



Viola Desmond Elementary School

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The word "FEBRUARY" is written in large, bold, red, 3D block letters. The letters are partially submerged in a pool of blue liquid, which has ripples and reflections on its surface. The background is white.

We'd like to encourage all students to dress appropriately for the weather. HWDSB follows the City of Hamilton's recommendation that individuals stay inside when the temperature is at or below -15C or -20C with wind chill.

We will continue to go out until temperatures drop too low.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Registration

Why is Kindergarten Important?

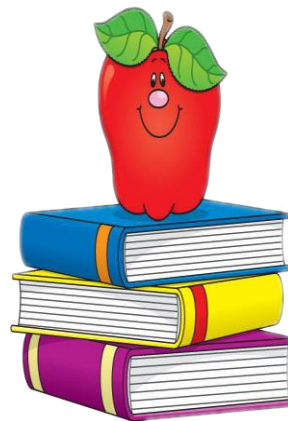
- Kindergarten is a two-year, full-day program that helps children get the best start in school.
- Early learning experiences are crucial to the future well-being of children.
- Early interactions affect the way connections are made in the brain.
- A solid foundation for reading and math must be built.
- Children build skills through developmentally appropriate play-based experiences.

Kindergarten registration will begin this **Monday, February 6th, 2023.**

- Registration will be on-line. All public Kindergarten documents for families can be found on the HWDSB website:
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten>
Find a copy of the printable registration form at:
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>
- Use the School Locator tool to find out what school your child should attend. Details: [How to Register | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)
- HWDSB Child Information Form (optional) – in order to support educators in learning more about their children prior to school entry, staff developed the HWDSB Child Information Form. This is an optional form for parents to complete. The form can be found at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>
- Kindergarten classrooms are exciting places where children learn to explore the world, solve problems, and make friends. Watch the magic unfold as an HWDSB student takes you on a tour of a Kindergarten class: [Kindergarten at HWDSB - YouTube](#)
- For further questions please call the school at: (905)296-2549.

Library News

The list of overdue library books is growing at Viola Desmond! Students are being sent home with notices of overdue book titles this week. Please ask your child if they received an overdue notice and have a look at home for any library books with a Hamilton Wentworth DSB barcode. Your help in keeping our library shelves well stocked is much appreciated!
Mrs. Hall and
Mrs. Niamat



Parent Council

Meeting Dates:

March 1st, 2023
May 31st, 2023
@4:30pm
In the Library

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 2nd -
Snuggle Up and Read
Day, Pajama Day

Feb. 14th -
Valentine's Day

Feb. 17th - Term 1
Reports sent home

Feb. 20th - Family Day
(no school)

Feb. 22nd -
Pink Shirt Day

Feb. 21st -24th -
Dental Screening

Feb. 28th - Character
Assemblies
Hold and Secure Drill

March 2nd -
Grade 8 Grad Photo
Day

March 3rd -
PA Day (no school)

Mar. 10th -
Multicultural Day
(Tentative Date)

March 13th - 17th -
March Break



**Family Literacy
Day / Pajama Day**

Students and staff will celebrate Family Literacy Day on Feb. 2nd. Students will be buddying up with fellow classes, snuggling up and reading together!

Students are invited to wear Pajamas on Feb. 2nd!



Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home on February 17th. This report not only informs on academic achievement, but also important learning skills to help your child demonstrate their strengths.



Pink Shirt Day



National Pink Shirt Day is on February 22nd. Wearing pink symbolizes our commitment to choose kindness and end bullying.

Looking Ahead

...Grad Photo Day – Graduation Photo Day for students in Grade 8 is on Thursday, March 2nd. White collared shirts are preferred for the photograph.

