)**.

French students will be selling delicious homebaked cookies for \$2 each in a special Café environment! All the proceeds will benefit our French Programme at Tapleystown.

A bientôt!
Mme. McDonald

Terry Fox Run/Walk

Our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk will be on Friday October 11 from 2:10-3:30.

EQAO Results

This month, parents and guardians of Grade 4 and Grade 7 students will receive their child's Individual Student Report (ISR). This report contains their child's results from the Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, administered in spring 2019. These results did not impact students' report cards last year.

EQAO results offer an independent snapshot that shows whether students are meeting literacy and math expectations from *The Ontario Curriculum*. In receiving the ISR, there is an opportunity for parents and guardians to have discussions about their child's achievement within their family or with a teacher (e.g., parent/guardian-teacher interview).

EQAO data should be considered alongside other information—such as in-class assessment results, report-card grades and teacher observations—so parents and guardians can build a fuller understanding of their child's learning.

Parents and guardians can learn more about assessment results through EQAO's website (www.eqao.com) or by clicking the following links:

- [Parents: Grade 3, Primary Division](#)
- [Parents, Grade 6, Junior Division](#)

School Council

Welcome to our 2019-2020 Tapleystown School Council:

Chair: Cathy Abbott Vice Chair: Michelle Timson
Treasurer: Carrie Meyer Secretary: Diana Rogers



Voting Members: Zendra Bell, Alisha Rullo, Lescia Valentini, Diane VandenHoven-King, Lil Kot, Renee Davie, Susi Owen, Raj Johal, Andrea Cook

Teacher Representative: Mr. Perry

Community Representative: Adele D'Antonio (Heritage Green Child Care Centre)

Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 8 at 6:30pm in the staff room. Trustee Galindo will be joining us for this meeting. All are welcome to attend.

TCBY Frozen Yogurt

TCBY Frozen Yogurt on sale every Tuesday and Thursday at 2nd break for \$2.00.
Cash only.



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Bus News & Information

We have **8 buses** coming in at the beginning and end of our school day. Please do not block the driveway or parking lot as it makes it difficult for the buses to maneuver and they are working under timelines.



We encourage your child to be taking the bus if eligible, to reduce traffic congestion and for safety.

We are NOT allowing students to go home with other students on a different bus. Please make other arrangements for students to visit another student's home.

The Parent's Portal tool on the HWSTS website (www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) enables parents/guardians to create a secure online account where they can access transportation details for their student(s). They have further enhanced the portal to allow account holders to choose to receive email notification when their bus is delayed more than 10 minutes.

Vacations and Extended Absences

The education of children is a right that we value and hold in high regard. When students are absent from school for extended periods of time, they miss large components of the curriculum taught and it becomes difficult for them to catch up as concepts that are taught build upon previous lessons.

Please note that we do not endorse or give consent to extended student absences for the purpose of family vacations. Every effort should be made to coordinate vacations with the school year calendar. We do however respect that you may choose to withdraw your child from Tapleystown School for the purposes of a family vacation. Please note that a program of study will not be provided by the school and not all areas of the curriculum will be assessed and reflected on the provincial report card. Your child will be removed from the school register after 15 consecutive days of absence. You will be required to re-register your child at the school office upon your return if they are absent for 15 or more days.

Religious and Creed-based Accommodations

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is committed to working with students and families to create inclusive classroom and school environments. As we begin the new school year, we would like to remind families that schools are committed to work with you to provide appropriate and reasonable religious accommodations as per your requests.

The Ontario Human Rights Code provides the right for individuals to be free from discrimination. To protect this right, schools may make accommodations when issues or concerns with school practices relate to a student's religious or creed-based beliefs.

HWDSB is committed to working with families to determine appropriate and reasonable accommodations for students. Some examples of religious accommodations are: absence from class for a holiday observation, following a specific dress code, temporary absence from class to observe daily prayers, fasting or breaking a fast.

If you require religious accommodation for your child(ren), you are advised to contact your child's school at the beginning of the year. Call the teacher or the principal to discuss any religious accommodations your child may need. You can also provide specific dates and the type of accommodation required so that the school can plan in a timely manner.

Family requests for religious or creed-based accommodation should be made annually, as they are unique and considered on an individual, case-by-case basis. If you have arranged for religious accommodation for the last school year, you still need to make a new request for the new school year by contacting your child's teacher or principal. You may receive a letter or a phone call from the school to update your child's accommodation needs for the new school year.



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For more information about religious or creed-based accommodations, please see the following resources:

HWDSB Parent Guide: Religious and Creed-based Accommodations

Found at <http://bit.ly/30zOwHm>

HWDSB Religious or Creed-based Accommodation Procedure

Found at <http://bit.ly/2XQ6Zh5>

Student of the Week Awards

Teachers have an opportunity to recognize a student from their class each week. There is no set criteria. It might be an academic achievement, a social or behavioural goal, a good deed, improvement, leadership or volunteer effort etc. Each Friday during announcements the principal reads the winners and call them down to the front entrance for a group picture that is posted to Twitter @TapleystownHWDSB.

Stay Up to Date!

