

# Director's Greetings

**Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini**





# Excellence In HWDSB

**BE YOU. BE EXCELLENT.**

# EXCELLENCE in Indigenous Education



3rd Runners Gathering session at the Discovery Centre

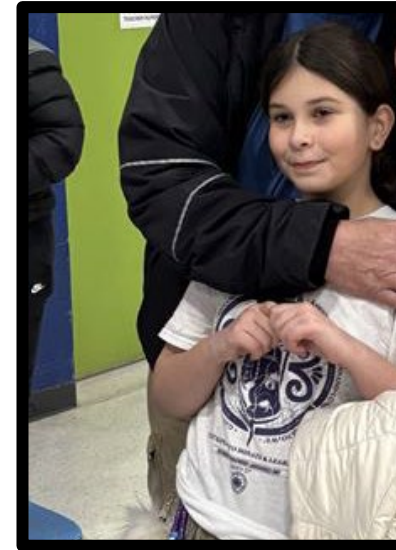


*“I feel more confident in the my learning and sharing. I hope that I can help others feel this way too.”*

*“Being on location today changed the feeling of the learning today. It was a good reminder of the silent impact that the location has on how we embrace learning.”*



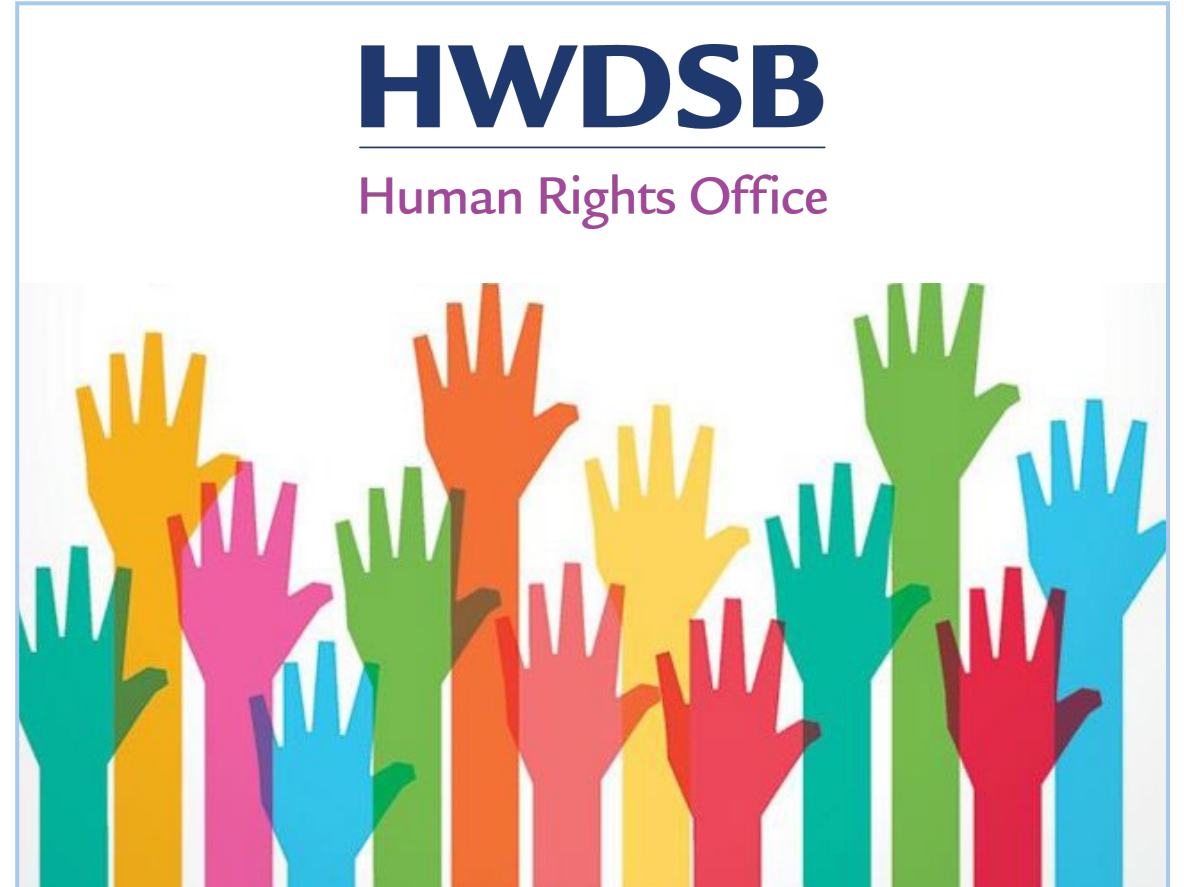
Helen Detwiler Speech Competition



