



Viola Desmond Elementary School

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



Supervision

Please remember that supervision does not begin until 8:30 am, therefore no students should be left unattended on the playground before this time. At the end of the day supervision ends at 3:20 pm. Parents must ensure that their children are picked up before supervision ends.



Drop off / Picking up Students

We ask that parents and caregivers wait behind the cones on the back playground at morning entry and afternoon dismissal times to reduce congestion and crowding at the doors and to allow teachers to keep eyes on their students.



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday October 31st, students can choose to wear an appropriate costume to school. No face masks, weapons or gory costumes are permitted. The primary division will take part in a Halloween Parade outside on the back playground, weather permitting at 9:30 am. Our Junior / Intermediate students will take part in age-appropriate activities to celebrate the day. Please reach out to your child's teacher for more details.

Please ensure any snacks brought in do not contain any nuts.

Upcoming Dates:

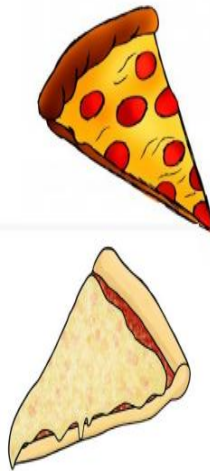
- October 3**
Photo Day
- October 4th**
School council Mtg. 4:30
- October 4th**
Meet the Teacher Night
4-5:30
- October 5th**
World Teacher's Day
- October 20th**
PA Day – no school
- October 31st**
Halloween



Friday Pizza Days

Pizza Days will soon be starting here Viola Desmond school. Friday, October 6th, will be our first Pizza Day. Each slice will cost \$2.00. Students have a choice of cheese or pepperoni and can bring their money to their first period teacher on Fridays. If a Snow Day occurs on a Friday, our Pizza Day will be Monday. If a PA Day falls on a Friday, Pizza Day will be Thursday.

Orders will be accepted until 9:15 am.
Please note that as we are a very large school, late orders cannot be accepted.



Labelling Items

Our Lost and Found is growing by the day! Please ensure that you are labelling all your child's belongings so that if they are returned to the lost and found we can easily return the item to your child.



HWDSB STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

Respect, Civility and Responsible Citizenship

All members of the school community must recognize that a whole school approach is required, and that everyone **including trustees, Board employees, students, parents/guardians, Home and School, School Council, visitors, volunteers, contractors, community members** on school premises, while on school buses, at school related events or activities, or in any other circumstances that could have an impact on the climate of the school must:

- Respect differences in people, their ideas, and their opinions.
- Always treat one another with dignity and respect, especially when there is disagreement.
- Respect and treat others fairly, regardless of, for example, race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, creed, sex, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, family status or disability.
- Respect the rights of others.

We ask that all parents, caregivers and visitors to Viola Desmond conduct themselves in a respectful manner and make appointments in advance if they wish to speak to a staff member.

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Dear Student, Parent/Guardian/Caregiver/Community Leader

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is committed to the principles of equity through inclusive programs, curriculum, services, and operations. In addition, HWDSB believes in ensuring high levels of student, parent, community and staff participation, involvement and engagement contributing to student achievement and well-being. In support of our commitments, the Board of Trustees have established the Faith Community Advisory Committee.

HWDSB is currently seeking volunteer members for the Faith Community Advisory Committee (FCAC). The Committee will meet at least once a year with a schedule determined by the Committee. The Committee will be responsible for providing the Board of Trustees with advice on specific areas of Board policy or program consistent with the Education Act and the policies of the Board, and on services that affect the educational success and well-being of HWDSB students.

Criteria for Committee membership is attached. Individuals must be students, parents/guardians/caregivers or community leaders who have a strong affiliation to one or more HWDSB schools and a strong affiliation to one of the identified faiths and/or spirituality areas. Membership will be sought across the geography of HWDSB schools.

[Applications](#) for the Faith Community Advisory Committee will be accepted until 4 pm on **October 13, 2023**, and are available online via HWDSB's website,

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/join-hwdsbs-faithcommunity-advisory-committee/>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Paul Denomme
Superintendent of Equity, Mental Health & Well-Being



Thank you everyone for making our Krispy Kreme Doughnut fundraiser an amazing success. We sold 900 dozen doughnuts!

Proceeds will go directly to support the purchase of new technology here at Viola Desmond.