Check our school website and calendar of events at www.hwdsb.on.ca/tapleystown

Register to get e-mail updates whenever our school website is updated.
www.hwdsb.on.ca/tapleystown/subscribe

Follow us on Twitter @TapleystownHWDSB

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SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, HWDSB would like to reduce the amount of cash and checks received by our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online. It takes less than five minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions to begin receiving email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the "SUPPORT" option at the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

a) If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.

b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps

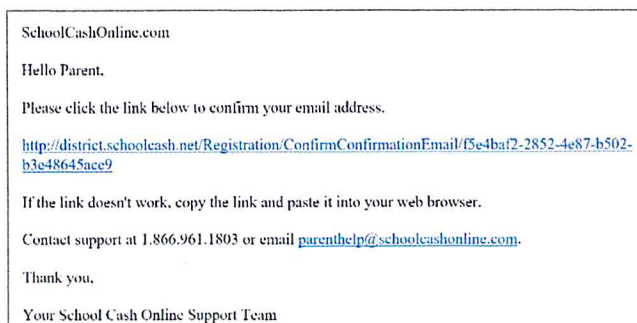
**For security reasons your password requires eight characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.*



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



curiosity.

creativity.

possibility.

HWDSB

Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Verify the School Board Name.
- Select the School Name.
- Enter Your Child's First Name, Last Name and Date of Birth.
- Select "Continue".
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select "Continue".
- Your child has been added to your account.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

[Continue](#) (No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. Eight children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Payment Methods: Three Online Options

Option 1:



myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for items on School Cash Online.

myWallet eliminates the need to enter payment information multiple times. Simply sign into your account and select the myWallet tab. Click Add Funds to myWallet and use an eCheque to load funds into your account.

Once the funds are available, add all items into your shopping cart and select the myWallet payment method in your checkout options.

Option 2:



eCheque

An electronic version of a paper cheque used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing/savings account can pay by eCheque through School Cash Online.

To pay with an eCheque, simply enter your routing and account number on the payment screen and click Submit.

This option is best suited to families who do not incur bank transaction fees for each cheque/withdrawal.

Option 3:



Credit Cards

Due to parent demand, we now accept payment by VISA or Mastercard.



School Cash Online

Families will still have the option to send cash or cheque for school-related expenses. However, we encourage you to get on board with our new service.

School Cash Online's top priority is keeping your personal information safe. School Cash Online adheres to the highest industry standards of security. School Cash Online will never contact you to obtain confidential information by phone, email or mail.

Need Assistance?

If at any time during the registration process you need help, the Parent Help Desk is available to solve any puzzles that parents may have when using School Cash Online, or to answer questions regarding online security. Our friendly staff are available 24/7 (365 days). They can assist parents with:

- Registering
- Password recoveries
- Finding their children in the system, or
- Any checkout or payment issues.

Please contact (toll-free): [Parent Help Desk: 1-866-961-1803](#) or email: parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

October 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 29	30	Oct 1 9:15am HCSA Ice Session #6 (Hamilton 4 Ice Centre) 11:10am Pita Pit Lunch 1:30pm TCBY \$2	2	3 1:30pm TCBY \$2 4:00pm HCSA Ice Session #7 (Hamilton 4 Ice Centre) 5:30pm Meet the Teacher Open House	4 11:10am Pizza Lunch	5
6	7 2:15am Green Venture Power to Change Presentation (gr. 4/5 Mrs. Goehner's Classroom)	8 9:15am Cross Country Meet (Christie Lake) 11:10am Pita Pit Lunch 1:30pm TCBY \$2 6:30pm School Council Meeting (Staff Room)	9	10 9:15am Cross Country Rain Date (Christie Lake Conservation) 9:15am HCSA Ice Session #8 1:30pm TCBY \$2	11 11:10am Pizza Lunch 2:10pm Terry Fox Run (Tapleystown)	12
13	14 Thanksgiving (School Closed)	15 11:10am Pita Pit Lunch 1:30pm TCBY \$2	16	17 9:15am HCSA Ice Session #9 1:30pm TCBY \$2	18 11:10am Pizza Lunch	19
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Cool Little Kids®

An Anxiety Prevention Program: Working with Parents/Primary Caregivers to support young Children

Cool Little Kids is an Evidence Based program grounded in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

Information Night

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

6:30 pm-7:30pm

Education Centre

20 Education Court

Hamilton, Ontario



RSVP by:

October 8, 2019

Call: 905 527 5092 ext. 2923

Email: coollittlekids@hwdsb.on.ca

If you are a parent/primary caregiver of a student in JK-Grade 2 and if your child is described as shy, withdrawn or worried, come and learn about the Cool Little Kids Program. Learn practical strategies that will help to build your child's confidence.

**THIS IS A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND PRIMARY CAREGIVERS.
CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND.**



This program is offered by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Social Work Department.

Families Worrying Less Together

*A Program for Parents/Primary Caregivers of Kids
Whose Worries Get the Best of Them*

FWLT is an
evidence-informed
program based on
Cognitive
Behavioural Therapy

Information Night

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

6:30 pm-7:30pm

Education Centre

20 Education Court

Hamilton, Ontario



RSVP by:

October 8, 2019

Call: 905 527 5092 ext. 3555

Email: FWLT@hwdsb.on.ca

If you are a parent/primary caregiver of a student in Grade 3-6 who is excessively shy, or has intense worries and fears, come learn about the “Families Worrying Less Together” program. This program will give you practical strategies to help your child learn to cope differently.

**THIS IS A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND PRIMARY CAREGIVERS.
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