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# Hewson P.S.

## Community Connection

CELEBRATING A WORLD OF CHARACTER



### Principal's Message:

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take this opportunity to wish each

of you a happy and healthy holiday season.

The first four months of the 2016-2017 school session have been busy with activity. Many accomplishments have occurred from the Terry Fox Run to the Chocolate Fundraiser to the Big Kid Entertainment performance to the Junior Volleyball tournament to the Cross Country Meet to Wonder League Robotics and all the excellent achievements in between. Many thanks are extended to the teaching staff for their ongoing commitment to teaching and learning excellence and to the students for their continued enthusiasm and hard work. Special thanks to the parents for taking the time to attend the Meet the Teacher Evening in October and the recent Progress Report Interview Sessions. Your continued support of student expectations and school initiatives will help pave the way to future success.

I hope that everyone in our Hewson community experiences a safe break. Please remind your children to play safely and to avoid dangerous situations. Whether you are travelling or staying at home during the holiday season, enjoy your time with family and friends.

When classes resume on **Monday, January 9, 2017**, it will mark the continuation of Term One. The teaching-learning interactions are packed with important learning opportunities and wide-ranging activities. Your child's punctuality, regular attendance and continued focus on achieving his/her best during the remainder of the term is important to give him/her the greatest opportunity for success.

Happy holidays and see you in 2017!

*Mariann Miller*

Principal, Hewson Public School

### Welcome

Earlier this school year, we bid farewell to Mrs. D'Angelis, our Office Assistant, who retired from the Peel District School Board. I am very pleased to welcome our new Office Assistant, Mrs. Kennedy, who joined Hewson P.S. in late October. Mrs. Kennedy is new to Hewson from Brisdale P.S and Sir William Gage. We are thrilled to add her expertise, positive attitude and dedication to learning to our already excellent Hewson Community. Welcome Mrs. Kennedy!



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"Characterize people by their actions and you will never be fooled by their words."

*Anonymous*

### **Chocolate Fundraiser**

Many thanks to all families who participated in this year's Chocolate Fundraiser. Once again, this year, our campaign was a huge success! We raised approximately \$8 000 and distributed dozens of prizes, including an iPad mini and gift certificates to various local retailers. Funds raised are being used to purchase Literacy and Numeracy Resources, as well as support sports initiatives and Hewson's School Snack Program. Well done, Hewson!



### **Holiday Food Drive**

Kudos are extended to Mrs. Cuccione for organizing this year's Holiday Food Drive. We are collecting non-perishable food items until **Friday, December 9, 2016**. Your generous donations will certainly help make the holiday season a good one for so many.



### **Hewson Has Heart Campaign**

This holiday season, we are proudly participating in "Hewson Has Heart" in support of the Peel Children's Aid. During the week of ***December 5<sup>th</sup>***, we will be gratefully accepting donations of new toiletry items which will be given to children and families right here in Peel who are experiencing financial difficulties. Last year, PCAS was able to assist over 3 000 families because of generous donations made by the community. Our collection schedule is as follows:



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| <b>December 5th</b> | Toothpaste & Toothbrushes |
| <b>December 6th</b> | Deodorant                 |
| <b>December 7th</b> | Shampoo and Conditioner   |
| <b>December 8th</b> | Combs and Hairbrushes     |
| <b>December 9th</b> | Body Wash and Soap        |

Thank you in advance for supporting our Hewson Has Heart Student Leadership Team as they work to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

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### **Apply for French Immersion by Jan. 27, 2017**

If your child will be starting grade 1 in September 2017, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to consider French Immersion (FI). To find out more about the program, visit [www.peelschools.org/French](http://www.peelschools.org/French)

The application form for grade 1 FI for the 2017-18 school year will be available online at [www.peelschools.org/French](http://www.peelschools.org/French) as of Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016 at 1 p.m. The deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 at 4 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be included in the random selection process and will be placed on the school's waitlist.

The FI school for our area is Carberry Public School. The phone number is 905-458-6771.

### **Enrolment cap and random selection process**

As there is a grade 1 FI enrolment cap in place, there are a limited number of spots available for students entering the program. The cap is set at 25 per cent of all Peel students enrolled in grade 1.

Spots are not assigned on a first come, first served basis. A random selection process system is used to identify students gaining entrance into the grade 1 FI program.

All students who apply by the deadline will be assigned a rank using a computerized random selection process. Once students have been assigned to all available spots, remaining students will be placed, again in rank order, on the school's waitlist. **Each school has its own waitlist.**



## **Bus Cancellation & Closing Schools Due to Bad Weather**

During the winter months, we may need to cancel buses or close schools because of inclement weather.

