

February 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:

Change is a part of life and equally part of school life as well. And we have had lots of changes lately! Although we couldn't tell you earlier, it was sad to see Mrs. Atkins retire and leave at the end of January. After 31 years as a teacher, 28 of those at HPS, Mrs. Atkins was excited about the opportunities that retirement affords. She will be missed but we wish her all the best. Taking her place, we welcome Mrs. Jenna Morrison for 4 days each week and Mrs. Cheyenne Wood for one day per week. Both of these teachers have a wealth of experience in the junior level. We also welcome Mr. Glenn Kay who has been at HPS several times in the past. Mr. Kay will be teaching English and phys. Ed. Ms. Gina Gefucia has found a new position teaching a primary class at Riverside and we know she will be as successful there as she was here. And welcome back to Mrs. Andrea Slocombe who will be resuming her position in the Grade 5 English class now that she is returning from her maternity leave. I hope you will make all these staff members feel welcome and, if the opportunity presents itself, stop and say hello.

Ross Jewiss, Principal

PARENTCOUNCIL:

Our second fundraiser of the school year is coming up on Wednesday February 15. We are hosting our 11th annual H.P.S Spaghetti Dinner. **The cost of this family event is by donation only.** There will be a silent auction and raffle items. There will be lots to take part in that night. This is an event you will not want to miss. We hope to see you all there.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with cooking, serving, clean up and some other jobs. If you could spare an hour or two please get in touch with me by email (shannajohnson@yahoo.ca)
The funds raised at this event will be used for playground enhancements and other requests from the school.

Shanna Johnson (shannajohnson@yahoo.ca)
H.P.S Parent Council

*Please join us on February 15, 2017
5pm till 8pm at*

*HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
11th Annual*



ECO Friendly Mug  Night!

Hosted by the HPS Parent Council, Students and Teachers!

Cost: Donation of your choice

Come support your HPS students with a great meal and check out our Silent Auction and Raffle Table!

Your support and donation is greatly appreciated!

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, where 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.**



GRAD PHOTOS:

Will be taken on Thursday March 27th.

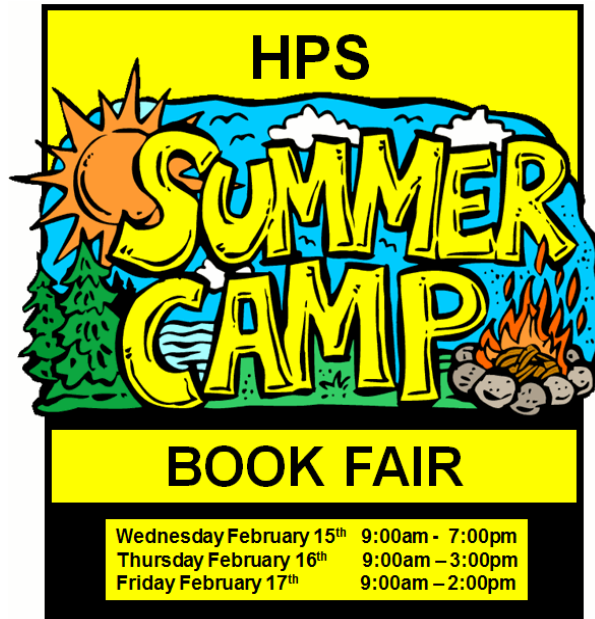


OFFICE HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

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.

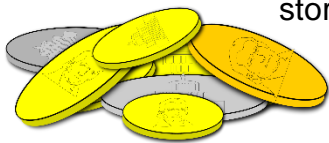


Please help avoid unnecessary phone congestion in the office, by writing notes to your child's teacher in a note if you are making different arrangements for your child at the end of the day, or picking up your students for appointments during day. Thank you for your help.



TOONIES FOR TUMMIES:

The Toonies for Tummies Campaign will be running again from February 4-18 in our local Metro store. The Grocery Foundation is partnering with student nutrition programs across the province. When you shop at the Huntsville Metro, you will be asked to consider donating a toonie. EVERY toonie donated will go back to the local school breakfast/snack programs. That means we can feed more breakfasts and snacks to students in our local schools, including Huntsville Public!



More information about the campaign can be found at <http://www.groceryfoundation.com/tooniesfortummies>.

HPS Cross Country Ski Team 2017:

The snow has fallen and the cross country ski team at HPS has begun! Here are the dates related to the ski team, so far:

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - Elementary Championships at Hardwood, classic and skate skiing



Volunteers: The race at Arrowhead is a great event and involves up to 400 young skiers. As you can imagine, these events require a large number of volunteers. If you are available to help on March 7th, please let the volunteer coordinator, Michele Schwemmer, know by e-mail: meschwemmer@vianet.ca or by phone (705) 224-4912. Most volunteer roles allow you to have a great view of your child racing!