



# School Newsletter



## Principal's Message



Spring is just around the corner and March break is almost here! We hope you enjoy a restful week with your loved ones. With second term well underway, and as the weather gets warmer we are excited for upcoming events and activities at the school. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our checkers team that competed hard at our board's 49th annual checkers tournament at the Ancaster Fairgrounds. They came in 4th place out of 26 teams! Thank you also to Ms. Ruttan Mrs. Butler for organizing the checkers club this year and a special thanks to Mr. Deans for helping the team prepare for the tournament.

It was great to see families come out to attend our second family movie night. It's events like these that can bring our school community closer together and build a positive culture. Thanks again to school council, staff and volunteers that gave their time and made the movie night possible. We are hoping that we can organize a third family movie night before the end of the year.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Daylight Savings**

- Sunday, March 11th

#### **March Break**

- Monday, March 12th - Friday, March 16th

#### **First Day Back at School After the Break**

- Monday, March 19th

#### **Good Friday**

- Friday, March 30th  
- NO SCHOOL

#### **Easter Monday**

- Monday, April 2nd  
- NO SCHOOL

### **PICKUP/DROP OFF**

Please **DO NOT** come into the circular drive between **8:30 and 9:15 AM** or between **2:30 and 3:15 PM**. This is the drop-off time for our special-needs busses only. Even if you are running late, park your car at the Westmount Rec. Centre parking lot, then walk your children in. The priority is our special-needs busses.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten Registration is now open. To register, you must bring a birth certificate, immigration or equivalent papers (if born outside of Canada), an immunization record proof of address. The office is open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, although no one may be available for registration from 11:45-12:45.

### **VISITORS IN OUR SCHOOL**

We appreciate the partnerships we have with our families, parents, and caregivers. In order to maintain a safe and secure environment, we ask that parents and caregivers entering the building sign in at the office and refrain from dropping off and picking up their children at their classrooms as mornings and after school are very busy times of the day. After the March break, we will start a sticker system for visitors to our school. We will have a different coloured sticker for each school day. After signing in at the office, you will receive a coloured visitor sticker to wear on your shirt. This will allow students and staff to quickly identify school visitors.

## HWDSB Launches Parent Voice Survey to Gather Input For Improvement

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) invites parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in a Parent Voice Survey to share what you think HWDSB is doing well, and how might HWDSB improve its education services.

Parents, guardians and caregivers play an important role in HWDSB and we value your opinion. Your feedback helps us make decisions about how we deliver school services for students.

HWDSB has made a commitment to partner with its parent/guardian and caregiver communities, and to work together to help students learn and grow to their full potential. This survey should



take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and combined as a group. You can find the survey online at [https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3TKK1aKCPgO8e3j](https://hwdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3TKK1aKCPgO8e3j)

If you would like to learn more about how we use the data and maintain your privacy, please click [here](#) .

Thank you for taking the time for this survey and helping HWDSB with your feedback.

### ME TO WE TEAM FUNDRAISER

On Thursday March 29th, the Me to We team at Westwood will be selling Easter treat bags for \$1.00. Therefore March 29th will be a designated special treat day at Westwood. All proceeds raised will go to Aboriginal communities in Canada. Did you know that many Aboriginal children in Canada endure health levels and living conditions most often associated with impoverished developing countries? The Me to We team would like to help these communities by donating the money raised to fund school breakfast, lunch and snack programs. For more information please go to [canadianfeedthechildren.ca](http://canadianfeedthechildren.ca). Please check your child's agenda for further updates about the treat day on March 29th. Thank you for your support!

