

October 2016

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Vice-Principal: Trudi MacKinnon

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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

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends:

Welcome back to another school year! September was filled with many special events, including trips to Yearley, Cross Country Run, Algonquin Park, swimming, Bus Patroller training, and our incredible Terry Fox Trek. Our Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night was a huge success! Special thanks to our amazing School Council for hosting this event. It was lovely to meet so many families and students! You may have noticed our shiny new barbeque. Thank you School Council! It will be used for many events.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all new students and families joining us at Huntsville Public School this year. I am sure you will find HPS a fun and exciting place to learn. I'm truly delighted to be part of this wonderful school community as Acting Principal while Mr. Jewiss is away. Mr. Jewiss is recovering well from surgery and looking forward to returning when he is able.

As we settle into our new school year, we encourage everyone to maintain a high level of contact with your child's teacher – staying informed about his/her learning is one of the first critical steps to helping your child be successful at school. Please take time to check in with your children on a regular basis to monitor how they are doing with their goals and ensure they are getting all of the support that they need.

In other news, our breakfast kitchen is being renovated over the Thanksgiving weekend. It will be a beehive of construction at HPS, as they plan to have it finished for our return on Oct. 11th.

The fall is a busy time of year for most of us. Please keep up-to-date with what is going on through classroom communications, check our school website and/or follow us on Twitter (@HuntsvillePS).

Enjoy a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend!

Norah Morrison

Norah Morrison
Acting Principal

PARENT COUNCIL:

Parent Council has had a great start to the new school year with the welcome back and meet the teacher BBQ on Thursday, September 29th ! We cooked many hamburgers and hot dogs on the new 4 foot BBQ that we have purchased for the school! This will be used by many groups in the school for fundraising initiatives. A huge thank you to the dedicated group of parents that helped with the BBQ that evening!



Parent Council has our new executive for the 2016-2017 school year. It includes:

Chair: Mary Wright
Co-Chair: Shanna Langman
Treasurer: Chey Irving
Secretary: Kelly Green

We have been making numerous purchases to improve our lower playground. We are still in the process of adding a few more items. Take a look at the lower playground the next time you are at the school!

Parent Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend!

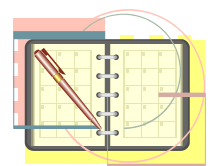
Mary Wright

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF:

A very special welcome to Ms. Trudi MacKinnon, our new vice principal! As you know, Dianna Petrie, our vice principal for the last two years, has been scooped up and placed at Bracebridge Public School. If you haven't done so already, please be sure to stop in and introduce yourself to Ms. MacKinnon. Also new in the building, is Tracy McCarthy from Pine Glen School. Welcome! Ms. McCarthy is teaching Grade 1-2.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS:

Please use the agenda to direct your children to their end of day activities. Calling the office should be for plans that have been changed unexpectedly or emergency instructions.



GOLDEN RECYCLING BOX ARRIVES AT HPS:



Spies have recently been observed in the halls and classrooms of HPS! These spies, whose identities have not yet been discovered, have been checking the classrooms and offices of HPS to determine which areas are doing the best job of recycling and composting. Congratulations to Ms. Gefucia's and Mme. Lindsay's classes, who were the first two winners. The winning class or office each week gets to keep a golden recycling box in their area. A special thank you to Mme. Lindsay, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Hogue and Mme. Mahler's class, who offered to pick up all the recycling from everyone's class for the next couple of months.

TREKKING TOGETHER TO OUTRUN CANCER:

The *Trek for Terry* was tremendous again this year! Our *Cupcakes for Terry* campaign was a huge success ...and yummy... okay, maybe a little bit sugary as well! "*Cupcake Alley*" is now part of the HPS collective culture. We received over \$250.00 in donations for Terry during the Welcome Back BBQ. Thank you!



"That's the thing about cancer. I'm not the only one, it happens all the time to people. I'm not special. This just intensifies what I did. It gives it more meaning. It'll inspire more people. I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try. When I started this Run, I said that if we all gave one dollar, we'd have \$24 million for cancer research, and I don't care, man, there's no reason that isn't possible. No reason."

(Terry Fox - @ Thunder Bay Sept. 1)

Team Terry thanks everyone who participated and volunteered for our Terry Fox Trek. Thank you for your financial support through donations and for making this year's Terry Fox Trek another huge success!

"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me."

(Terry Fox, July 10, 1980)

∩ single dream. ∩ world of hope.

POLICE CHECKS:

Any parents, relatives or guardians who wish to volunteer at Huntsville Public School must have a Criminal Reference Check completed. Applications can be done at the school with Ms. Parkin or Ms. Stephen-Wilkes. Please come between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to fill in the paper work, as times before and after are very busy. ID is required. Please bring your **driver's license and birth certificate** for photocopying. It will take **6 weeks** for the report to be mailed back to you. Once you receive it, please bring your report into the school to be kept on file. Thank you! Volunteers are so important! We appreciate the time you take to fulfill this requirement.



PICTURE DAY!:

School Photos are on **Thursday October 20th**.

(Retake day is Thursday November 17th)



MILK AND PIZZA:



Milk – White and chocolate milk are for sale at both nutrition breaks for \$1.00. Milk cards are also available. The milk card is \$10.00 for 11 milks and 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.



ATTENTION PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: HPS HAS A NEW PHONE SYSTEM

Huntsville Public received a new phone system over the summer. Now when you call safe arrival 705-789-0165 you will hear options, and the third option on the list is "*press 8 to leave a message for safe arrival*". You will get the same options if you call our regular number 705-789-2318. Once you press 8 there is a beep. Please leave your message after the beep. Thanks for your patience as we get to know this new system.

We are very excited about using "*School Connects*", our automated phone system. Ms. Parkin sent our first message, reminding everyone about our Welcome Back BBQ. We received lots of positive feedback. We look forward to sending future messages!