



School Newsletter



I hope our Westwood families had a wonderful holiday break and want to welcome everyone back to school to start 2020. 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 and Mrs. Crozier for organizing and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Pejicic for helping with the grade 1 - 5 winter celebration concert. Thank you to Mrs. Ruksenas' class for making the beautiful decorations. We would like to also thank all the students that participated in the holiday cookie decorating event. We raised approximately \$375 which will be donated to the N2N Community Food Centre!

One event we are especially looking forward to is our Literacy Day on Monday January 27th. Students will be participating in some fun literacy based activities throughout the day in their classrooms. Students are also welcome to wear their pyjamas 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 2020. As a team we look forward to a great start to the New Year to support our students' well-being & achievement.

\$1000 HWDSB FOUNDATION GRANT

Westwood is the proud recipient of a \$1000 grant from the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success through the HWDSB. We are using these funds to purchase diverse and inclusive materials for both staff and students to borrow throughout the year. Westwood families will soon have new texts to enjoy reading together. We will learn about various cultures, languages, celebrations, families and places around the world. Dual-language books will also be added to our collection to represent the languages spoken in our community. A huge thank you goes out to our friends at HWDSB - Hamilton Foundation for Student Success for this amazing donation. The Westwood Wolves are extremely grateful!

WESTWOOD DRUM DAY

On **Thursday January 16**, Westwood students will be participating in a whole school drum day in our gymnasium with a company called DrumFIT. The cost to bring in DrumFIT will be partially subsidized with our pizza day funds but we are collecting **\$5** to help cover the cost of this on-site event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bus Safety Presentation

- January 10th, 2020

School Council Meeting

- January 28th, 2020
7:00 p.m. in the library

Drum Day

- January 16th, 2020

PA Day (NO SCHOOL)

- January 24th, 2020

Literacy Day

- January 27th, 2020

Kindergarten Registration Starts

- February 3rd, 2020

Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home

- February 13th, 2020

Family Day (NO SCHOOL)

- February 17th, 2020

NEW Breakfast Program at N2N Hamilton Food Centre

New Rise Up Breakfast in 2020!
Wednesdays starting January 8th, 8 AM to 9 AM

The Neighbour 2 Neighbour Community Food Centre is now serving a delicious, nourishing breakfast on Wednesday mornings from 8 to 9 AM for the whole community! Stop in for a bite before work or school.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2020

Kindergarten registration For September 2020 will begin February 3, 2020. 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>

