

December 2016

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The Hornet



HPS Reminders

Office

705-789-2318

Safe Arrival

705-789-0165

- Pizza Days are Thursday
\$2.00 per slice
- Milk is sold daily for \$1.00

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends:

I am greatly indebted to Mrs. Norah Morrison who came in to replace me HPS while I was off recovering from leg surgery. Mrs. Morrison and I have been friends for over 18 years having met at Gravenhurst Public School, my first school as an administrator. I have always known her a soft-spoken and kind, yet determined and focused leader. Like me, she started teaching later in life and brought a wealth of life experience to teaching and then to administration. Her insight and skills in special education and curriculum are well known across our school board and, as I absolutely knew would be the case; she fit in very well and helped our staff masterfully in my absence. In fact, Mrs. Morrison is staying a little longer yet as I am not able to return full time until January. My most heartfelt thanks go out to Mrs. Morrison for her tireless work at HPS and her dedication to our school and its culture and values. All of us here would also like to wish her well as she becomes the new principal of Watt PS in January.

And now as we move closer to the Christmas season and 2017, I would also like to thank you for your support of our school and your children, particularly as HPS continues to grow in size and complexity; the student body and parents not only representing out two official languages, but also the most multi-cultural and diverse population we have ever had the privilege of teaching. These are very exciting times indeed.

As an early reminder, we have some events planned for the spring. You see, 2017 is not only Canada's 150th birthday; but also the 130th anniversary of Huntsville Public School as an institution, and the 50th birthday for the present building!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun and joyous run up to the Christmas and holiday season, and a wonderful break, beginning on December 23 (a PA day). Please be safe, have fun, enjoy the holiday and all the best for a wonderful 2017! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Ross Jewiss
Principal

Save the date...

*Huntsville Public School
4th Annual
Christmas Bazaar*

SATURDAY, DEC. 3rd, 2015 9 am to 4 pm

SUNDAY, DEC. 4th, 2015 10 am to 3 pm



PARENT COUNCIL:

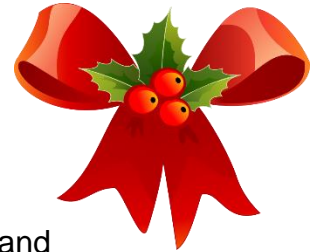
A huge thank you to everyone for all of your help and support with our 4th annual Christmas Bazaar. It is amazing of how our incredible school family comes together to make this event such a success!! We could not do this without all of the support that we receive. Looking forward to celebrating our 5th annual Christmas Bazaar in 2017!!!

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree through our recent campaign.



Our next major fundraiser will be Wednesday February 15, 2017 with our spaghetti dinner with a silent auction and raffle.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Parent Council. Have a safe and happy holiday season with your family and friends.

Mary
Parent Council



4 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:

Monday Dec. 19 th :	Deck the Halls/Crazy Hat Day		
Tuesday Dec. 20 th :	Crazy Hair Day		
Wednesday Dec. 21 th :	Pyjama Day		
Thursday Dec. 22 th :	Christmas Colour Day (wear red, green and white), 9am Assembly, Primary Play Day in the Middle Block, Intermediate Christmas Dance in the last block		

There will be a "Me to We" Bake Sale during the first nutrition break on Dec 19th, 20th, and 21st.
NO SALE will take place on December 22nd.



A Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays to your family!



Taylor's Toy Drive

In memory of Tylor McKinnon-Smith, a former HPS and HHS student, Huntsville Public School is collecting new unwrapped toys for Huntsville families in need. There is more information coming soon. In the meantime the collection box is here at HPS. Please consider donating! And remember we want to support kids of all ages, Kindergarten to Grade 8.

AFTERNOON PICKUP:

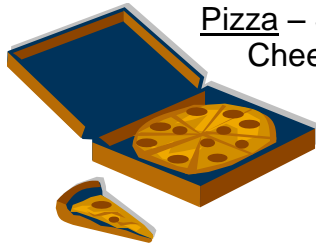


Please remember that the pickup location for children at the end of the day is on Susan St. Remember too that there is limited parking on Susan St., especially on the south side where the ramp is. Please use this ramp area as a DROP-OFF only. Caroline Street is used for the coming and going of the school buses, 34 in total. This makes for a very busy pick-up with drop-off time. Thank you for your understanding with this safety matter.

MILK AND PIZZA:

Milk: White and chocolate milk, are for sale at first and second nutrition break for \$1.00.

Milk cards are also available in the office. Each milk card is \$10.00 for 11 milks.



Pizza – Starting in January pizza will be sold on **Thursday's**. Pizza flavours will include Cheese, Hawaiian, and cheese with pepperoni. Each slice is \$2.00. **Orders must be placed each Tuesday morning with the student's classroom teacher.** If you would like to pay in advance- e.g. \$10.00 for 5 pizza slices – please buy the tickets from the classroom teacher.

HPS INFORMATION:

<http://hps.tdsb.on.ca>

HPS Parent Council on Facebook

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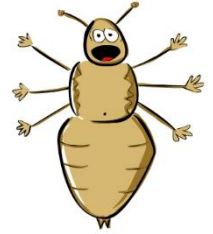
PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

The Primary Christmas Concert, Grades JK to 3/4 will be December 19th at 6:00pm. Please have your student at the school and in their class for 5:45pm to prepare for the wonderful show. Parents and siblings will go to the gym for the show.



HEAD LICE:

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has a “**no nit**” policy for their schools. If head lice are found on your child, they will be required to go home for treatment and it will be necessary for them to be rechecked prior to being admitted back into school. If you could volunteer your services to check heads, please contact the school at 705-789-2318 and ask for Jackie and Sue.



SAFE ARRIVAL 705-789-0165:



Our safe arrival number is **789-0165**. Please use this number when your child is absent so the school knows they are safe. This is especially important on snow days in the winter. All walking students to HPS are expected to come to school if the school is open. If parents choose not to send their children, a safe arrival phone call should be made.

Tumble Book Library:

All of our students have been given a bookmark that talks about the TumbleBookLibrary.com

Username: Huntsville

Password: huntsvilleps

Our Tumble collection has over 1000 titles and is perfect for elementary schools, with content most appropriate for those in grades K-6. It includes animated talking picture books, chapter books, videos, non-fiction titles, playlists, books in languages other than English such as French and Spanish, graphic novels and math stories. Take the time to explore through the website.

Thank you ...

As we roll into December, I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to students, staff and the HPS community for such a warm welcome and enriching experience as acting principal. It's been a privilege to be part of such a spirited and kind community. Whether it's learning about math in our learning teams, listening to students share their thinking and wonderings, fundraising with our passionate school council, supporting our strong student leadership, or celebrating the many facets of school life ... HPS is a beehive of activity. Over the next few weeks, I have the pleasure of transitioning with Mr. Jewiss and Ms. MacKinnon. Mr. Jewiss has been greatly missed by everyone, especially the students. Wishing everyone in our HPS community a safe and happy holiday!

Norah Morrison