

CAPTAIN R. WILSON SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL NEWS FROM THE CROW'S NEST WINTER 2017

OPENING NOTE TO OUR PARENTS:

During the first half of this school year, we had a number of successful events that enabled our families to support our school and students. Thank you for your support with our Terra Cotta Cookie fundraiser, Pita Pit Thursdays, Holiday Marketplace, and Chapter's Night. Together we were able to raise enough funds to give back to our students in a big way!

THANK YOU FOR **\$10,000** OF DONATIONS
FROM YOU TO OUR CRW STUDENTS

\$5K ATHLETICS
TENTS AND
JERSEYS

\$3K LITERACY
READING
LEVEL
MATERIALS

\$2K MUSIC
INSTRUMENTS

The second half of the school year will be focused on Parent Engagement events and how to support the success of our students along with other events for our families to attend together. Upcoming events include: Numeracy Night, the annual year-end CRW Fun Fair, and Dance-a-thon.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Parent Volunteers help to not only make our community events a success, they also contribute to the success of our students! **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

On **March 31st** CRW students will be given some down time with Professor Jamz, who will be hosting a **Dance-a-thon** fundraiser for all of our students to 'Dance, Dance, Dance'! We will need a number of volunteers, in one hour increments, to help sell Dance-a-thon items, such as strobe light rings and light-up hair extensions.

On **June 20th**, we will be hosting our **CRW Year End Fun Fair**. This is a wonderful community event where students and families can meet up to enjoy school hosted activities such as bouncy castles and mini-golf. Food Trucks will be making an appearance again along with a magic show and other exciting and engaging activities.

If you have one spare hour to help with the after-school event, please contact any member of our parent school council.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 6

Parent Council Meeting
6:30 - 7:30 PM

March 31

Dance-a-thon

May 2

Numeracy Parent Engagement
Event

June 20th

Fun Fair

2016-2017 PARENT COUNCIL

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Susan Murphy

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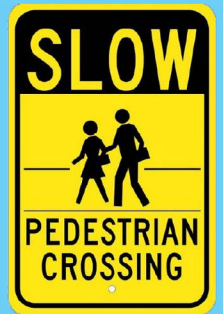
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We appreciate the help we receive from parents and guardians as it is your contribution and valuable time that makes these events become a great success! If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email us at: CaptRWilsonChair@hdsb.ca.

PARENTS CORNER

Parking Lot Safety Reminder

Once again, we remind parents that student safety must always be the number one priority when picking up or dropping off students at school. Students should be getting in and out of cars on the passenger side, closest to the curb, and must not be walking through the parking lot to meet their parents' vehicles. Please obey fire routes and no-parking zones. Proceed slowly when walking or driving, being mindful of our students, parents, baby strollers and icy winter conditions. We want everyone to remain safe during this winter season!



Parent Engagement is Key for Students Success:

What Parents Can Do To Help Their Children Develop Healthy Relationships

We all know that encouraging our children to learn skills that are essential for success at school and throughout life is important. The support that parents provide plays a major role in our children's and teens achievements, both in and out of the classroom.

The section "How to help your children thrive in our diverse community" from the parent tool kit has been summarized below.

Children and teens who feel welcome and accepted are more confident in their own abilities, and achieve greater success. Everyone has a role to play, and everyone benefits from an environment that is safe, inclusive and accepting.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

BE A ROLE MODEL FOR RESPECT AND INCLUSION

Help your children understand and appreciate the richness of diverse cultures by showing them that you respect and value differences in people.

ADDRESS BIAS STEREOTYPES AND DISCRIMINATORY

Make it a point of helping your child access accurate information and build cultural sensitivity and awareness.

PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN SENSE OF BELONGING

We all have a need to belong. We want to be accepted. Parents can help children develop a sense of belonging by including them in family responsibilities.

Ontario is the most diverse province in Canada. Our diversity is our strength and ensuring everyone feels welcomed and valued is our goal. For more information please refer to the parent tool kit link: www.ontariodirectors.ca/pe_1_Relationships.html