# EXCELLENCE in Human Rights

Building capacity in understanding and fostering a culture of respect for human rights at all levels:

- Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA)
- Human Rights and Hate-Based Incident and Response Tracking



# EXCELLENCE in Special Education



# EXCELLENCE in Community and Continuing Education


- **New Remote Night School Program**, offering students a flexible **online synchronous learning option** to earn a **Grade 12 credit**.

## Adult Online Night School

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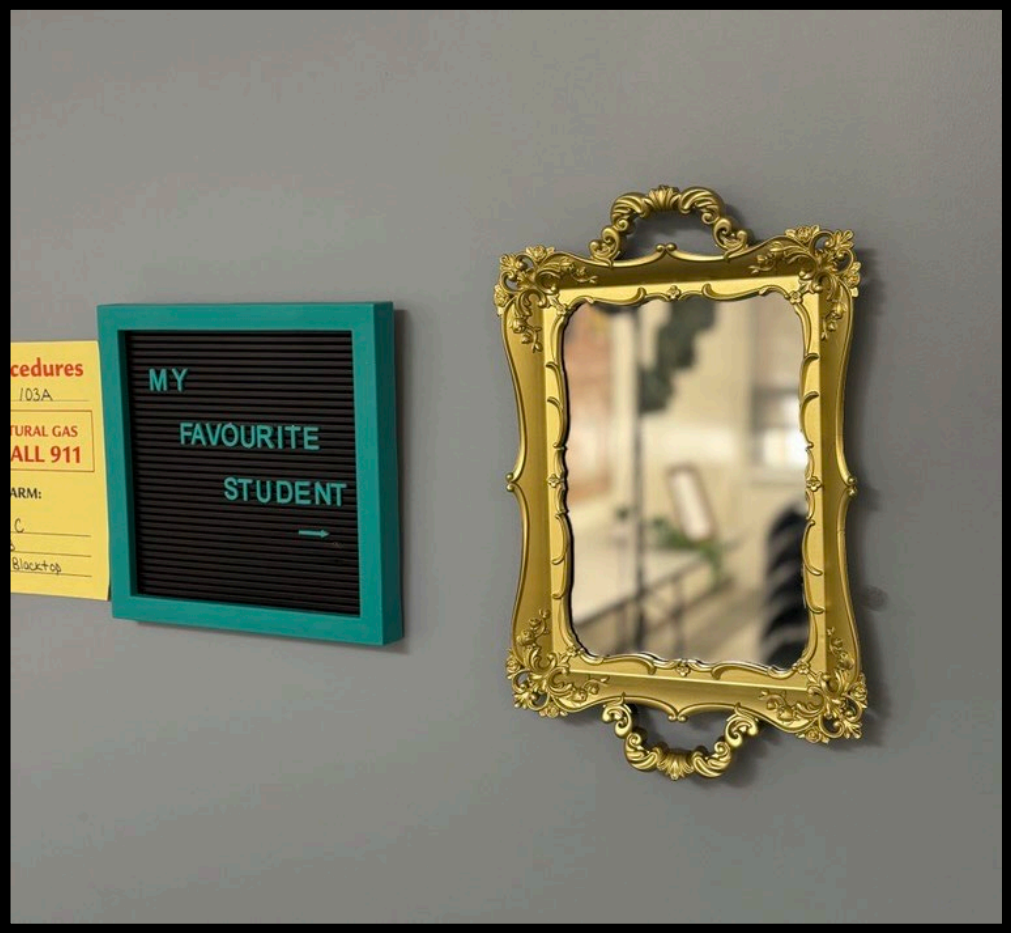
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Our Adult Online Night School program combines online delivery with available tutoring.



