



# School Newsletter



## Principal's Message

I hope our Westwood families had a wonderful holiday break and want to welcome everyone back to school to start 2019. The week leading up to the break was full of excitement with holiday activities and performances. Special thanks to the Kindergarten staff for putting on a fantastic winter concert for the whole school and parents. Additionally, thank you to Mrs. Pejic, Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Butler for organizing and helping out with the grade 1 - 5 winter celebration concert. I have never seen the gymnasium so full of families to support and watch the students dance, sing and perform Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer during the day concert.

One event we are especially looking forward to is our Literacy Day on Monday January 28th. Students will be participating in some fun literacy based activities throughout the day in their classrooms. Students are also welcome to wear their pajamas to school and bring a stuffy.

As we welcome the new year, we recognize the importance of student safety with potential winter conditions of snow and ice. We strongly encourage that families listen to the weather forecast to ensure students are dressed appropriately for the cold winter weather. On behalf of the staff at Westwood, we wish you & your families all the best in 2019. As a team we look forward to a great start to the New Year to support our students' well-being & achievement.

### COLD WEATHER ALERTS AND OUTDOOR PLAY

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom. During winter, it is important that children come to school prepared for the cold weather. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats. It is also a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.

**HWDSB follows the city of Hamilton recommendation that individuals stay inside when the temperature is at or below 15 degrees Celsius or -20 degrees Celsius with the windchill.**

### PHONING STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child will be absent, please remember to call the school and let the office know. Automated phone calls go out for any unexplained student absences. If you receive an automated phone call you still need to call the school regarding your child's absence.

### School Contact Info:

Phone: 905.383.2143

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **MADD Canada Smart Drive Mobile Bus Workshop (Gr. 4 & 5)**

- January 11th, 2019

#### **School Council Meeting**

- January 15th, 2019  
7:00 p.m. in the library

#### **PA Day (NO SCHOOL)**

- January 25th, 2019

#### **Literacy Day**

- January 28th, 2019

#### **Kindergarten Registration Starts**

- February 4th, 2019

#### **Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home**

- February 12th, 2019

#### **Family Day (NO SCHOOL)**

- February 18th, 2019

## Greetings From Our New School Board Trustee

Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Becky Buck and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 8 and 14.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or

concerns you might have about the schools in our wards.

I can be reached by email at [bbuck@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:bbuck@hwdsb.on.ca) or by phone at 905-515-2367.

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<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2019

Kindergarten registration For September 2019 will begin February 4, 2019. If you know people in the community with children, please let them know. To register, you must bring a birth certificate, immigration papers (If born outside of Canada), Immunization record and proof of address. The office is open from 8:30 to 3:30, although no one may be available for registration from 11:45 to 12:45. We hope to see you and your children soon. For more information, visit:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten>

