



School Newsletter



Principal's Message

What a year 2020 has been! As we head into the month of December, I would like to thank the staff, students, and parents/guardians for the great effort that has been put forth to ensure that teaching and learning continued in a safe manner to start the 2020 school year. It has not been an easy path, but I am confident that we will continue to learn, adapt, and improve as we navigate forward together into 2021 and beyond.

I would like to share and congratulate Mrs. Simpson on her decision to retire after 30 years in the teaching profession. Her last day at Westwood will be on December 18th. I know Mrs. Simpson will be missed by the Westwood community as she has taught at Westwood for 12 years and has been a very important part of the school culture and kindergarten team. We wish her all the best on her well-deserved retirement.

I would also like to welcome Mr. Robertson-Roper who will be our Long Term Occasional kindergarten teacher that will be joining the Westwood staff in the new year when we return from our winter break.

On behalf of everyone at Westwood, we would like to thank our families and community for all they do to support our school and wish all of you a very enjoyable and memorable Holiday season.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pyjama Day

- December 11th, 2020

Holiday Tacky Sweater Day

- December 18th, 2020

School Wide Virtual Bingo

- December 18th, 2020

Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)

- December 21st - January 4th

First Day Back

- January 4th, 2021

HWDSB COLD WEATHER PROTOCOL

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent time outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

Depending on the season, preparing for outdoor play in Canada can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wear mittens and a hat. During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it's a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.

Principals decide whether to send students outside for recess. HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton guideline that people stay inside when it's at or below -15C, or -20C with wind chill.



HWDSB

Families Worrying Less Together

*A program for Parents/Primary Caregivers
of kids whose worries get the best of them*

If you are a parent/primary caregiver of a student in Grade JK- 2 or Grade 3-6 who is excessively shy, or has intense worries and fears, come learn about the “Families Worrying Less Together” program. This program will give you practical strategies to help your child learn to cope differently. *Please note: This program is for parents and primary caregivers, children do not attend.*

Please join us on **January 19, 2021 6:30-7:30pm** (via MS Teams) to learn more about the Families Worrying Less Together program. Log on to <https://bit.ly/33dMHnf> to join the session.



* Families Worrying Less Together is an evidence-informed program based on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

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Thursday Dinner Takeout

Pick up a free nourishing meal for your family, made with care

3:30pm to 6pm

November 26


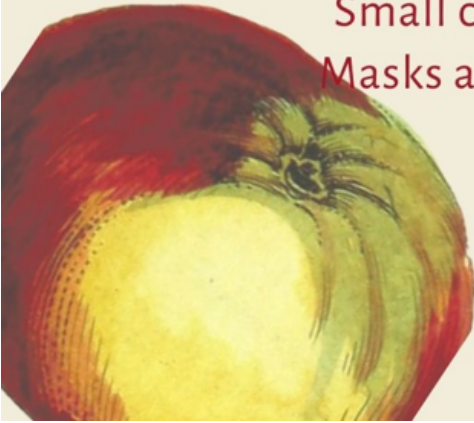
December 3

December 10

December 17

Every Thursday starting January 7

310 Limeridge Rd W Unit 10



Small café and patio seating available
Masks and physical distancing required