- Registration for 2025/2026 closes May 15, 2026.
- Tutoring assistance is available in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Math and Science courses starting September 16, 2025 through June 11, 2026.

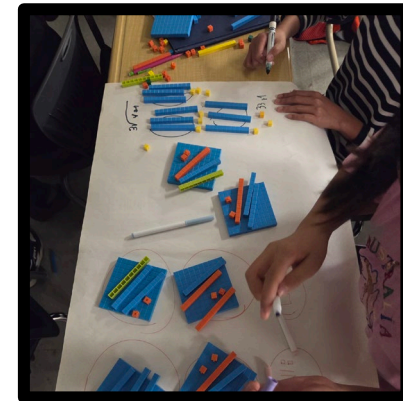
# EXCELLENCE in System Alternative Education



# EXCELLENCE in Mathematics

## Math Momentum: Small Groups, Big Gains!

Math Priority Schools	Math Concept	Average 'PRE'	Average 'POST'
Grade 3 ~335 students	Addition	1.64	2.40
	Subtraction	1.60	2.33
Grade 6 ~550 students	Multiplication	1.61	2.58
	Division	1.43	2.51
Grade 9 ~170 students	Operations with Fractions	1.78	2.61
	Number Sense	1.84	2.64

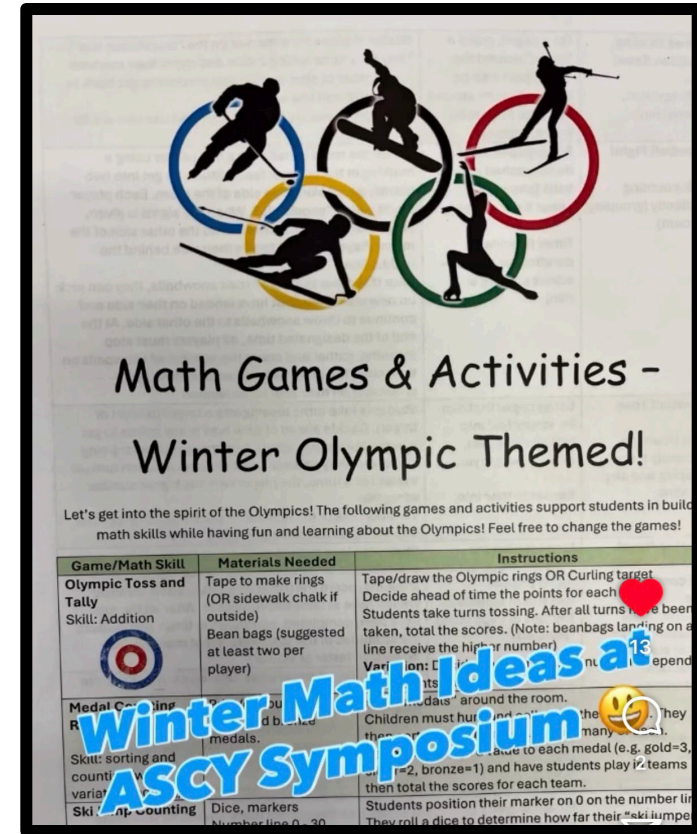
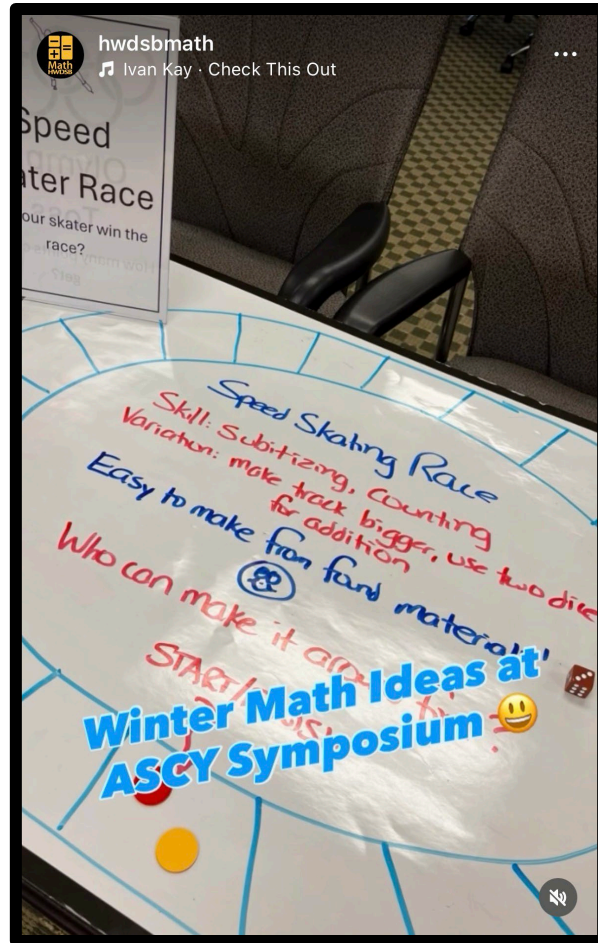