Information regarding details of cancellations or closures will be announced on radio and television stations listed below and will also be available on Twitter @Peelschools, Facebook at [www.facebook.com/peelschools](http://www.facebook.com/peelschools), [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org) and [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) or by calling 905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1146.

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One of the following messages will be announced :

### **Peel District School Board buses are cancelled.**

This means that schools remain open for students and staff, but buses are cancelled. Bus cancellations could occur in all or parts of municipalities. Buses will remain cancelled all day. All activities that require busing will also be cancelled. Permits, night school classes, child care and other activities in schools will operate as usual.

### **All Peel District School Board schools and board offices are closed.**

This means that all schools and Board offices are closed to students and staff. All activities in schools and board offices are also cancelled, including child care, night school and permits.

### **All evening programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled.**

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## **Time for School - A Parent's Guide to Regular School Attendance**

Elementary school is a wonderful time in the life of a child, a time of great strides in learning and in social and emotional development. Many things affect your child's success, from the quality of his or her teachers, to the makeup of the class. One of the most important factors is your child's regular and timely attendance.

Getting to class on time, and avoiding absences, are critical if your child is to get the most out of school. It seems obvious. But the fact is that elementary students tend to miss an average of eight or more school days during the year. What can you as a parent do to help ensure your child's proper attendance?

### **Is your child missing more? Why does attendance matter?**

First, understand that getting to school—every day and on time—matters at every level, perhaps even more so in elementary school. That's because important learning occurs daily, right from the start of class. By being punctual and responsible, children are acquiring positive habits about school attendance. Some other things to consider:

- By being late, children miss important social time with their peers before school begins.
- Students who are late often feel embarrassed or self-conscious.
- Late arrivals can disrupt the routine of the classroom.
- A last-minute rush can be stressful for the child, and get her to school in the wrong frame of mind.
- Missing even five or 10 minutes of the day can make it harder for the student to understand the material being taught.
- Frequent absenteeism leads to gaps in a child's skills and knowledge base, cause the child to fall behind his peers
- Too many missed school days can increase isolation, as the child stands out from her classmates

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water."  
Rabindranath Tagore

## Mark Your Calendars



December 7	Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip
December 19	Character Assembly
December 20	School Concert
December 21	Co-Ed Indoor Soccer Tourn.
December 23	Hewson Winter Spirit Day
December 26-January 6	<b>Winter Break</b>
January 9	Back to School
January 19	Grade 4 Field Trip
January 23	Report Card Writing Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
January 27	Character Assembly
February 2	Grade 5 Field Trip
February 3	Grade 4 Field Trip
February 10	First Term Report Cards home
February 17	Professional Learning Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
February 20	Family Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

## Help Your Family Stay Warm This Winter

Canada Safety Council recommends the following tips for staying comfortable and preventing hypothermia when working or playing outdoors:

- Wear a warm hat—most body heat is lost through the head. Children should keep an extra hat at school.
- Wear layered clothing. Layers allow warm air to stay trapped around the body.
- Protect your feet and hands. Wear loose waterproof boots. If the boots have liners, carry an extra pair to replace damp ones or take an extra pair of socks. Invest in thick socks to keep your feet warm. Mittens are warmer than gloves, so carry an extra pair.
- Prevent dehydration and exhaustion, which can lead to hypothermia. Drink plenty of fluids and pace yourself when doing vigorous activities.
- Stay fit by exercising and eating well—people who are fit are less susceptible to hypothermia.
- If you stay indoors, avoid moving from a hot environment to a cold one. Excessive sweating caused from an extreme change in temperature increases the risk of developing hypothermia.

## It's Time to Register Children Born in 2013 for Kindergarten

We inspire success, confidence and hope in each student... and it all starts in kindergarten! If your child was born in 2013, he or she can start kindergarten in September 2017. You can register your child at any time during regular school hours—just visit the school he/she will be attending to register.

Peel schools will also hold a Kindergarten Registration Week with special registration activities during Feb. 6 to 9, 2016. **Visit Hewson Public School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 6, 7, 8 and 9 and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 9.** Information will be shared at this time about our upcoming "Welcome to Kindergarten" Parent Information Night which will be hosted later in the Spring.

### **What you will need to bring to registration:**

#### ***Proof of child's age (one of the following)***

- Canadian birth certificate
- Canadian passport
- citizenship card/certificate
- Permanent Resident Card
- confirmation of permanent residence
- work permit
- refugee permit

#### ***Proof of address (one of the following)***

- Ontario driver's license
- utility bill
- bank statement/client slip (directly from financial institution)
- credit card statement
- federal government forms (e.g. Social Insurance Number, Service Canada documents)
- purchase agreement

***Proof of custody*** – children must live with their parent(s) unless provided documentation supports an alternate living arrangement

***Proof of immunization*** – proof that your child has been immunized/vaccinated

