



School Newsletter



Principal's Message

We would like to thank the staff, students and the community for a great start up in September. It's hard to believe that the first month of school is behind us. Students have settled into their classrooms and have adapted to school and classroom routines.

Every September there is a possibility of changes in our school as a result of changes in student enrollment. Due to higher than projected class sizes in kindergarten, we are adding a new kindergarten class to our school. This is very good news for Westwood as class sizes will be smaller. I would like to welcome Ms. Urfe, our new kindergarten teacher.

On Thursday, September 27th, our Terry Fox walk was held. Students had an opportunity to walk around our school property. It was fantastic to see our students showing great participation for the fundraiser by bringing in Toonies For Terry on the day of the event to support such a worthy cause. Well done Westwood!

Wishing you and your families a great long Thanksgiving weekend focusing on the importance of being thankful for the important things in our lives. We would like to remind you that **Monday October 8th** is a holiday and our school will be closed to honour Thanksgiving Day.

Earlyon centre

The EarlyON center is now open for families with children 0-6 years old and will operate Monday-Friday 8:45am-12:45pm

Gym time will take place from 10:00am - 10:30am each day.

We will be participating in the schools Open House and hope you can stop by and take a look.

We look forward to see you!

LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing an article of clothing, please have them check the Lost and Found located in the hallway outside the library doors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Teachers' Day

- October 5th, 2018

Whole School Assembly

- October 5th, 2018

Bus Safety Assembly

- October 9th, 2018

Kindergarten & Gr. 2 Dental Screening

- October 11th, 2018

Cross Country Meet

- October 11th, 2018

Meet the Teacher Night

- October 11th, 2018
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting

- October 23rd, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Photo Day

- October 29th, 2018

Progress Reports Sent Home

- October 30th, 2018

PA Day (Parent Interview Day)

- November 2, 2018

Volunteering at Westwood

Volunteers play a very important role in our school. Our volunteers help enrich our students' educational experiences and bridge the gap between schools and our community. Currently, we are looking for volunteer support for our morning nutrition program and for field trips throughout the year. Volunteer forms are available at the office and can also be accessed in the 'Quick Links' section of our school website. Vulnerable Sector Checks can be completed in person at the Hamilton Police Records Branch located on 155 King William Street or can be completed online at www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca at a cost of \$35. All first-time school



volunteers **MUST** have a **Vulnerable Sector Check within the last 6 months when submitting volunteer applications.** Volunteers must provide a new Vulnerable Sector Check every three years and must sign an Offence Declaration Form every year. We recognize the cost of completing a Vulnerable Sector Check can be a barrier for some volunteers. If this is an issue, please contact the school office for support.

HWDSB FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY & SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

HWDSB's Food and Beverage Policy guides school communities in the development of healthy school nutrition environments in which everyone is encouraged to make nutritious food choices and beverage choices. Schools are entitled to 10 Special Event Days in which food & beverages sold or served in schools are exempt from the nutrition standard outlined in the Policy. Our first Special Event Day will be Halloween held on Wednesday Oct. 31st. Sweet Treats are welcome to celebrate!

