

**December 2017**  
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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,

December is upon us and with that will certainly bring some snow. Please have students prepared for the weather and make sure that names are placed in clothing in case they are misplaced. We are looking forward to the Primary Concert on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 and 6pm.

We have some staffing changes that occurred in November and some others that will occur in January. Ms. MacKinnon is now the acting Principal at Glen Orchard PS which means that Mrs. Thompson has moved into the Vice Principal role at Huntsville P.S. At the end of the month, we will be saying good-bye to Mme. Savage and Mrs. Ridley who were both filling in for leaves. Thank you for all of your contributions to the school. We are looking forward to having Mme. Cottercio and Mr. Henderson returning to HPS after Christmas.

Just a reminder that grade 6, 7, 8 students are allowed to go into town during our second nutrition break with parental permission. Please remember that food and drink should be consumed before they return to the school. We also remind students regularly to make good choices while visiting our local businesses. We have heard many positive comments about student behavior during lunch hours, but it is always good to reinforce those expectations.

Our basketball teams wrapped up their season in November and we are looking forward to volleyball and cross country skiing in the New Year. There are also rehearsal for the school play, Shrek, which will debut in the spring of 2018. Please encourage your child to get involved in one of the many activities at HPS.

Just a reminder that school is out on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and we return on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Whatever this holiday season looks like for you, please take some time to rest, relax and appreciate some time with family and friends. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at the office.

Mr. Todd Truax  
Principal

Mrs. Deb Thompson  
Vice Principal

## **PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**

The Primary Christmas Concert, Grades JK to 3 will be Tuesday, December 19th at 11:30am and 6:00pm. Please have your child 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.



## **5 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:**

Student Government's Annual 5 Days of Christmas will continue this season as follows:

- Dec 18: Red and Green Day
- Dec 19: PJ Day
- Dec 20: Crazy Hat OR Crazy Hair Day
- Dec 21: Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec 22: Holiday Character Day



## **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.

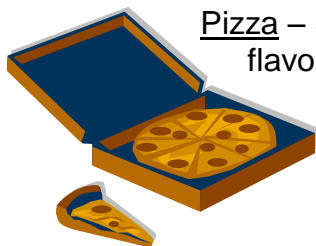
## **MILK AND PIZZA:**

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 News:**

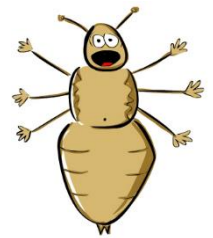
Please check out the calendar on the last page. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well as our webpage.

<http://hps.tldsb.on.ca>  
<https://www.facebook.com/HuntsvillePS/>



## **HEAD LICE:**

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has a Pediculosis policy for all 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.

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS:**

Battle of the Books is back again this year for junior and intermediate students! Teams who have registered will be asked to attend the official book launch on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be finding out what books have been chosen for this year's battles. Then it is up to them to read, read, read!! Battles will take place during the month of February and March so stay tuned for more information. Happy reading!



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## **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE:** **Coming in the New Year**

Now you can pay for all of your child's school fees with the click of a button. Never worry about sending cash with your child again. With School Cash Online, you can feel easily manage all of the times and activities your child needs.

School Cash Online is a secure convenient way to pay for your child's school expenses. When you use School Cash Online you can feel confident that your information is secure and that your payment will go directly to the school for processing.

For more information visit [tldsb.ca/epayments](http://tldsb.ca/epayments) and <http://tldsb.schoolcashionline.com>

## **PARENT COUNCIL ROCKS:** **Christmas Bazaar**

The annual HPS Christmas Bazaar was held last weekend. There were lots of vendors and merchandise available for people to check out. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers and to the Parent Council for organizing and running such a great event. It takes a lot of coordination and planning to pull off an event such as this. Thank you to everyone who helped out.



Christmas Trees orders were filled through our parent council. They also hosted an all ages school dance where a lucky winner left with a brand new guitar. Classes who were highest in sales were rewarded with a pancake breakfast courtesy of parent council volunteers. Thank you to all of our parent council members who make HPS a better place.

*Happy Holidays*  
*to our*  
*HPS Families*