\* Students are given a 'pre' score from 1-3, and then a 'post' score from 1-3 representing their understanding of various sub concepts related to larger concepts such as 'Addition.' The data above is a summation of thousands of data points across 43 schools.

# EXCELLENCE in Program, Equity, and Innovation



Elementary Core French: System wide PD for Gr/ 6 - 8 Core French teachers



Learning opportunities between HWDSB and Before- & After-School Programs - Learning about Math resources with an Olympics theme

# EXCELLENCE in Program, Equity, and Innovation

HWDSB partnered with Hamilton Public Library (HPL) to provide students with free library cards, leveraging parent consent in the HWDSB Parent Portal. Over 1,800 families opted in, with HPL reporting nearly 50% use of the new cards. Access to library resources supports HWDSB's Reading Strategy by fostering early literacy, strengthening home-school connections, and contributing to student achievement and well-being.

**Get a Free Hamilton Public Library Card for Your Child**

✓ **Check YES**  
on the HWDSB Parent Portal

Or **BRING**  
This Postcard to Any Library Branch

Learn more at [hpl.ca/HWDSB](https://hpl.ca/HWDSB)

Hamilton Public Library **HWDSB**

# EXCELLENCE in Literacy

## HWDSB Literacy Symposium growing readers, cultivating leaders

**APRIL 10  
2026**

20 Education Court  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8N 3L1

*keynote speaker*  
Jael Richardson



registration link



# EXCELLENCE in Equity and Well-Being

## Equity and Well-Being Consultants

Support schools with:

- Identity-Affirming Teaching and Learning Strategies
- Student-led Affinity Groups
- Professional Development - teachers, new employees in support of our Human Rights and Equity Action Plan



# EXCELLENCE in Community and Culture



*A Joyful Celebration of Excellence*

**Congratulations to HWDSB Students Nominated for the John C. Holland Awards!**

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of HWDSB students nominated for the John C. Holland Awards, which recognize the leadership, academic achievement and community service of Black students across Hamilton.

Our sincerest congratulations are extended to HWDSB's student nominees:

