

April 2017

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The Hornet



HPS Reminders

Office

705-789-2318

Safe Arrival

705-789-0165

- Pizza Days are Thursday
- Milk is sold daily for \$ 1.00
Chocolate and White

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends:

One of the reasons I love being in Muskoka is watching the dramatic change of the seasons. I am a confirmed winter lover but, one good thing about the end of winter, is the miracle of spring. We move from snow to green grass and tree blossoms, dead foliage to flowers, winter birds to so many species of song birds that they become difficult to identify. Despite the fact that spring is taking its sweet time getting here, the flowers in our gardens at the front of the school are beginning to push through just the same. Crows and red winged black birds have returned and are squawking up a storm, so to speak, the goldfinches are starting to change from dull winter colours to bright yellow and already the chipmunks are out and about. Remember, education extends far beyond the walls of school. Take your kids out on a hike or a simple walk as spring progresses. Watch the snow melt, watch the tree buds begin to flush, listen to the sounds, smell the freshness of the new season, watch the earth, frozen not so long ago, burst open with grasses and plants and flowers. There is no magic to caring for our planet. All you need do is take the time to watch, listen, and to feel the heartbeat of the earth stirring to life.

Ross Jewiss, Principal

PARENT COUNCIL:

A huge thank you goes out to the organizing committee that put together our 11th annual Spaghetti Dinner, Raffle and Silent auction. It was a fantastic family fun night that raised a considerable amount of money for our playground improvements. Also thank you to all of our H.P.S family that came out for the dinner.

A sub-committee has been formed under our Parent Council that is working on some new fundraising initiatives. For more information take a look at our Facebook page or contact Jen Harwood at jendanharwood@yahoo.ca.

If you would like to be added to our email mailing list or our volunteer list, please send me an email at marybutterfly1974@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone that works as a team for the betterment of the entire school community, all of your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Mary Wright
H.P.S Parent Council Chair
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CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECKS:

All volunteers at **any** school must have a completed Criminal Reference Check. We love our school volunteers, and value their help in our school. Notwithstanding, we must follow proper procedure from the TLDSB and laws from our OPP to keep our HPS kids protected and *a/ways* safe!

Volunteers must now see Jackie Parkin or Susan Stephen-Wilkes in the office to fill out your reference check form. They are the designates of our school to manage these volunteer criminal reference checks. Do not go to the police detachment to get your forms. They will send you back to see the ladies in the office. Forms are filled out at the school and will be delivered to the OPP detachment. The completed document will be mailed to you and you are to bring it to the office at HPS, were the original form will be kept. The forms are the property of HPS as per the OPP. If you are wishing to volunteer at our school in any way, we require this completed form. Police forms are an **absolute requirement for volunteering**.



If you are unsure of the status of your police check or Offence Declaration, call Sue Stephen-Wilkes in the office.

IMPORTANT! SAFE ARRIVAL:

Our safe arrival number is **705-789-0165**. Please help us keep your children safe and save. Use this number when your child is absent so the school knows they are safe.

**** Parents of children who walk to school - please remember to call the Safe Arrival Line when your child is staying home on a Bus Cancellation Day.**



OFFICE HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

We cannot allow students to use the school phone to make last minute arrangements with friends. – At lunch or after school. Please encourage your student to make these arrangements ahead of time.



Please help avoid unnecessary phone congestion in the office, by writing notes to your child's teacher in a note if you are making different arrangements for your child at the end of the day, or picking up your students for appointments during day. Thank you for your help.

HOT LUNCHES:

HPS Treble Makers and Jr. Band will be hosting several hot lunches starting after Easter until early June. An order form will go home in the near future.

Any funds raised will be split between the band programs and the intermediates for their year-end trip.

Thanks for your ongoing support of the instrumental music program here at HPS.

Warm Regards,
Ms. Hall



GRAD RE-TAKES:

Grad re-takes will be April 18th after 12:30pm. The proofs are required to come back on the day of the retakes. Thank You



HPS 7/8 Students are hosting a

YARD SALE

April 29, 2017

From

9am-3pm

Applications available for Vendor Positions
at the Huntsville Public School
Main Office **OR** by emailing Jen @
jendanharwood@yahoo.ca

This is a rain or shine event.
Vendors will be both inside and outside the school.
Baked goods will also be available to purchase
from the Grade 7/8 Students.

**Proceeds of the Bake Sale will benefit the Grade 7/8 Year End Trip
to Montreal and Quebec City.**