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The Hornet



HPS Reminders

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Safe Arrival

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- Pizza Days are Thursday
- Milk Is \$1.00

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends:

It is common knowledge now that I will be retiring this year after 26 years in education, 19 of those as a school administrator. There are few thoughts I would like to share another time, but there is plenty of time for goodbyes and philosophizing. In the mean time I wanted to assure you that school life goes on and HPS will remain strong, active and vibrant. My replacement has not yet be chosen but we do know that Ms. MacKinnon, our vice principal, will be back in her role next year to maintain consistency and that the incoming principal, whose name should be known in early June, will be working with both Ms. MacKinnon and me to set up timetables and duty schedules and most importantly to get all staff in place for NEXT year before the end of THIS year. With HPS continuing to grow, I expect you will see some new faces around the school next year!

Be sure to read through this newsletter to see all the exciting events that are taking place, especially those in support of a revamped and fully accessible playground structure. The Playground Committee has honestly spent untold hours, in conjunction with the Parent Council to try to make the dream of large new play structure a reality.

And with respect to Jump Rope for Heart, yes, it's true... I WILL be kissing a pig if the student body is able to reach a certain donation amount. You won't want to miss that.

Ross Jewiss, Principal

PARENT COUNCIL:

Happy Spring to all of our HPS families. As the snow melted this year I took a good look at our playground and again saw the work we have completed to our playground, but also recognized we still have a lot more to do. Parent Council's mandate this year and years to the past has been to raise funds to assist in beautifying our playground. It takes a community to help with this entire endeavor and we want to thank everyone for their support now and in the future in our activities to help with this mandate. There are some great fundraising activities coming up to help with this cause.



One of these is the Spring Extravaganza that is being hosted by Parent Council. It will take place on Friday June 9th at the Huntsville Fairgrounds. A sub-committee has been extremely busy organizing this fun night for not only our school but to be opened up to the entire community!!! We are looking for volunteers for this event. If you are interested in helping before or during the event please contact Jen Harwood at jendanharwood@yahoo.ca.

For those that may not know HPS Parent Council has a Facebook page. Please "like" us and you can keep updated about current events. Also if you would like to be added to our email listing or to our volunteer list please send me an email at marybutterfly1974@gmail.com

Parent Council meets the first Monday of every school month at 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome!

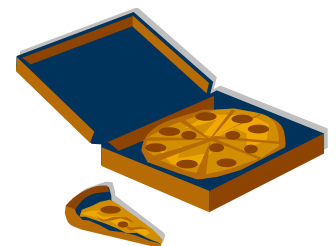
Mary Wright
HPS Parent Council

Milk/Juice and Pizza:



Milk – White and chocolate milk are for sale at both nutrition breaks for \$1.00. Milk cards are available at \$10.00 for 11 milks and are available in the office to purchase.

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



HPS HAS TALENT!

Our spring talent show performance for students in Grade 4-8 will be taking place in the gymnasium on **Friday, June 16th** in the afternoon (during school hours). More details will be sent home with participating students, but please mark the date in your calendars if you're hoping to join us to watch our amazing performers!

NEW PLAYGROUND!

We're fundraising for a NEW PLAYGROUND!

We believe that our upper-yard play space needs a makeover. A **BIG** makeover! We are dreaming of a playground where **ALL** of our students can feel included, play, imagine, and have fun. We want a playground that students from kindergarten to grade 8 will love; a playground that students of all abilities will be able to use and enjoy.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has agreed to match funds that we raise.

There are many ways to help - and we would be very thankful for any assistance with this huge fundraising project.

The fundraising committee has a few events on the go for fundraising:

1) "FUNRAISER"

Where: Algonquin Theatre
When: June 14 6:30-7:00 p.m. → snacks, desserts, and silent auction
7:00-9:30 p.m. → concert

Cost: \$35/ticket

What: Fun-filled night out: concert, snacks, silent auction

Lineup: Douglas & Arlene McLean, Davey Meloy, Patty Crozier, The Flashbacks, Lewis Hodgson, Ruth Cassie and Andy McClelland

Purchase your tickets from the school office.



2) Classroom Fundraising Competition

Each week, classes/divisions are organizing their own fundraising project for the school. Below is the calendar of events so that parents and students will know in advance what's going on!

Week	What	When
May 1-5	Cupcake Sales	All Week
May 8-12	Help Your Family/Friends (students are encouraged to do chores/help out their family and donate the cash they earn) -Little Caesars Pizza Sales -Bake Sale and Student Art Sale -Used Books and Craft Sale (10 th)	All week All week May 8th and 9th May 10th
May 15-19	-Candy Kabobs -Freezies	All week, except May 18 th May 18 th
May 23-26	-Popcorn -Bake Sale	May 23rd & 24th May 25th & 26th
May 29-June 2	-Freezies	Sold every day Both breaks
June 5-9	-Rainbow Looms -Chocolate Covered Fruit -Fun Fair -Bake Sale	June 5th & 6th June 7th June 8 th June 9th
June 12-16	-Freezies	All Week

3) You can also send in a financial donation. For example, if every family donated \$10.00, that would make \$5000 for the playground fund. The Board has pledged to double all funds, which would be a total of \$10 000. If this is an option for you, please write cheques to: Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Mail or drop off your cheque to: Huntsville Public School, 16 Caroline Street West, Huntsville, ON, P1H 2B2. Official tax receipts will be issued for any amount of \$20.00 or more (please provide your full name and mailing address). We will acknowledge donations on our playground plaque; it will be displayed in the playground for amounts of \$300 (Bronze), \$500 (Silver), \$1000 (gold) and \$5000 (platinum).

