



Westwood September 2018 Newsletter



Principal Message

We hope that everyone enjoyed the wonderful weather and sunshine this summer! We are excited to welcome you back to the 2018-2019 school year. We would like to welcome new staff, students and families to Westwood and hope you have a great transition to our school community. As part of our continuous School Improvement Plan, we will be setting new targets aligned with HWDSB's targets of all students reading, improving in mathematics, and feeling safe, supported and accepted.

With the start of the school year, we will be focusing on setting good work habits and routines both at home and at school. We ask that you please go over the following forms that are sent home by your child's classroom:

- **EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS: Emergency/Health Information**
- **STUDENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL/CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**
- **MEDIA CONSENT FORM**
- **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE FORM**

I am excited to meet as an entire school team at our first Welcome Back Assembly held during the first week of school. The assembly will be a great opportunity to bring everyone together to introduce our entire staff and share our school expectations to ensure a safe environment that focuses on respect and safety. On behalf of the staff at Westwood, we wish everyone a great start to the school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ro

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5th

Whole School Assembly

September 18th

First Pizza Day

September 21st

PA Day - NO SCHOOL

September 25th

First School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the library

September 27th

Terry Fox Walk

October 8th

Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

October 11th

Meet the Teacher Night
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Before/After School Outdoor Supervision

Just a reminder that morning supervision on the playground does not begin until 15 minutes before the start of classes which is 8:30 a.m. If your child is on the playground before that time, please understand that they are **not** being supervised by an adult. Similarly, at the end of the day, there is supervision until 3:20 p.m. If you are picking up your child after school, please ensure you arrive on time.

School Pizza Days



We will be offering pizza days for our students again this year. Cheese pizza will be ordered every Tuesday on a weekly basis. Our first pizza day of the school year will be **Tuesday September 18th** and will be sold for \$1.50 per slice. Pizza orders will be taken on the day of the pizza day.

Westwood Bell Times



8:45 a.m.	Entry
8:45-9:35	Period 1
9:35-10:25	Period 2
10:25-11:05	NUTRITION BREAK #1
11:05-11:55	Period 3
11:55-12:45	Period 4
12:45-1:25	NUTRITION BREAK #2
1:25-2:15	Period 5
2:15-3:05	Period 6
3:05	Dismissal

School Council

We welcome any parents that are interested in being a part of Westwood's School Council. The role of School Council is to advise School Staff of recommendations for our School Improvement Plan.

Our first School Council Meeting with nominations and elections will be held on Tuesday September 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. If you would like to be on the school council executive, [school council nomination forms](#) can be picked up at the office.

Students With Medical Needs



If your child has a medical condition for which he/she requires medication or special accommodation(s) at school, please see the office to pick up a form for you and your physician to complete. In order to administer medication to students, the school requires proper signed documentation. Thank you for your support.

EarlyON Centre



We are excited that Westwood will be one of the locations for Hamilton's EarlyON Child and Family Centres. EarlyON Child and Family Centres

provide opportunities for children from birth to 6 years of age to participate in play and inquiry-based programs, and support parents and caregivers in their roles. These centres offer safe and welcoming environments open to all families across Hamilton, with qualified professionals and quality programs. Families and caregivers can find support, advice, make personal connections and access a network of resources at these centres. The Hours for the Westwood site are to be determined.

Allergy Alert

A reminder that Westwood is a **NUT SAFE** school. For the safety of all our students, please do not send peanut or nut products to school. Thank you.

Parents/Guardians/Visitors to the Office

We appreciate the partnerships we have with our families, parents, and caregivers. To ensure the safety of everyone in the building we must be aware of all parents/visitors that are in the school. All visitors must first report to the office when entering the building. Please refrain from dropping off and picking up their children at their classrooms as mornings and after school are very busy times of the day. We have 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 easily identify school visitors.

If you would like to get in touch with your child's teacher, we advise that a note be recorded in your child's agenda. This will ensure a quick & timely response from your child's teacher. You are also welcome to contact the school. A message left at the office will be shared with your child's teacher who will contact you to make arrangements.

School Parking Lot

Vehicles are **NOT** permitted to park in the parking lot by the main entrance of the school 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, find an empty legal parking spot in the visitor lot or park your car at the Westmount Rec. Centre parking lot, then walk your children in. The priority is our special needs busses.

Courtesy Bus Transportation

Courtesy bus transportation applications are available at the office. If you have submitted a courtesy transportation form, we thank you for your continued patience with this process. We would like to remind parents that students are **not** covered for liability by the board and are not permitted to ride on the bus until they are approved. All Courtesy transportation applications will be approved at the beginning of October.

Westwood Nutrition Program

The Nutrition Program at Westwood will start this month and we are looking forward to the organization and efficiency of our parent volunteers that work very hard to prepare nutritional snacks to our students every morning. The Nutrition Program is always looking for extra volunteer to help prepare and deliver nutrition bins for each classroom. If you are interested in being a part of the Nutrition Program please stop by the office for volunteer forms.

