



# W.H. BALLARD

January 2026



## A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing winter break. Welcome back to all staff and students as we look forward to what 2026 has in store.

## MILK DAYS

Milk days are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students can choose white and chocolate milk, each priced at \$1.25. Purchases can be made via School Cash Online for the days in February or by paying cash in person.

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Parent Council Meeting at 6pm.

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** - PA Day. No School for Students.

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** - Family Literacy Day

## POPCORN

Popcorn is **now available for purchase through School Cash Online!** Distribution will take place on Mondays. You can place your orders for January until Saturday, January 10th. Available flavors include Dill Pickle, Sweet and Salty, White Cheddar, Butter and Salt, Salt and Vinegar, and Chipotle Cheddar, while supplies last.

## PIZZA DAYS

Please remember that the deadline for placing February pizza orders will be open for purchase during the last week of January. Payment for Pizza can be arranged through School Cash Online [here](#).

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

W. H. Ballard aims to become a cashless school, encouraging the use of School Cash Online.

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## SCHOOL MESSENGER

Reminder to parents and guardians to report student absences and lates by using the School Messenger system. ALL visitors and parents must report to the office upon entry to the school. Parents/caregivers are not permitted to take their child to their classroom if they are late. The office will take them or call for another staff member. Once instructional time has started it is important to limit any distractions around the school and to keep the building a safe environment for all.



## SNOW CLEARING

Snow-clearing at HWDSB schools is 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 and portable steps, walkways to portables, ramps to schools and portables, areas outside entrances and fire exit doors, fire exit stairs and ramps.

HWDSB contractors after 5+ cm of snow will plow parking lots and sidewalks when HWDSB Facilities staff deem it necessary, salt and sand the parking lot before school starts, and if required.

The City of Hamilton is responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools, a top priority for the City. Note that it may take up to 24 hours after a snowfall for sidewalks to be cleared.

See our Snow clearing infographic [here](#)

## Severe Weather at HWDSB

6:00 A.M.



Severe Weather



Bus Cancellation

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