



School Newsletter



Principal's Message

February has arrived and it's hard to believe that we are entering the second half of the school year! With the conclusion of term one, report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, February 12th. We encourage you to reflect and discuss the report card with your child focusing on the key learnings, their strengths and next steps for improvement. This discussion is valuable in promoting ongoing learning and improvement.

On January 31st we enjoyed our school wide Literacy, with students engaging in literacy activities throughout the day and also a special visit from award winning children's author Lana Button! Students were engaged as she read aloud three of her stories in the gymnasium.

As we approach Valentines Day, our Me to We Team will be selling \$1 Candy-Grams from February 8 to February 13th for grades 1 - 5 students to purchase and send to each other on February 14th. Our school will also be holding a cake raffle with tickets only being sold on February 14th. We are thankful for our local grocery stores: Metro (1 cake), Upper James Fortinos (8 cakes), and Ancaster Sobeyes (1 cake) and staff for their donations to support our cake raffle fundraiser! Valentines Day will be a Special Event Day.

During the month of February, Westwood is focusing on the character trait of empathy. At our whole school assembly, we learned how we can show empathy by trying to understand the feelings of others by standing in their shoes. We also asked the question, "What does empathy look like, sound like and feel like in our classrooms, school, home, and community?" We look forward to catching students in the act of being empathetic during the month of February.

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Please join us for our first Family Board Game Night on Thursday February 28th. This is a great opportunity for families to have fun and connect with each-other over board games while enjoying food and snacks sold by our school council. If families have any board games to donate or bring for the night that would be greatly appreciated! Please remember, this is a FAMILY EVENT. Parents and caregivers must stay with their children. This is not a drop off event.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Thursday February 14th is a Special Event Day. Sweet treats are welcome!



School Contact Info:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten Registration Starts

- February 4th, 2019

Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home

- February 12th, 2019

Valentines Day (SPECIAL EVENT DAY)

- February 14th, 2019

Family Day (NO SCHOOL)

- February 18th, 2019

Family Game Night

- February 28th, 2019
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

School Book Fair

- February 26 -28th,
in the library
(OPEN DURING
FAMILY GAME NIGHT)

Vision Works Eye Exams

- February 27-28th

PA Day (NO SCHOOL)

- March 1st, 2019

HWDSB

Snow-clearing at HWDSB Schools

A responsibility shared by Board staff, contractors and the City of Hamilton



HWDSB Staff

Clear, salt and/or sand...

- walkways from the city sidewalk to the school
- school steps and portable steps
- walkways to the portables
- ramps to schools and portables
- area outside entrances and Fire Exit Doors
- Fire Exit stairs & ramps



HWDSB Contractors

After 5cm+ of snow, will...

- plow parking lots and sidewalks
- When HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary
- Salt and sand the parking lot before school starts
- If required, Head Caretakers may also salt or sand parts of the parking lot



City of Hamilton

Responsible for clearing...

- Snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools, a top priority for the City.
- **Note:** It may take up to 24 hours after a snowfall for sidewalks to be cleared. Report a sidewalk fronting a school in need of clearing at **905-546-CITY (2489)**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2019

Kindergarten registration For September 2019 is officially OPEN! 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>



