



Absence Check Number  
1-877-409-6310

Website: <http://she.hdsb.ca>

# The Sheridan Showcase

## School Connects/Attendance

Please remember all lates and absences need to be entered by phone or electronically prior to 9:00 am each day that your child is away. You can record these ahead of time for appointments and vacations, or enter multiple dates at one time.

## Cashless Payments

- Reduced risk of money and cheques being lost
- Confirmation and receipt of your purchase
- No need to write cheques or find correct change
- Convenience of paying by credit card
- When you put a lump sum payment in your Cashless account, you can then draw on that amount for pizza, subs, milk, field trips, dance-a-thon and any other event where we are collecting \$5.00 or more at the school
- Our goal is 100% participation in the program

## Register Now for Full Day Kindergarten (before and after school care is available from the YMCA)

*We look forward to welcoming your child to school!*

**Junior Kindergarten 2018-2019:** Children must be **4 years old by December 31, 2018.**

**Senior Kindergarten 2018-2019:** Children must be **5 years old by December 31, 2018.**

Please ensure your child is registered by February 15th 2018.

**Please pass this on to neighbours and friends who have school aged children to register.**

## March Break

**Monday, March 12 to Friday March 16th. Classes will resume on Monday, March 19th.**

Please remember that if your child is going to be away for extra days before or after the break, you will need to record their absence on School Connects.

## Winter Outdoor Recess

Winter is a wonderful time for children to be outside to enjoy the season.

Please ensure that your children are always prepared for 25 minutes of outdoor play, wearing hats, mittens/gloves, snow pants and boots. As children love to play in the snow it is also a good idea to pack extra mittens and socks in case they get wet during the day.

On days where the temperature or the temperature and the wind chill are -15C the children will remain inside.

However, our goal is to get outside each day that we can and enjoy the Canadian winter.

Please do not ask for your child to stay in if they are not feeling well as we do not have extra staff available to supervise them. Children who are not well enough to go out should be at home recovering for another day or two.

**Please remember extra socks and mittens each day.**

## Wow! Have you seen our Library?

We have new carpets and shelving, and will be repainting soon. Mrs. Restivo is looking to create a common learning area where students can read and do work with less formal seating arrangements. We want to create a welcoming space for all ages!

## Sheridan's Dance-A-Thon Glow-A-Thon

Tuesday, March 6th in the afternoon students will dress up in white or glow in the dark clothes and join in the fun of the Sheridan Dance-A-Thon. Collection envelopes for this event will be sent home at the end of February. More details to follow. Proceeds to upgrade our library space and materials.

## Term 1 Report Cards

Report cards go home on February 26th. Interviews may be requested by a parent or the teacher at this time.

Please take a moment to complete and return the Parent section and return it in the report envelope.

## Healthy Eating at Sheridan

Halton Food For Thought continues to provide funding for our "Emergency Snack Bins" that are available in each class. These bins are for students to select an item from if they have finished all of their food from home and are still hungry. They are not meant to substitute something your child does not want to eat from their lunch.

We encourage children to eat everything that you send each day, there is plenty of time for eating (so the excuse of I didn't have time is not the case). If your child is returning home with food, please take a moment to ask them why, were they full, did they not like something. If in doubt you can check in with the teacher to see what the cause might be.

**\*NEW\*** on Thursday or Friday mornings we are offering a breakfast cart. Items might include fresh fruit, yogurt, cheese, granola bars. It's nice to have a snack in your tummy to start the day. We have had 4 weeks with the grade 1-5's and will be expanding to include the kindergarten classes.

#### **"Put Waste In Its Place"**

Don't know where an item goes? Use this easy-to-use online tool to find out. Go to: [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste) and enter an item to find out how to reuse, recycle, or dispose of it correctly.

#### **Allergy Reminder**

Parents please remember when packing your child's lunch that there are some members of our school community who have a **LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY to ALL NUTS/TREE NUTS INCLUDING PEANUTS AND PEANUT BUTTER**. Please help us to ensure a safe environment for all children by not sending these items to school. Please do not send nut products to school, including Nutella. Please ensure you are reading the ingredient list on any pre-packaged item being sent to school if they state "may contain" we ask you to keep those items at home. Many products now feature the nut free symbol to make identifying safe treats easier for everyone.

**Please do not send treats to share for birthdays or other special occasions as they will be sent home with your child at the end of the day.** Please remind your child not to share their food with other children.

If there is going to be a cooking event in class, the teacher will inform parents of what is going to be prepared by the children.

All snacks served by Council are nut and peanut free.

Where families have indicated other food allergies we will work with the family to provide alternate snacks for that child.

#### **EcoSchools Update**

Our EcoSchool Certification is well under way. We've analyzed our waste and energy output and we're in the process of eliminating what we can where we can.

We're very proud our Green Team and are excited about what we can accomplish in the months to come

#### **Parents are reminded to check for transportation cancellations and school closure information**

With winter weather here, the Halton District School Board reminds parents/guardians of the numerous ways to check for school bus transportation cancellations and school closures. It will be posted on HDSB.CA by 6:30 am. In addition to the traditional notification methods of radio, television stations, the Halton District School Board uses the Home Notification System to inform parents/guardians of transportation cancellations and school closures.

#### **Indoor Shoes- Do they fit? (Do they stink?)**

In order to participate in gym class, students must have properly fitting running shoe, they can be Velcro or laced. Clogs, crocks, slippers and boots are not allowed for gym participation. Please check with your child to make sure their gym/indoor shoes still fit. We will try to make sure that all children take their shoes home for a check at the March Break

#### **Parents Have Talent !!!**

Do you have a talent, a hobby, an interest that you would like to share?

We are always looking for parents who would like to come in to share with their child's class or other classes.

We have such a diversity of students, we would love to learn about traditions first hand. What is important to your family?

Do you do yoga or dance? Play cricket, or computers, collect stamps or sing songs.

Come in and share your talent with us!!!

#### **Upcoming Events**

Feb. 14, 21, 28 – Pizza Day

Feb. 14, 21, 28 – Ukelele Club

Feb. 9 – Olympic Fun Day

Feb. 13 – School Council Meeting – 7:00pm

Feb. 15 – Hot Dog Day

Feb. 16 – PA Day (No Classes)

Feb. 19 – Family Day (No Classes)

Feb. 23 – Sub Day

Feb. 26 – Mad Science

### **Save the Date**

Family Math Night  
Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Grades 1-5  
6:00-7:30 pm in the gym

Every family will get a passport then visit and participate in the math learning at each centre and take home a loot bag of activities and resources to continue play at home. Limited Spaces!!!

Registration required details to follow.

This event is sponsored by a Reaching Out Grant and School Council