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Important Dates:

5th- Sub Day

6th- Hold and Secure Drill

9th- Snowin and Blowin Holiday Concert at Sir Winston Churchill
7:00 p.m.

11th- Bus Safety Assembly

12th- Joy Day

16-19- Spirit Week

16th- Grandfather Assembly
9:00 a.m.

18th- Ballard Holiday Concert
11 a.m.- 12:50p.m.

20th- Kinder Holiday Concert
1:30p.m.

23rd-Jan 6th- Winter Break

Ballard Connections

Message From Our Principal:

We are excited to share the following information from our Ballard Spirit Team:

Food Drive: We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to donate to the local community. These donations are critical for many families throughout the City of Hamilton. Thank you in advance for your generosity. We will start receiving items on Monday December 9th and will continue to receive donations until December 17th. Some suggestions: canned food, soup, granola bars, pasta and sauce, rice, juice/juice boxes, tea and coffee, toiletries, diapers.

Spirit Week: December 16th -19th

Monday 16th: Wear your Red and Green

Tuesday 17th: Time to Dust off your Ugly Holiday sweaters and gear!

Wednesday 18th : Festive Hair and Hat Day

Thursday 19th: Pyjama Day (make sure you wear appropriate PJ's for school)

School Messenger

Reporting your student's absence:

If your student is going to be absent, please be sure to use the SafeArrival system – there are three options:

1. Use the SafeArrival website: go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (or from links go.schoolmessenger.ca). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
3. Call toll-free 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Using this method does not require setting up an account. These options are available 24 hours/day, seven days a week. You can report a future absence any time

We encourage you to sign up as we will be using this service to send information to families via voice messages and email from time to time.

If you have any issues with setting up this system, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

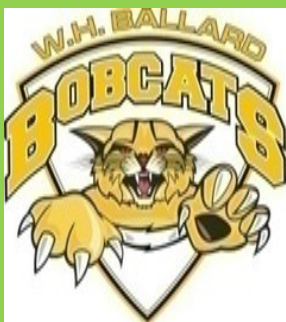
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Swim Team!!

Congratulations to our Junior Swim Team for a terrific Swim Meet earlier this month! Everyone swam their very best times! **Karson M.** earned Second place overall in the Boys Grade Five Freestyle event and Third place overall in the Boys Grade Five Backstroke event. **Raidyn D.** earned Third place overall in the Boys Grade Three Freestyle and Backstroke events. **Sophia C.** earned Second place overall in the Girls Freestyle Open Event! Well done team!

Music Notes

Grade 7/8 band practices continue on Day 1 and 3 at second nutrition break.

Junior Intermediate Choir continues to practice on Day 4 at first nutrition break.

Grade 7/8 band going to SWC to rehearse for Mass Band Holiday concert on Wed. Dec. 9 from 11:30-3:30

Grade 7/8 Band Performing with Feeder schools at SWC- Snowin & Blowin Holiday concert Monday Dec 9 at 7:00 p.m.



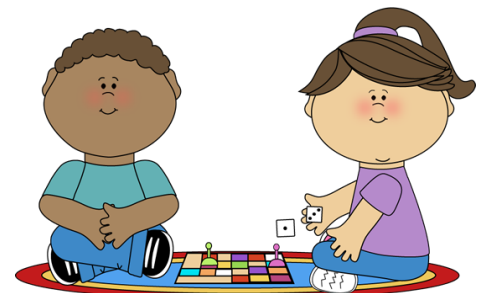
Kinder Concert 2019!!!

Please join our Kinder friends as they perform their annual Holiday Concert on December 20th at 1:30p.m.



Board Game Club

Students are welcome to join the Board Game Club that happens every Day 5 in Ms. Anderson's room at our Second Nutrition Break. This is a great way to play together and have fun!



Sub Day

Reminder Sub Day is December 5th! Thank you to all who submitted their orders!

Joy Day!!

Our Joy Day celebration will take place on December 12th., Huge thank you to our W.H. Ballard community for supporting this initiative through our fundraising at the school store.

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Concussion Information

What Is A Concussion:

- It is a brain injury that cannot be seen.
- There are many symptoms.
- It may affect the way a child thinks and remembers things.

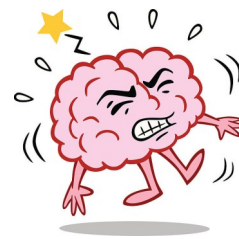
What Causes A Concussion:

Any blow to the head, face or neck, OR a blow to the body which causes a sudden jarring of the head may cause a concussion (e.g., a ball to the head, colliding with another person).

Some Signs And Symptoms Of A Concussion:

A child does not need to lose consciousness or be knocked out

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Sleepiness
- Mood changes
- Stomach ache, nausea, vomiting



What To Do If Suspect A Concussion:

Stop the activity

Seek assessment from a health care provider

For more information go to: www.parachute.ca/concussion

Safety Reminder

As a reminder to our parents/guardians, we would ask that when you enter the school you ALWAYS come to the main office to check in, this includes any time you are dropping off/picking up. If you need to move beyond the office, obtain a "Visitor" sticker and sign out when you leave. This helps us ensure the safety and security of all our staff and students!

W. H Ballard Holiday Concert

Please join us on December 18th from 11 a.m.-12:50p.m.

For our Holiday Concert with the following performances:

Grade 1/2 –Mrs. Kotsopoulos, Ms. Molnar, Ms.Ironside, and Ms. Zaza

(Blitzen's Boogie)

Primary Choir with Mrs. Kovacs **(Christmas Wish)**

Mrs. Kovacs, Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Zwyne, Ms. Ironside

(My Favourite Things)

Grade 7&8 Band **(Midnight Mission Nicholas Variations)**

Junior/Intermediate Choir **(Here comes the snow, Jingle Bell Rock)**

Mr. Stirling 7/8 **(Jingle Bells, My Dreydl, A Mozart Melody)**

Sheahan/McKenzie **(A Holly Jolly Christmas)**

Ms. Sherriffs Class **(Ode to Joy)**