4) If you work for a business in the area, asking them for monetary donations, or donations of goods/services, for our silent auction would be greatly appreciated!

5) The Parent Council is organizing a Fun Fair. Details TBA. Stay Tuned!

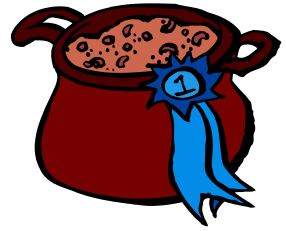
We are so thankful for your support on this huge project.

Our thanks again,
The Playground Committee



HOT LUNCHES:

Hot Lunches will be returning to HPS starting May 10th. Macaroni and Cheese at \$3.00 per bowl. Truffles will be sold at \$1.00. All proceeds will be divided by the Treble Makers, Grade 7/8 Year End Trip, and the new HPS Playground. Order forms will go home Tuesday May 2 and are **due back Monday May 8th**.



SAY 'HELLO' TO SUMMER!

Ages 9-11

July 4-7 in Bracebridge - Muskoka Falls PS
July 24-28 in Huntsville - Huntsville PS
July 31-Aug 4 in Bracebridge - Muskoka Falls PS
Aug 8-11 in Dwight - Irwin Memorial PS
Aug 14-18 in Huntsville - Huntsville PS



What makes you awesome? How do you achieve your dreams? Join us as we explore and have fun together through crafts, games, creative writing and outdoor activities!



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A TURNING POINT
FOR WOMEN

Build your leadership skills. Engage.
Be Involved. Make a difference.
Opportunity to volunteer as a peer mentor in
Girlz Unplugged Summer programs.



Ages 12-16

July 10-14 in Bracebridge -
Muskoka Falls PS
July 17-21 in Huntsville -
Huntsville PS

Register on line at www.ywcamuskoka.com or 705-645-9827
5 day: \$170/ \$140 w/ membership ~ 4 day: \$135/ \$105 w/ membership
Subsidies available

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART IS MAY 18:

At HPS, we have heart. We are a school that helps others. Here is one of the reasons we do Jump Rope for Heart. Keenan is one of our grade 8 students. Here is Keenan's story from his mom.

Keanan was born with a heart condition called hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS) which, without immediate open heart surgery or heart transplant after birth, results in death.

Keanan underwent the first of what was supposed to be three open heart surgeries at just eight days old. The first surgery was ultimately successful; however, there were a few complications the biggest being that Keanan developed a blood clot in his right groin that required him to stay on blood thinners.

Keanan was in and out of the hospital constantly. There were numerous appointments with the transplant team, inpatient tests, blood transfusions and frequent admittance to sick kids. Life was fantastic, amazing, stressful, terrifying, numbing, all at the same time.

Just before his three month birthday Keanan's heart was failing rapidly and something had to be done. Although risky, the transplant team along with hematology decided to stent Keanan's narrowing left pulmonary artery in order to buy some time for his next open heart surgery which is typically done between 6-8 months of age. Initially a success the following day Keanan started having seizures. The MRI comes back – “left frontal lobe infarct” - a stroke.

It was yet another set back....Now before the next surgery could be done Keanan's brain had to heal.

Just a few weeks later Keanan's heart just could not wait for his brain to heal. His heart was failing yet again and transplant was now the only option. Listed officially on Canada day 2003 the wait began. By mid August, Keanan was admitted to Sick Kids for the last time his condition was no longer manageable at home.

On November 12th at 05:00 the call came to Keanan's room, "A heart had become available, the process was beginning."

What a day that was.... The constant in and out of nurses, doctors, anesthetists, surgeons and chapel staff. Pre-op testing and consent forms to sign.

Keanan was taken from my arms at 13:37 that afternoon.

At 19:26 that evening we were told that Keanan had a new heart and it was functioning on its own.

Just after 21:00 we were able to see Keanan in the CCU.

Seeing your child laying there tubes and monitors everywhere is something that humbles you very quickly. It is hard to dream of a bigger home, a newer vehicle or a tropical vacation when all of your dreams involve in your child just surviving and being able to have your family whole and your life to become as normal as possible.

Keanan's new heart was so large that they had to suspend his sternum to allow for swelling. You could actually count the beats of his heart by just watching his chest move. What a surreal experience; knowing that your child is alive because of someone else's loss. Knowing someone is grieving while your child has the opportunity to grow, breath, to live.

'Not In My Town' : Opioids & Our Adolescents

Have you talked to your teen about opioids?

Free Community Opioid Forums

Tues May 16/17 6:00-8:00 pm at Gravenhurst High School

Thurs May 18/17 6:00-8:00 pm at Huntsville High School

Wed May 24/17 6:00-8:00 pm at St Dominic C.S.S., Bracebridge

As a parent, grandparent, caregiver, teacher or coach,
you can have a big impact on the youth in your life.

**Let's start a conversation about prevention,
education and treatment of opioid abuse.**

Naloxone kits will be available with an Ontario Health Card.

For more information, please contact Diane Baranik,
Public Health Nurse, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
1-877-721-7520 x 7725

