

February 2018

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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,

It is hard to believe, but we are officially halfway through the school year! Report cards are going home on February 16th and we have lots of exciting events happening in and around the school. Please note the calendar on the last page of the newsletter so that you don't miss out on anything. We also have an active calendar on our webpage. www.hps.tlds.on.ca

Our parent council has several events happening that you don't want to miss. Please come out to the Huntsville Place Mall for the Silent Auction on February 2nd and 3rd. There are lots of prizes available for auction beginning on Friday so please make sure to come out and have a look. Our parent council is also hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, February 7th from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Come out and enjoy some great company and pasta. Please have a look at the Parent Council Update on page 2.

Just a reminder to make sure that your children have their names in their clothing so that if it gets misplaced, it can be returned to them. The weather has been unpredictable to say the least, so please make sure children are prepared for the weather.

We have been focusing on math over the past little while and parents often ask, "What can I do to help with math?" There are so many things that we take for granted that you can do to help. Here is a start of some of activities that really promote math thinking

- Board games (counting, one to one correspondence, fair play)
- Cooking (measurement, reasoning, estimation)
- A math travel journal (measurement, fractional thinking)
- Card games/cribbage (counting, multiplication strategies)

These are just a few ideas, but they would really help children build their mathematical thinking and understanding. As always, daily reading with a child of any age builds vocabulary, understanding and a love for reading.

Have a great month and please contact the school should you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

Sincerely,

Mr. T. Truax
Principal

Mrs. D. Thompson
Vice Principal

PARENT COUNCIL:

I hope that everyone has had a great beginning to 2018. January was a busy month for Parent Council gearing up for February and all the events that we have planned.



This weekend, February 2 and 3 at the Huntsville Place Mall HPS Parent Council will be having a silent auction. We have quite a few awesome items and really appreciate all the generous donors in our community. Please drop by and check out all the events at the Mall on Friday and all the items up for bid. A special Thank you to Lindsay Edwards for all her help and support for

this event.



The 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be happening on February 7, 2018 at HPS. A big thank you to **Hidden Valley Resort** for the donation of the meal; to **Bullock's YIG** for the donation of all the plates, cutlery, napkins and cups and to **Huntsville Place Mall** for the donation of the Door Prize, a \$100 Gift voucher for

the Mall. The dinner will be from 5:30 to 7:30pm. We welcome anyone who would like to help. Thank you to the wonderful HPS staff, parents and students for all the wonderful Silent Auction baskets for the Spaghetti Dinner. The Dinner will be by Donation and with each \$5 donation you will receive a ballot to enter the door prize draw.



Our next Parent Council meeting will be February 26, 2018 at 6pm in the library and we are always looking for people to join us and share their ideas, so please come out! I hope to see you all soon.

Jen Harwood
HPS Parent council Chair

Thank you to our Event Sponsors:

Huntsville Place Mall, Hidden Valley Resort, Bullock's YIG, Deerhurst Resort, Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Resort, Island Queen Cruise, Grandview Golf Club, Home Depot, Home Hardware Huntsville, Kelly's Home Furniture, Muskoka Rent-all, Identities, Huntsville Lake of Bays Fire Department, Up North Games, TV Nails, Kawartha Dairy, Comfort Inn, Boston Pizza, Town of Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, Kimberley Clarke, Maple Bluff Farms, Metro, Canadian Tire, M&M's, Huntsville Wine and Beer, Henrietta's Pine Bakery, Kelsey's, Leon's, Hidden Valley Resort, Body Addiction, Framing Place, and Rental City! I sincerely apologize if I forgot anyone as we could not do it without you!

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 *always* 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 sound. 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 5th.



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 child 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 child for appointments during the day. Thank you for your help.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS:

Battle of the Books begins Tuesday, February 20th and will continue until March Break at HPS! Each team is guaranteed three battles, with the top four teams (determined by the most correct answers from all three battles) going onto the school finals. The top junior team will then battle other schools on April 4th and the intermediate team on April 5th at the Rene Caisse Theatre in Bracebridge. The top team for each division will also receive a pizza lunch donated by the Huntsville Place Mall.

Good luck and happy reading!



LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER:

The Little Caesars Fundraiser is on again! Order forms will be sent home today with your child and you can also get a form from the office. Orders are due Thursday, February 15th and the pizza kits and/or cookies will be delivered to the school on Monday, March 5th. They will be ready for pick up from 1:30pm until 4:00pm.

The fundraiser is for our playground. Thank you for your support!



HPS BOOK FAIR Coming!



🐾 Wednesday Feb. 7th
9AM - 7PM

🐾 Thursday Feb. 8th
9AM - 3PM

🐾 Friday Feb. 9th
9AM - 2PM

100% of the proceeds from this Book Fair go towards the New HPS PLAYGROUND