Bellmore Elementary School Kamul Mazharudu	Prince of Wales Elementary School Nastaho Mohammed Stella Ogunshe Paris Polychronopoulos	Saltfleet District High School Tama Huggins Jordan Gooden Chizaram Emekalam Mickajla Dennis Saihell Morgan
Bennetto Elementary School Malik Koolbew	Queen Victoria Elementary School Richard Feneelon	Sherwood Secondary School Mickhalla Alesia Newby Arianna Marie Susan Ann Duthi Lennox Maloy Duanne James Hillen Williams Oladapo Nelko Muggrave-Spence Rana Abdalla Tyce Goupil John Oluwaseun Ujola Awolope
C.B. Stirling Elementary School Lily Omagbon	R.A. Riddell Elementary School Teniola Otegbeye	Sir Alan MacNab Secondary School Brian Aden
Cathy Weaver Elementary School Ajay Bano	Shannen Koostachin Elementary School Leilani Nnenna Okpara	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School Allysea Riley William Manuel Samuel Baraka Palence Nimsako Nasir Nassor
Dalewood Elementary School Keyanna Dennyhy	Sir William Osher Elementary School Tanya Siller	Waterdown District High School Bruna Da Cruz Neto Tanya Babajide
Dr. Davey Elementary School Aileen Maise	Templemead Elementary School Amiyah Serenity Ferkranus Nehemiah Love-Maria Foster Nayyah Janae Opoku	Westdale Secondary School Aya Adam Neriah Okon-Akan Oluwatomi Oluogunju Lauryn Maphosa Nina Borow-Richardson Sheila Langlois
Flamborough Centre Elementary School Kamari McLary	Ancaster High School Chimmamanda Sarah Iywe Isaiah Ngigchedi Nigeria Sanad Bizanti	Westmount Secondary School Alcia Gordon Nana Bam Layla Sevor Lior Yalov Kalsidan Hawaz Mazmur Berna Mohamed Bilal
Gordon Price Elementary School Anthony Gordon	Berrie Curtis Secondary School Tristan Damien Small Chayenne Evelyn Cynthia Arna Jayden Miller Edwards Dauntley Dawes Suleiman Kultur Zachariah Ajiyola Persaud Jibril Tumusiime Melissa Oloroto Molethi	
Guy Brown Elementary School Zander Sealy	Hess Stone Elementary School Grace Sika Kempa Ahmed Mohamed Yusuf	
Helen Detwiler Elementary School Sebastian Goto	Highview Elementary School Clea Clark	
Hillcrest Elementary School Vanessa Ajose	Hill Park Learning Centre Triston Simson Laila Jochney	
Kanétskare Elementary School Alana McCord	École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean Ore Osho	
Nova Frances Henderson Secondary School Momen Mohammed Hamed Hussien Yassin Muboud Rabaa Olivia Kakuru Apendeki Ntumuwaniko	Orchard Park Secondary School Elijah Sterling King Dorlaine Makayabu Moke	


Your hard work, passion, and compassion inspires others and makes a lasting impact in your schools and communities.


I would like to offer a special to our HWDSB Graduation Coaches for Black Students (Chad McPherson, Chantelle Kirlew, Justice Agada, Michael Abraham, Lucky Hamilton, and Anthony Meeks), educators, and staff whose support helps HWDSB's Black students achieve the vision they have for their learning, life and legacy.

Congratulations to all nominees you are already leading with intelligence, strength, courage, compassion and joy.

I urge you to remember that no matter where your talents and gifts take you in this world, always remember to **Be You. Be Excellent.**

With admiration,

  
Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini  
Director of Education

  
Maria Felix Miller  
Board Chair

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

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# EXCELLENCE in Schools and Facilities Services

From left to right:  
Senior Manager of  
Facilities  
Management  
Dave Anderson,  
MPP Neil  
Lumsden, Director  
of Education  
Sheryl Robinson  
Petrazzini,  
Rosedale  
Elementary  
Principal Laura  
Bartkiw &  
Superintendent  
of Equity and  
Student  
Achievement K-  
12 Adnan  
Shahbaz



From left to  
right Senior  
Manager Dave  
Anderson, Site  
Superintendent  
Andrew  
Sergienko with  
Anacond  
Construction,  
Director Sheryl  
Robinson  
Petrazzini  
and Ward 4  
Trustee Abby  
Zaitley

# EXCELLENCE in Human Resource Services and Staff Well-Being

## Polishing the chain activity: your leadership commitments to reconciliation

- Individually reflect upon the following:
  - What is your professional leadership commitment?
  - What is your personal commitment, as a human being?
- How do we reinforce each individual link, each leadership action? When fastened together, linking commitments, it fosters collective efficacy, unity of strength and accountability.
- Monitor: How are we going to monitor/hold ourselves accountable and come back to our commitments?
- *Ka'satsténhsera – Strength through Unity*



# EXCELLENCE in Student Engagement



**THANK YOU!**

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