



# École FA Hamilton

## November 2017

### Newsletter

#### **Important Dates**

Nov. 1 - Grade 5 dance time (due to trip on the 31st); Take Your Child to Work Day

Nov. 2 - Playground Committee meeting at 1:30 PM

Nov. 7 - Toonie Tuesday for Free to Achieve

Nov. 9 - Photo retakes; Fresh From the Farm delivery

Nov. 10 - VIP for grade 6; Remembrance Day assembly at 11:05 AM

Nov. 16 - Grade 6 Scientist in the School; School Council meeting; Progress Reports sent home

Nov. 17 - **TEAM PLAYER DAY** - dress like the rest of your class

Nov. 20-23 - Bullying Prevention Week; Lost and Found on display; grade 3 CCAT results sent home

Nov. 23 - Parent-Teacher interviews starting at 3:30 PM

Nov. 24 - PA Day; Parent-Teacher interviews starting at 9 AM

Nov. 28 - Lockdown drill

Nov. 29 - Leadership Group Make a Wish Fundraiser at 5 PM

Nov. 30 - Gr s. 1 & 2 to River Run; Mansfield Parent Information meeting at 6:30 PM

Dec. 1 - Electives Day (more information to follow!)

Wednesdays - Special Lunches - order [here!](#)

Fridays - Pizza - order using [School Cash Online](#)

[Click here to see our whole calendar!](#)



## **Chapters Event**

On Monday, November 20th from 5-9 PM, you can get by some books or items for your home (for yourself or for gifts!) and at the same time you'll be supporting our school library. We get a percentage of the sales for



anyone who visits our table. Just shop like normal at the Chapters in Stone Road Mall and then go to the FA Hamilton table to checkout. Easy!

## **Lost and Found**



The Lost and found will be on display for the week of November 20th. When you come in to meet with your child's teachers, please have a look through the items. For anyone who has a few minutes to help me lay things out, I will be doing that on Monday the 20th starting around 1:30 PM. I would appreciate any help you can offer!

## **Progress Reports & Interviews**

Parent-teacher interviews to discuss progress so far this year will take place on the evening of Thursday, November 23 and through the day on Friday, November 24. You can sign up by clicking [here](#). Registration will be open from November 11 at 7 AM until November 23 at noon. Some teachers are arranging interviews at other times that week as well and those times will have to be set-up by contacting the teacher directly.



## **Fresh From the Farm Delivery**



Many thanks to School Council for running the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser. The school makes some money and families get fresh, local produce. It's a win-win! The fruit and vegetables will be available for pick-up on Thursday, November 9 from 5:30-7 PM. Go to the back door next to the parking lot. You must come to get your order since the packages are too large for children to take home on the bus.

On the morning of the 9th, starting at 10 AM, Nicole and Laura could use some help organizing the orders to get ready for pick-up later that day. Reply to this email if you can help out and I'll pass the message along to School Council.

## **Toonie Tuesday for Free to Achieve**

Every year, the Free to Achieve fund provides financial support to students for things their families cannot manage. Field trips, warm winter clothing, eyeglasses and vital medication are among the things the fund helps provide so all students may engage fully in learning activities at school. On Tuesday, November 7th, we ask that each child in our school who is able bring in a toonie. We will donate these toonies to Free to Achieve so our most vulnerable students can get a boost when they most need it.



## **Bully Prevention Week**



We have lots of activities planned to raise awareness and educate our students about bullying for the week of November 20-23. Here is what we have planned so far:

- Daily announcements to educate and raise awareness about bullying and ways to stop it
- Second Steps social skills lessons in each class

- Cooperative recess games led by student leaders
- Daily read-alouds focused on kindness and tolerance - teachers will go to a class other than their own for this so students can connect with more adults here at school
- Buddy Bench - reminder to students of its purpose and how to use it
- Report a Bully - reminder to students of the website they can go to to report incidents of bullying at school (<https://webapps.ugdsb.on.ca/reportbullying>)

## **Upcoming Parent Expositions**

People for Education's annual conference is on Saturday, November 11 in Toronto. Dr. Jean Clinton is the keynote speaker. Click [here](#) for information. There is also a virtual parent expo on November 16th focused on the value of post-secondary education. Click [here](#) for information.



## **Immunization**



Public Health will be sending letters home to families who have children with immunization records that are not up to date according to their records. Please take action if you receive this letter. If immunizations are up to date, then contact Public Health so their records can be revised. If your child needs some shots, then you can go to your doctor or you can go to the Public Health office on Stone Road to get them caught up. If you do not take action and the records at Public Health indicate your child is behind in immunizations, then s/he will be suspended on January 31, 2018.

## **Digital Saturday**

The Board will be holding its 6th Digital Saturday at École Arbour Vista from 9-11:30 AM on Saturday, November 18th. The goal of the event is to help parents understand how technology is used every day to support student learning in Upper Grand schools. For every 10 parents who attend the event from our school, the Board will give us a Chromebook! Please consider attending - for some good information and also to help get us a Chromebook!



## **Feedback welcome on draft policies**

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently under review is Policy 310 - Display of Flags. You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at [www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy](http://www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy). The deadline for public input is November 30, 2017 at 4 p.m. EST. Persons without internet access may call 519-822-4420 (or toll-free 1-800-321-4025) ext. 723 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.