



Viola Desmond Elementary School

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School Website: www.hwdsb.on.ca/violadesmond/

JUNE

Students Leaving for Nutrition Breaks:

Students are permitted to leave school property during the second Nutrition Break, *only* if they provide written permission from their parent or guardian before leaving the school. Office Staff will not be calling home to confirm permission for students to leave the school. Students are required to return to school on time. Food purchased must be finished before

Final Reports

Final reports will be coming home June 27th. Students will also be informed of their classroom placement for September. For example, your child's class may be 1A, 1B or 4C. Information regarding educator assignments will be shared in the last week before school.

Nutrition Program, Final Day:
June 16, 2023

Final Pizza Day:
June 16, 2023

Library News



All library books are now due to be returned. Please have a look at home to see if you have any books with the "Hamilton-Wentworth DSB" barcode on them. Overdue notices will be sent home with students in the coming weeks. If a book is lost, it can be replaced with any book you may have at home, in good condition. Thank you, from the Viola Desmond Library.

Upcoming Dates

June 1

Kindergarten – Gr. 1
Firetruck Visit
Pizza Day

June 2

PA Day, no school

June 14

Team Up to Clean UP

June 21

Kindergarten Play Day

June 23

Grade 8 Commencement Ceremony

June 27

Reports Go Home

June 28

Last Day of School

Upcoming Trips

June 1

Grade 4 – Bayfest

June 5

returning to school. Finally, students returning early should join their peers in the back playground.



Grade 1-3 Beauty and the Beast
June 8
Grade 4, 5 Beauty and the Beast
June 22
Grade 7 – Spiderman Movie
June 26
Grade 4-6 – Elemental Movie

Kindergarten Registration



It's not too late! Kindergarten registration is now open. If you have a child who will be 4 or 5 years of age by December 31st, 2023. Kindergarten on-line registration forms will be available on our school and board websites under kindergarten.

Register at:

www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

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

Transportation – Courtesy Bussing

If your child did not qualify for transportation this school year and was approved for Courtesy Transportation, please note that you must apply **EVERY SCHOOL YEAR**. Courtesy Transportation can only be offered if there is room on the school bus route. Courtesy Transportation will begin in October.



First Day of School: September 5th, 2023 Bell Times 2023-2024

Supervision Begins 8:30 am Ends 3:20 pm

Entry Bell	8:45 am
Period 1	8:45 - 9:45
Period 2	9:45 - 10:25
Nutrition Break #1	10:25 - 11:05
Period 3	11:05 - 11:55
Period 4	11:55 - 12:45
Nutrition Break #2	12:45 - 1:25
Period 5	1:25-2:25
Period 6	2:25-3:05
Dismissal	3:05 pm

Open House Community Partners:

Special thanks to our local businesses that donated prizes for our Open House scavenger hunt.

Punjab International- located at 822 Queenston Road
[Punjab International - Fine Foods From Around The World](#)

Pizza Nova located at 700 Queenston Road

ECO Team News:



- The Eco Team has been hard at work caring for the mini marshes all throughout the school. This conservation project is coming to an end and the plants that have been growing in our classrooms will be going back to the RBG.

[Order Pizza Online | Pizza Delivery, Takeout or Dine-In across Ontario | Pizza Nova](#)

Gift Basket Donations:

The Allum Family donated a Board game themed gift basket.

The Stojisavljevich Family donated two beach themed gift baskets.

- Our next project is *Team Up to Clean Up*, happening on June 14! We are inviting all Junior classes to help clean up our school yard and green spaces. This is one simple action to help our local biodiversity and something you can do at home too.
- The Eco Team also challenged students and staff to bring reusable water bottles to be more sustainable. We counted the number of water bottle refills over one week and the school saved 2,989 plastic bottles! Way to go VDES!

Parent /School Council

School councils have a legislated role at their schools and are there to ensure the best possible education for students. Our school councils are comprised of democratically elected representatives of our parent community. Together, they:

- focus on student learning and the best interest of all students,
- provide a forum through which parents and other members of school communities can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance,
- make recommendations to the school principal and the Board on any matter they see impacting accountability and academic excellence and;
- serve as a communication and information channel between the school and community

Parents or guardians of a student enrolled in a Hamilton-Wentworth school can vote in an election and run for a position. Elections for Council positions will take place at VDES in late September.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's meetings. We are looking forward to seeing everybody in the upcoming school year!

Please follow the link below for more information about School councils at HWDSB.

[School Councils - Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://hwdsb.on.ca)



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 3-4 weeks for you to receive the forms. Please call the office for more information or see our school website for all the details!

The staff at Viola Desmond want to wish you and your family a happy, safe summer break!

