



## Dates to Remember

- Jan 18- 22- No Name Calling Week
- Jan 20 – Kindergarten Information Evening 7 PM
- Jan 22 – PA Day - No school for students
- Jan 25- Jan 29 – Kindergarten registration Week
- Feb 2 and 3 – Rocks and Rings
- Feb 4 – Term 1 report cards go home

## News

Welcome back to school! On behalf of the Hawthorne School staff I would like to extend our best wishes for a happy new year. At this time of year, we often focus on setting goals with children as they take control of the steps needed to be successful in their learning. Making the goals attainable and clear makes success more likely. Goals may range from nightly reading to learning basic math facts. Parents can help children reach their goals by helping them to start a routine and checking in on a regular basis.

We have had a few staff changes since December. We are welcoming a number of team members to our school. Ms Kelland will be away on leave for a period of time. Her role as a ESL teacher is being taken up by Ms Joanne Sawyer. Ms Karen Reyburn has rejoined the teaching staff. She will be continuing in her role as Science teacher for grade 7 and 8. Mrs. Sandra Stewart, a very experienced administrator, has joined our staff as vice-principal. She will be with us until the month of March when a permanent replacement will be made part of the staff. Finally, Mrs. Jill Williams has taken up the challenge of running the office as Office Administrator. As usual, we look forward to working with you as we meet the needs of your child.

1. **Boots and Shoes** - children are encouraged to change their footwear when they come into the school. This helps to reduce the presence of slippery floors and the hazard of trips and slips. Students may leave a pair of shoes at school. They will be expected to change their footwear when going outdoors to play.
2. **Winter Rules at School** - All schools have a few common winter rules. Chief among them is the “no snowballs” rule. We ask our school community to be supportive of this when with children on the school grounds.
3. **Kindergarten Information Night** - Do you know of anyone who has a child who will be starting kindergarten next September? Hawthorne PS will be holding an information evening for the parents of new students for the 2016-2017 school year. The information evening is on January 20th at 7 PM in the library.
4. **Lunch reminders:** Parents are reminded of the need to review lunch foods carefully. We have a number of students with life-threatening allergies attending HPS and we ask families to assist in providing a safe environment . Please avoid sending peanut and tree nut products to school by choosing other foods and reading labels carefully. When packing your child’s lunch or supervising them while they pack their own lunch, **don’t forget to pack a spoon or fork, as needed.**
5. **Information about Grade 8 to Grade 9 transitions** is available at <http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/sec/Pages/High-School-Information-Nights.aspx> on the OCDSB website
6. **We are still looking for someone to donate 1-2 hours a week in the community cupboard.** If you know of anyone who is willing to open the cupboard once a week to the community please have them contact Mary Conroy at the office.
7. **Would you like an e-copy of the school newsletter?** A PDF copy of this newsletter may be found on the school website or can be emailed directly to your email account. Simply send an email that includes your child’s class and grade to [HawthornePS@OCDSB.ca](mailto:HawthornePS@OCDSB.ca).

– Ms. Mary Conroy, Principal