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It's hard to believe we are already into the month of May! Staff and students had a busy month of April as we celebrated Pink Day, Bunny Ears Day, Earth Day, and Jersey Day! The month of May is already a very busy month as we had our First Annual Open House on Wednesday, May 4th, which was a huge success. We want to thank our school com-

munity for coming out to show their support and taking part in the Scavenger Hunt, Book Fair, Classroom Tours, Photobooth, Storytime Trails book walk and more! We want to thank our Viola Desmond Choir and our Student Leaders for helping make the night such a success.

We want to thank Vladimir from King Pizza who provided the pizza and ensured it was warm as he made deliveries every half hour and stayed on site to ensure everyone was happy with the results!

A special thank you to the following vendors in our community who donated the Door prizes and Scavenger Hunt Prizes:

- **Punjab International Food Market, Stoney Creek** \$100 (4 x \$25 gift cards)
- **Bombay Touch Authentic Indian Cuisine, Stoney Creek** \$50 (5 x \$10 gift cards)
- **Anna's Nail Salon, Stoney Creek** (Free manicure)
- **The Healthy Gym, Grimsby** - (Free 2 week - 4 session - boot training)

We also want to thank:

Mr. and Mrs. Allum (Parents of Ms. Allum) for the donations of water as well as the amazing gift baskets for our prizes!

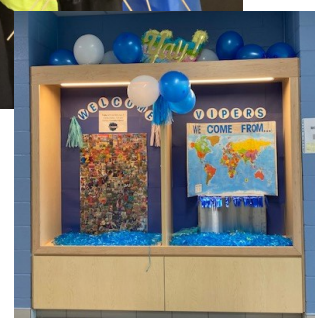
UPCOMING MAY DATES:

Victoria Day (No School)
May 23rd

Welcome to Kindergarten
May 25th 4:00 - 5:00 pm

School Council Meeting
(In-Person in the Library)
May 25th 5:00 pm

Open House Highlights



Students in grades 3 and 6 will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing & Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and Junior Division (Grades 4-6). This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario. This assessment includes a language and mathematics component, along with a student questionnaire and an introductory session that includes a sample test for students. EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know. In the fall, EQAO will share individual reports with us. Once we receive these reports, we will provide you with your child's achievement on the assessment. Your child's results are private and will give you an indication of their achievement in relation to the Provincial Standards. our students. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Volunteer Reference Checks

If you are planning on joining your child on any class trips, helping in the school, or on sporting events as a volunteer, you MUST have an updated Criminal Reference Check-Vulnerable Screener. These are completed on-line or at the Police Station at a cost. Please note that this process could take approximately 6 - 8 weeks for you to receive the forms. Please call the office for more information or see our School website for all the details!



Cash Online

HWDSB's School Cash Online is a convenient online payment system for families to pay for activities, events and school items without handing in cash or cheques. Available at all HWDSB schools, School Cash Online is used at many schools boards as a way to help teachers focus on instruction instead of order forms. Parents also no longer need to worry about their young children bringing cash to school. Once parents sign up for an account and connect the student(s) they will be paying for, the account will move with the student(s) as they pro-

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open. If you have a child who will be 4 or 5 years of age by December 31st, 2022. Kindergarten on-line registration forms will be available on our school and board websites under Kindergarten Registration at:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

Or you can contact the school office at (905) 296-2549.



progress to other HWDSB schools. Even parents who are not able to make online payments through their bank are encouraged to sign up, because School Cash Online can let parents know about upcoming events, sends email reminders about payment due dates and can accept credit cards. Please contact your child's school for additional registration information.

<https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>