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<p>Winter Weather</p> <p>It's hard to believe it's already December and we have already received our first snowfall! Please ensure your child is coming to school prepared for the weather with their hats, mitts, winter coats, boots and if possible (indoor shoes). We have several items in our lost and found. To help identify student belongings please label your child's belongings so that if they are brought to the office, we can return the items to your child.</p> <p>McMillian Delivery</p>	<p>Mabel's Labels</p> <p>Our Mabel's Labels fundraiser continues!</p> <p>Mabel's Labels Fundraising program is a simple and practical way to raise funds for your school, daycare, team, camp or organization. All the while making moms happy by keeping kids gear out of the lost and found. Here at Viola Desmond our lost and found bins are overflowing! Take advantage of this opportunity to label your child's belongings and support your school at the same time!</p> <p>Fundraising Support Mabel's Labels Raise</p>	<p>Parent Council</p> <p>Thank you to the Parents that attended our Parent / School Council Meeting November 30th. Minutes from our meetings will be posted next week.</p> <p>Meeting Dates: March 1, 2022 May 31, 2023</p> <p>Request for Kleenex!</p> <p>It may seem a strange request, but we are asking that students come equipped with a personal supply of tissues as Kleenex has</p>	<p>Upcoming Dates</p> <p>Dec. 3- 10 - Celebrating the International Day(s) of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Dec. 20 - Winter Showcase mini- concert / Spirit Day</p> <p>Dec. 26- Jan. 8 - Winter Break</p> <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <p>Dec. 7 - Grades 4-6 Trip to a Bulldogs Hockey Game</p>
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<p>If you participated in our fundraiser the orders will arrive on the afternoon of December the 7th.</p>	<p>Funds With Kids Labels (mabelslabels.ca) Search: Viola Desmond (Hamilton)</p>	<p>been very difficult to order due to a supply shortage.</p>	
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Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities takes place on December 3rd of each year. This is the first year that HWDSB will be recognizing this day with messages to schools and families. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was started by the United Nations in 1992 and is a day to help everyone become more understanding of the challenges faced by people with disabilities and to recognize the benefits of including people with disabilities in everyday life. Over the next few weeks, schools across HWDSB will be learning about Human Diversity, Human Rights, Ableism, Inclusion and Allyship. Your child's teacher will choose the topic which your class will learn more about.

HWDSB Bus Expectations- Reminders for our students that ride the bus!

At the Bus Stop:

1. Students should be at their bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time.
2. While waiting for the bus, students must not run around on private property. ***We ask that students and families respectfully avoid waiting or walking across the lawns owned by residents near the bus stop.***
3. When boarding the bus, remain in a single line and refrain from pushing.
4. No throwing or kicking snow at the bus stop

On the Bus:

1. Students should always remain seated, especially while the bus is in motion.
2. Obey the instructions of the school bus driver and/or educators on duty.
3. Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus for your own safety. Keep aisles clear.
4. Do not throw anything inside or out of the bus.
5. ***JK/SK children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian when boarding and disembarking from the bus.*** A bus tag must be clearly marked on the student's backpack with route number and home address. Please let us know in the office if you require a tag.

Additional Rules:

1. Students must ride on their ***designated bus only***. The school does not have the authority to alter School Board designated bus assignments. Bus drivers carry a manifest of students on a specific route. ***Students can only be tracked and insured when they are on their designated bus.***
2. The office must be notified in writing or via a phone call by 2:30 pm if a student who regularly rides the bus is to be picked up by a parent/guardian.

3. No offensive language, gestures, or negative conduct.
4. Failure to abide by these regulations may result in the suspension of bus privileges.

Finally, for your child's safety, please ensure there is adult supervision for your child at drop off and pick up times as there is no staff supervision at bus stops.

Dental, vaccine and vision information as your child starts school

Your child's teeth and Healthy Smiles Ontario

Good dental health for children leads to good overall health. Having healthy baby teeth can help them eat, talk, smile and learn in school. Brush your child's teeth twice a day, for at least 2 minutes. Use toothpaste with fluoride (size of a pea) to help reduce cavities.


Are you unable to bring your child to the dentist because you cannot afford it?

Your child (0 to 17 years of age) may be able to get free dental care (HSO – Healthy Smiles Ontario) if:

- you have low income
- your child needs urgent dental care and you cannot pay for it

Your child (0 to 17 years of age) is automatically enrolled in Healthy Smiles Ontario if you receive:

- Ontario Works (OW)
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Temporary Care Assistance, or
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)



It is important for children to go to a dentist before they start school.

Find out if your child can get FREE dental care.

905-546-2424 x5369
hamilton.ca/dental

Your child's vaccinations - Did you know you need to report them?

Making sure that your child is up to date on their vaccines is an important way to keep them safe at school and beyond. It is important that parents and caregivers also report any vaccines that their children have had to Public Health.

Report your child's vaccine's to Public Health online at hamilton.ca/reportingvaccines

If you need help with accessing the online reporting (ICON), or have questions about reporting your child's vaccines, please call the Vaccine Records line at **905-540-5250**.

If you have questions about vaccine requirements, the vaccine schedule or any other vaccine related questions, please contact our Nurse Infoline at **905-546-2424 x7556**.

More information: hamilton.ca/vaccines



Dental, vaccine and vision information as your child starts school

Your child's eyes – How well can your child see?

Good eyesight is important for children to be able to play and learn. Your child may not tell you they have problems seeing. You may not notice your child is having problems with their eyes.



Free eye exam

It is important for children to have an eye exam before they start school. A full eye exam by an optometrist (eye doctor) is the best way to make sure your child can see well and that their eyes are healthy. An eye exam is free with an Ontario health card for children 19 years and younger.




Free glasses

Free glasses through the Eye See...Eye Learn program are available for children born in 2017 and 2018 that are in any Junior Kindergarten (Kindergarten - Year 1) or Senior Kindergarten (Kindergarten - Year 2) program. Book your child's eye exam with an optometrist who is part of the Eye See...Eye Learn program between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

Visit [EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca](https://www.hamilton.ca/eye-see-eye-learn) to find an optometrist who is part of the program.

Free glasses for children are also available through other programs. To find out more, contact Hamilton Public Health Services:

 905-546-2424 x5369

 [hamilton.ca/visualhealth](https://www.hamilton.ca/visualhealth)



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**TO ALL OF OUR VIOLA DESMOND
FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!**